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# Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

## 1 – 7 November 2006

### Of note this week

- 68 Palestinians were killed and 182 injured throughout the oPt, including 8 children and 6 women. One Israeli soldier was killed and two others injured. The vast majority of the casualties were in the Gaza Strip.
- One international activist was injured in Bil'in by IDF soldiers and one Israeli was injured in the Western Negev by a home-made rocket fired from the Gaza Strip.
- 22 Palestinian structures were destroyed and 175 damaged, mostly in the Gaza Strip.
- Most PA employees in the West Bank continued a general open-ended strike in protest against the non-payment of their monthly salaries since March 2006, although teachers agreed to suspend the strike.
- OCHA field offices recorded eight incidents where the IDF or Israeli settlers harassed or created disruptions for Palestinians picking olives.

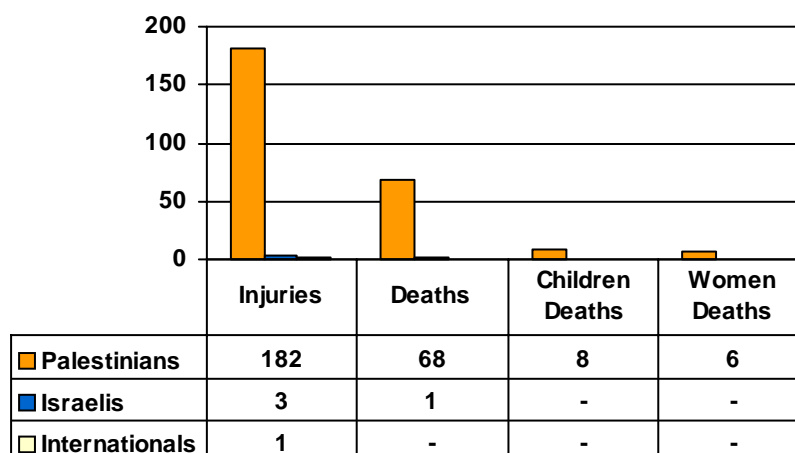
### **In the Gaza Strip:**

- 1 – 7 November, the IDF launched a military incursion codenamed 'Autumn Clouds' into the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun. The offensive continued for six days and left at least 64 Palestinians dead – including 5 children, 5 women and 2 medics – and injured more than 158. One IDF soldier was killed and another one injured. Extensive damage to homes and civilian infrastructure, as well as shortages of food, water and medical supplies.
- At least 78 homemade rockets, two mortar shells and nine anti-tank rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. More than 239 artillery shells were fired by the IDF, mainly into northern Gaza. The IAF conducted 66 air strikes.
- Two electricity transformers have arrived in Gaza for installation. Most of the Gaza Strip is now receiving a daily supply of 16 - 24 hours.
- Palestinian internal violence continued in the Gaza Strip leaving eight Palestinians dead and 12 injured.

### **In the West Bank:**

- 4 Palestinians were killed and 24 injured during IDF military operations in residential areas in Bethlehem, Tulkarm, and Nablus, as well as by Israeli settlers in Hebron
- 142 flying checkpoints were reported by OCHA field staff. 144 IDF search and arrest campaigns were conducted by the IDF in which 158 Palestinians were arrested.
- IDF soldiers used tear gas and sound bombs against students of Jabal Johar Elementary School located in the H2 section of Hebron, forcing the school to shut down for the day.
- Records of Al Ahli Hospital in the city of Hebron have indicated a sharp increase in the number of injuries resulting from fights and quarrels in Hebron governorate.

### **1. Physical Protection<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Note that this excludes Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence.

**Gaza Strip:**

- **1 November:** Six Palestinians aged 20, 23 (2), 24, 25 and 27 years, were killed and 28 Palestinians were injured during armed clashes with IDF troops in Beit Hanoun.
- **1 November:** One male IDF soldier was killed during armed clashes between the IDF and Palestinian militants in Beit Hanoun.
- **1 November:** Two Palestinians, a man aged 22 years and another Palestinian of unknown age, were killed and at least 12 others were injured during the ongoing military incursion in Beit Hanoun.
- **1 November:** One Palestinian was injured when the IDF fired from the border fence east of Abbasan, Khan Younis.
- **2 November:** One Palestinian was injured following an IAF strike on his home in Beit Hanoun.
- **2 November:** Nine Palestinians were injured when IDF tanks fired a shell at house in Beit Hanoun.
- **2 November:** Four Palestinian men, aged 21, 23, 29 and 70 years, were killed and another two were injured by gunfire when the IDF searched houses in Beit Hanoun.
- **2 November:** Three Palestinians were injured when an IDF tank opened fire at the entrance of Beit Hanoun.
- **2 November:** One Israeli man was injured when a home-made rocket fired from the Gaza Strip fell in Sderot.
- **2 November:** A Palestinian woman was injured by the IDF in Beit Hanoun.
- **2 November:** In three separate incidents, three Palestinian men aged 18, 21 and 29 years were killed, and another five Palestinians injured when IAF aircraft fired missiles in the east of Jabalia.
- **2 November:** A Palestinian boy was shot and injured by the IDF near Karni Crossing while attempting to reach the border fence.
- **3 November:** Three Palestinian men, aged 25, 30 and 31 years, were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at their car in Al Shejayia area, east of Gaza City.
- **3 November:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was killed when IDF troops opened fire in Beit Lahia.
- **3 November:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was killed by IDF troops in Beit Hanoun.
- **3 November:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile, Al Sekka Street, east of Jabalia camp.
- **3 November:** Five Palestinians, including two women and two boys, aged 15, 16, 18, 22 and 42 years were killed, and 38 Palestinians – mostly women – were injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of a group of women who tried to enter Beit Hanoun.
- **3 November:** Five Palestinians were injured by an IAF missile fired at a group of people in Beit Hanoun.
- **3 November:** Three Palestinians were injured as a result of an IDF shooting at Beit Lahia.
- **3 November:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was killed and another Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile in the direction of a car traveling in Beit Lahia.
- **3 November:** Six Palestinians, including two PRCS ambulance crew, were killed, and six other Palestinians were injured in a ground-to-ground missile attack in Al Salatin area, west Beit Lahia.
- **3 November:** One Palestinian was injured by a tank shell fired by the IDF in the direction of eastern part of Al Maghazi Camp.
- **3 November:** One ESF member was killed and five others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired one missile at their car in Khrbat Al Adas area, Rafah.
- **4 November:** A Palestinian, aged 22 years, was killed when an IAF F-16 fired a missile at a house in Beit Hanoun.
- **4 November:** Two Palestinians, aged 17 and 22 years, were killed when IDF troops opened fire in the direction of group of people attempting to flee Beit Hanoun.
- **4 November:** A 13 year-old Palestinian girl was killed by an Israeli sniper, while looking through the window of her house in Beit Hanoun.
- **4 November:** A 21 year-old Palestinian was shot dead and another Palestinian was injured by the IDF just after they were released from the IDF detention post nearby the Agricultural College north of Beit Hanoun.
- **4 November:** A Palestinian was injured by an IDF undercover unit west of Beit Lahia.
- **4 November:** A 13 year-old boy was shot dead when IDF troops opened fire in northern Beit Lahia.
- **4 November:** A Palestinian man, aged 32 years, was killed by the IDF while attempting to plant a road side explosive device east of Jabalia.

- **4 November:** One Palestinian man, aged 23 years, was killed, and another one was injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at their car in Gaza City.
- **4 November:** One Palestinian was injured in an IDF rocket strike on Al Tofah area east of Gaza City.
- **5 November:** Two Palestinian men, aged 23 and 27 years, died of their wounds after being shot when the IDF opened fire in Beit Hanoun and Izbet Beit Hanoun.
- **5 November:** Two Palestinian men, aged 24 and 26 years, were killed, and four other Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile in their direction, east of Jabalia.
- **5 November:** Five Palestinians were injured when IDF troops opened fire in eastern Jabalia.
- **5 November:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was killed when an IAF aircraft fired one missile towards him on Salah Ed-Din road, southeast of Jabalia camp.
- **5 November:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was killed during when the IDF opened fire in the Izbet Beit Hanoun area.
- **6 November:** A 19 year-old Palestinian died of wounds sustained during IDF activity in the Beit Hanoun area on 5 November.
- **6 November:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and seven people, including a female teacher, were injured in an IDF ground-to-ground rocket attack east of Jabalia.
- **6 November:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was killed and another one was injured when IDF fired two tanks missile in their direction, to the west of Beit Lahia.
- **6 November:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of Palestinians east of Jabalia.
- **6 November:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was killed and two others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of people east of Jabalia.
- **6 November:** An 18 year-old female suicide bomber blew herself up near a group of IDF soldiers in Beit Hanoun, moderately injuring one IDF soldier.
- **6 November:** Two Palestinian men, aged 24 and 30 years, were killed when IAF helicopters fired several rockets in their direction east of Jabalia.
- **7 November:** Two Palestinian men, aged 23 and 24 years, were killed, to the west of Beit Lahia when IDF troops opened fire in their direction
- **7 November:** A 26 year-old Palestinian man was killed when the IDF fired a tank shell towards the east of Beit Lahia.
- **7 November:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was killed when IDF troops opened fire in his direction, northwest of Beit Lahia.
- **7 November:** One Palestinian man aged 25 years, and a woman aged 45 years, were killed when the IDF fired a tank shell in the direction of a house east of Jabalia.
- **7 November:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile in the direction of a group of people to the east of Jabalia camp.
- **7 November:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man died of his wounds sustained during the IDF incursion into Beit Hanoun on 4 November.
- **7 November:** Two Palestinian men, aged 25 and 30 years, were killed and ten others injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket in Beit Lahia.

#### **West Bank:**

- **1 November:** Two Palestinian men, aged 15 and 16 years, were injured in Tulkarm camp (Tulkarm) by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **1 November:** An IDF soldier was injured by a live bullet shot at him by a Palestinian near 'Ein Arik (Ramallah) during an IDF search and arrest campaign,
- **2 November:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man was by injured by live ammunition in Balata refugee camp (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire during a military operation in the camp.
- **3 November:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was killed, and his 20 year-old brother was injured by live ammunition in Balata Refugees camp (Nablus) when an IDF undercover unit opened fire at them during a military operation in the camp.
- **3 November:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition at Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire at him after a confrontation with the soldiers at the checkpoint.
- **3 November:** Palestinians stoned Israeli security guards in Eizariyya (Jerusalem). The security guards responded with live ammunition injuring one Palestinian man.
- **3 November:** A 24-year old Palestinian from Al Khadr (Bethlehem) was injured when IDF soldiers beat him up while he was demonstrating against the restrictions to olive picking.
- **3 November:** The IDF fired live ammunition, rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters at Palestinian, Israeli and International activists during a demonstration against

the Barrier construction in Bil'in. One international activist was injured by live ammunition. Seven Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets.

- **4 November:** Two Palestinian men from the Palestinian national forces, aged 27 and 49 years, were injured near Askar camp (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire at them.
- **4 November:** A 27-year old Palestinian man from Bethlehem (Bethlehem) died after the IDF surrounded and demolished his house while he was in it. The siege of the house lasted for 21 hours. A 17-year old Palestinian boy died of bullet wounds to the head sustained during the same military operation. Two Palestinian men, aged 18 and 19 years, were injured by live ammunition during the same operation. The 19-year old Palestinian was later taken by the IDF from Al Hussein Hospital in Beit Jala after Israeli soldiers surrounded and searched the hospital.
- **4 November:** A nine year old Palestinian boy and two Palestinian men, aged 19 and 24 years, were injured by metal-coated rubber bullets (Bethlehem). The 24-year old Palestinian was later detained as IDF soldiers searched the ambulance he was in.
- **5 November:** A 70-year old woman from Bethlehem (Bethlehem) died of bullet injuries to the stomach she sustained in the Israeli military operation on 4 November.
- **5 November:** A 22-year old man from H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured when Israeli settlers driving on Road 60 near the settlement of Kiryat Arba opened fire at him.
- **7 November:** A 54-year old man from H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured when an Israeli settler from the settlement of Kiryat Arba opened fire at him while he was grazing his sheep close to the settlement's fence.

## 2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents

[Casualties recorded here relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. 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 reported in the total in Section 1.]

### Gaza Strip:

- **1 November:** A Palestinian man aged 49 years died after suffering a heart attack when the IDF entered his house in Beit Hanoun. The ambulance was delayed and the man was dead on arrival at the hospital.
- **1 November:** Armed masked men attacked the local broadcasting station in Gaza City and six Palestinians were injured by gunfire.
- **3 November:** One person was found dead in Abu Al Ajin area, east Deir Al Balah after being shot to the head.
- **4 November:** Four Palestinians aged 25, 27, 28 and 30 years, were killed, and four others were injured in an armed family feud in Khan Younis.
- **5 November:** One Palestinian was injured in an armed family dispute in Khan Younis.
- **5 November:** Two Palestinians, aged 20 and 35 years, were killed in an armed family dispute in Khan Younis.
- **6 November:** An armed dispute erupted between members of the Al Masri and Abu Taha families. One bystander was reportedly injured.

### West Bank:

- **2 November:** Following a dispute between a Hebron family and the PA police, the Nimra PA police station was surrounded, burned, and later vandalised. An unidentified man fired at the Governor of Hebron causing, injuring his bodyguard.
- **4 November:** A general strike was announced and a demonstration was held in Ramallah protesting against the IDF killings of Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip.
- **7 November:** Records of Al Ahli Hospital in Hebron city have indicated an increase in the number of injuries resulting from quarrels and fights in the city and the suburbs of the governorate of Hebron.

## 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
4 November	Bethlehem	1	-	N/A
1-6 November	Gaza Strip	20	175	N/A

7 November	Jabalia	1	-	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>N/A</b>

- **4 November:** The IDF demolished a three-storey Palestinian home in Bethlehem during a military operation that resulted in the death of its owner.
- **1-6 November:** According to Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, 18 Palestinian houses, one mosque and an NGO building were demolished, and more than 150 houses, 16 public institutions and nine shops were damaged. Four cars were destroyed and another one was damaged, all in the Gaza Strip. Further assessments are still underway.
- **7 November:** One Palestinian home was damaged when hit by an IDF tank shell east of Jabalia.

#### Other incidents:

- **4 November:** The IDF issued six demolition orders against Palestinian homes in the villages of Umm Lasafa, Ad Deirat and Khillet Al Mai, south of Yatta (Hebron).
- **4 November:** The IDF issued a demolition order against a mosque in the Palestinian village of At Twani, south of Yatta (Hebron).

## 4. [Natural Resources](#)

### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>2</sup>

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

##### Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June, land is being levelled north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus), to install a fence around the settlement.
- Since 8 June, a fence is being installed at the northern side of Shave Shomeron settlement.
- Since 17 September, land is being levelled and a road barrier installed north of Road 505, east of Zaatara checkpoint

#### **Jenin Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

##### Ongoing incidents:

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

#### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

##### Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continued near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

#### **Salfit Governorate:**

##### Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue land levelling and construction work north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement.

#### **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.

<sup>2</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

- The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is completed between the Beit Sira village and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed.
- Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud, and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
- Construction resumed in Deir Qaddis between the village and Modi'in Ilit settlement. Construction was stopped for almost 1 ½ years due to technical problems related to the building contractors.
- Construction continues near Umm Safa, parallel to bypass Road 465, to create a buffer zone around Ateret settlement. The land was earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.

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### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

#### Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Work continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar, but has been stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
  - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. An opening in the concrete slabs near the main Ramallah-Jerusalem road has been left open allowing vehicles to cross into the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood.
  - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem, now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is being planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

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### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

#### Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Land levelling continued in the section of Road 60 between Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem).
  - Land levelling continued in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. Six lanes have been paved so far.
- Construction continued of a fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging continued for the construction of a tunnel near Al Khadr village. This week new land levelling took place along the southern side of Road 60 leading to the western villages of the Governorate.
- Land levelling continued for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.

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### **Hebron Governorate:**

#### Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of the Barrier continued near Tarqumiya checkpoint and Ashkalot settlement.
- Land levelling continues west of Taraumiya checkpoint for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving continued and new structures were installed.
- Construction is ongoing at the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to Imneizil hamlet. New structures were installed. Electrical posts were added.

- Upgrading of an access road to the proposed Barrier route has started near the Palestinian Bedouin community of Hethaleen and close to the Jinba community in Massafer Yatta.

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### **Gaza Strip:**

**From 1-6 November:** 130 dunums of citrus and olive trees were levelled by IDF bulldozers in Beit Hanoun.

## **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

### **a) Curfew**

**From 1 – 6 November:** A comprehensive curfew was imposed on Beit Hanoun, (Gaza Strip) coinciding with the start of the IDF military incursion in the town. The curfew was announced on 1 November at 11am and lifted for 3 – 4 hours for women and children on 4 and 6 November.

### **b) Access to education**

During the reporting period employees of PA ministries and health care workers continued an open-ended strike in protest against the non-payment of monthly salaries since March 2006. The strike started on 2 September. The only employees that have agreed to lift the strike are teachers following talks between the Ministry of Education and the Teachers' union on 7 September. According to the agreement, all schools will open by 11 November. As a result of the agreement schools started opening immediately and school attendance in the West Bank increased last week.

During the IDF incursion in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip) all schools were completely closed. Schools in nearby western Beit Lahia and east north Jabalia were also disrupted by the closure and curfews.

### **c) Access to employment**

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities; Palestinian workers and traders are applying directly to the Israeli authorities for permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.

The criteria for eligibility for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years old, married with children and with no security file. To apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone, a person should be above 21 years old, and married with children.

### **d) Closures/movement restrictions**

#### **Gaza Strip:**

The external closure of the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed to access Israel since 12 March.

#### **West Bank:**

**11 October to date:** Age restrictions apply for Palestinian men from Nablus aged 18 – 25 heading south through Zaatara checkpoint.

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#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**4 November:** The IDF closed Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint for two hours.

**5 November:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for three hours.

**7 November:** The IDF replaced the three earthmounds on Al Badhan road with a checkpoint that allows Palestinian movement between 0600 and 1800. All Palestinian plated vehicles needs special permits to cross the checkpoint. An age restriction is imposed at the checkpoint for Palestinians men from Nablus city, aged 16-35 year old.

**7 November:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for three hours.

#### **Ongoing incidents:**

- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Qaryut village with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point with a road block. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut), from their source of water.

- The IDF continues to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.
- Age restrictions are imposed on Palestinian men from Nablus aged 18 – 25 years at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.

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**Jenin Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with less than a two tonnes freightload) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

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**Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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**Tulkarm Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.

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**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF closed the main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village with an earth mound.
- The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Kafr Qaddum with Hajja, Kur and Beit Lid villages.

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**Salfit Governorates:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya and prevented farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan industrial area and Road 5 with three earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from northern West Bank towards the south.

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**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**5 November:** The IDF closed An Nabi Salih gate and banned all Palestinian movements at the junction. Palestinians were waiting in the three different directions without being checked. The ICRC and OCHA contacted the IDF liaison officer and the closure was lifted.

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**Bethlehem Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by road blocks and was reinforced with additional concrete blocks.
- During the reporting period, Israeli Border Police stationed at the entrance of the Palestinian village Khallet Nu'man continued to deny the access of the essential services (such as dump trucks and gas trucks) to the village. This happened despite prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.

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**Hebron Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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**Jerusalem Governorate:**
**During the week:**

- For seven consecutive days, the Jewish Ultra-Orthodox community in Jerusalem city protested against a planned Gay Pride Parade. Protestors attempted to block streets, rolling garbage cans into junctions and damaging property. Israeli police deployed in the Ultra-Orthodox neighbourhoods and remain in these areas to watch the situation.
- Continuing delays at the Tunnels checkpoint disrupts the travel of students and professors of Al-Quds University in Abu Dis. These delays deter students, particularly young women, from continuing their University studies.

**1 November:** UNRWA staff members travelling from Bethlehem to the Jerusalem HQ field office were delayed at Tunnels checkpoint for 90 minutes.



**6 November:** UNRWA staff members travelling from Nablus to the Jerusalem field office were delayed for 50 minutes at Hizma checkpoint.

**Ongoing incidents:**

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

Ongoing incidents:

- As of 14 September the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arraj old road to reach the rest of the West Bank.

**Gaza Strip**

**1-6 November:** IDF troops blocked all entrances to Beit Hanoun by sand mounds and tanks. The main Beit Hanoun southern entrance was declared by the IDF as a humanitarian corridor for the use by Aid Agencies.

IDF troops are holding positions on the beach road and the main south-eastern entrance of Al Seafa area, west of Beit Lahia, where more than 250 people live, blocking the roads and severely hampering peoples' movement in and out of the area.

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was closed for one day.
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for one day.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for the import of fuel supplies for six of seven days.
- Sufa crossing was open for six out of seven days.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was six out of seven days.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (approximately one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.
- The IDF declared parts of the northern Gaza Strip a "no-go" or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December 2005. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians. As a result of IDF artillery shelling, more than half the families in the area have relocated to surrounding areas outside the buffer zone. Entry into the area is only possible with prior permission from the IDF.
- Gaza Strip essential services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps - continue to operate at a reduced capacity. Electricity continues to enter Gaza from Israel and has been rationed.

**Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank**

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets</b>	<b>Total # of flying checkpoints</b>
Nablus	Bizzariya (6), Taluza (2), Al Badhan (2), Tell (1)	11
Jenin	Sanur (3), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (4), Qabatiya (2), Kafr Raí (2), Al Mansura (1), Fahma (3)	22
Tubas	Tammun (1), Wadi al Fará camp (2), Tubas (2), Áqqaba (4)	9
Tulkarm	Bala'(1), Al Jarushiya (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Beit Lid, Kur (1)	4
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun tunnel (2), Ázzun (3), Wadi Qana (3), An Nabi Elyas (1), Izbab at Tabib (2), Ras Átiya (3), Kafr Thulth (1), Al Funduq (1), Habla tunnel (1), Jayyus (1)	25
Salfit	Deir Istiya (1), Yasuf (2)	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	-
Jerusalem	-	-
Jericho	-	-
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (3), Bethlehem city (4), 'Ayda refugee camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Ad Duheisha (4), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2), Batir (1), Husan (1)	32
Hebron	Yatta (4), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (4), Hebron city - H1 (6), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (1), Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh (3), Surif (1), Hebron City – H2 (4)	36
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>142</b>

## 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 (3), Camp No.1 (1), Áskar RC (3), Azmut (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Bizzariya (1), Beit Iba CP.	18	40
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (4), Kafr Dan (2), Al Yamun (1), Ya'bad (1), Deir Abu Daif (1), Rummana (1), Flying Cp Arraba	14	17
Tubas	El Fará village (1), Tammun (1), Kashda (1), Ath Thaghara (1), Tubas flying CP	4	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm RC (1), Nur shams RC (1), Ánabta (1), Iktaba (1), Ánabta CP	7	14
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (6), 'Azzun (4), Kafr Qaddum (3), Jit (1), Jit CP	14	5
Salfit	Salfit (1), Iskaka (1), Farkha (1), Bruqin (1), Yasuf (1)	5	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (5), Al Jalazun refugee camp (2), Al Amari refugee camp(1), Kafr 'Ein(1), Al Mughayyir(1)	10	34
Jericho Jordan Valley	-	-	-
Jerusalem	Bir Nabala (1)	1	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Dar Salah (3), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (3), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (4), Ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (2), Ad Doha (3), Batir (2), Husan (2)	39	32
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (2), Dura (4), Tarqumiya (2), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (2), Khursa (2)	32	10
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>144</b>	<b>158</b>
Gaza Strip		-	-
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>144</b>	<b>158</b>

#### West Bank:

- **5 November:** IDF soldiers used tear gas and sound bombs against students of Jabal Johar Elementary School in H2/ Hebron (Hebron) forcing the school to be shut down for the day.
- **6 November:** Palestinians from al-Isawiya (Jerusalem) threw three Molotov cocktails at the parking area behind Hadassah hospital. No injuries were reported.

#### Gaza Strip:

- **During the week:** IDF gunboats opened fire in the direction of fishing boats on at least two occasions.
- **The last two weeks:** On several occasions IAF helicopters opened heavy fire in the direction of Philadelphia corridor between Egypt and Gaza.
- **1-6 November:** More than 2,000 people including women were detained by the IDF in the Agricultural School. Most were released, but it is not clear how many in captivity.
- **2 November:** PA National Security Forces evacuated bases along the eastern border from Karni to the south of Nahal Oz crossing.
- **3 November:** IDF called for people living in the Al Zaitoun area west of Beit Hanoun to evacuate their homes and gather in the yard west of Beit Hanoun hospital where they were detained for 36 hours.
- **4 November:** The Israeli coast guard opened fire at fishing boats for 30 minutes. It was reported that some boats were damaged.
- **4 November:** IDF ordered all men aged between 16 and 40 years living in the Al Masreen and Al Bora areas in Beit Hanoun to evacuate their homes. They were all detained by the IDF in the Agricultural School .

## 7. Olive Harvest

- **During the week:** Villagers in the North-western periphery of Jerusalem were forced to take detours to reach their land because of Barrier construction.
- **1 November:** The IDF prevented 30 Palestinian farmers from Beit Furik (Nablus) from picking olives near Itamar settlement, and requiring permits to access their land. After talks with the Palestinian DCO, the IDF allowed the farmers to pick their olives.
- **1 November:** Israeli settlers from Elon Moreh settlement prevented Palestinian farmers from Deir Al Hatab (Nablus) from picking olives near the settlement. After talks with the Palestinian DCO, the IDF allowed the farmers to pick their olives.
- **2 November:** Three Palestinians, two men and a woman, from Qaryut (Nablus) were physically assaulted by a group of Israeli settlers from Shaot Rahel outpost while they were picking olives.
- **2 November:** About 30 settlers from Talmon settlement (Ramallah) attacked Palestinian farmers working in their olive groves in Al Janiya village. The settlers destroyed four olive trees and stole equipment used to harvest olives. The Israeli Police attended and a complaint was filed.
- **3 November:** A group of Israeli settlers from Elon Moreh settlement destroyed ladders used for olive picking and forced Palestinian farmers from Azmut (Nablus) to leave while they were picking olives near the settlement.
- **4 November:** The same settlers from Elon Meron settlement prevented farmers from Azmut village (Nablus) from picking their olives.
- **4 November:** About 150 Israeli settlers from Shaot Rahel outpost and the IDF prevented Palestinian farmers from Qaryut (Nablus) from picking their olives.
- **6 November:** Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement prevented Palestinian farmers from Urif (Nablus) from picking their olives. The IDF and Israeli Police allowed Palestinians to pick olives after the farmers agreed to mend the damaged fence.

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 1 – 7 November 2006

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5.30am to 12 am on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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 proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
<b>'Anabta</b>	Checkpoint on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Long queues and delays were reported.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District. Men from Nablus aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed heading south.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organizations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 23pm for humanitarian organizations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Men from Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to leave Nablus through the checkpoint. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Long delays and queues were reported.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm 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. Long delays and queues. Men from Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to leave Nablus through the checkpoint. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Men from

	Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to go south through the checkpoint.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open from 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organisations, 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 the driver is in possession of a special permit.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60. Men from Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to go south through the checkpoint.
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan checkpoint</b>	Open from 6 am to 6 pm, Men from Nablus between 16 and 35 years are not allowed to leave Nablus through the checkpoint. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Long delays and queues reported.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for Israeli ID card holders and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed access regardless having a permit to enter Israel and/or working with International organizations. Israeli plated trucks are not allowed through if Palestinian agricultural produces are on board.
<b>Tayasir</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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 ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening peak travelling times
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6 am to 8pm. Access in vehicles reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to 40 minutes. Some delays were reported.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.

<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	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 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, with exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis. Commuters report daily delays of 30 – 45 minutes.
<b>Jaba'</b> At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 August, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited thought unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays have been reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.

**Bethlehem :**

<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. 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. From 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were being given access to Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village are allowed through. Essential services (garbage collection and vegetable trucks) are not allowed into the village. Access of vegetable trucks to the village is hindered. Members of the extended family are not allowed to visit. 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. During the reporting period, harassment of Palestinians trying to enter and exit the checkpoint continued.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks are also allowed pass.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Since 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 is requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.

**Hebron :**

<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Long search processes took place during the reporting period
<b>Tarquimiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5 am to 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. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through. During the reporting period Palestinian farmers were allowed to cross in order to harvest their olives.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	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. Next to the checkpoint construction work is taking place



	for constructing a new terminal.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	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.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 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 who have an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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 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. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were formed as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organizations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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. Harassment and long search process took place during the reporting period
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint; Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	1 November: The terminal was open. 591 people departed and 650 arrived. 2-7 November: Rafah terminal was closed.

**Commercial checkpoints:**

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	An Israeli private has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9 am to 6:30 pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.

<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint. Men from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm 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. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and drive Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back –to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff is allowed through with prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Open all the week, except on 4 November (Weekend).
<b>Karni</b>	Open all the week, except on 4 November (Weekend).
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Open all the week, except on 2 and 4 November.
<b>Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines</b>	Open all the week, except on 4 November (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.

