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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

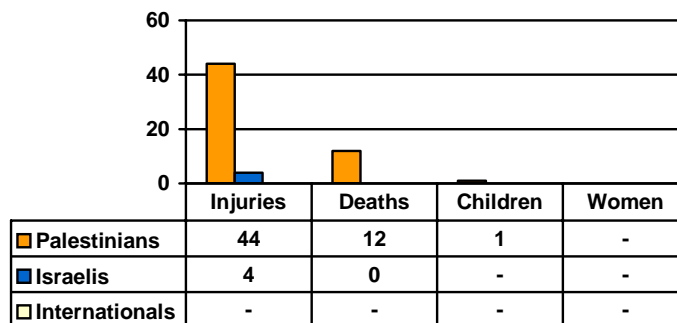
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed 11 Palestinians and injured 27 others (North Gaza, Gaza, and Khan Younis). Amongst the casualties are a 70-year-old woman and her son who were killed when a tank shell hit their home (Khan Younis). A total of four IAF strikes took place.
- A total of 81 arrests were reported; the IDF ordered all males aged 16 to 25 years to gather in an open area and arrested 80 men (Khan Younis) and on another occasion the IDF conducted a house search operation in Al Maghazi Camp and detained a 16-year-old female shepherd but released her on the same day (Central Gaza).
- 15 Qassam rockets and 29 mortars were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel, of which two rockets and one mortar landed in the Palestinian area. In addition, nine mortars were fired at IDF soldiers in the Gaza Strip.
- Between **29 July and 12 August**: 6,374 of the Palestinians stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossing entered the Gaza Strip through Erez crossing. Thousands of Palestinians inside Gaza (mainly students and people working abroad) are still waiting to leave. Rafah crossing has been closed since 9 June.

West Bank:

- One Palestinian was killed by an Israeli security guard (Jerusalem) and 17 others were injured (Jenin, Qalqiliya, Nablus, Ramallah, Jerusalem, and Hebron). Three Israeli settlers were injured in two separate incidents by stones thrown at their vehicles (Qalqiliya and Hebron).
- The Israeli Border Police and IDF soldiers demolished two houses in Jerusalem for lack of building permits. In the Jordan Valley, the IDF destroyed two water wells and demolished one house for lack of building permits. The IDF used bulldozers to remove two tents inhabited by at least forty people, including thirteen children, in Al Hadidiya who had been given an eviction order. The two extended families re-built the tents and continued to live in the area (Jordan Valley).
- **11 August**: Members of an Israeli group named Anarchists Against the Wall damaged 30 meters of the Barrier in the vicinity of Beit Mirsim village (Hebron).
- 90 IDF search campaigns, 95 arrests, and 105 flying checkpoints were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **8 August:** Two Palestinians (aged 22 and 23 years), who were Hamas members, were killed by the IDF after armed Palestinians opened fire at IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of the Shujayeh neighbourhood of Gaza City. The IDF responded with Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire and armed clashes continued for 20 minutes (Gaza).
- **8 August:** A 23-year-old Palestinian, who was a member of the Executive Support Force (ESF), was killed and one labourer was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at Erez crossing opened fire in their direction. This took place after ESF members approached the gate of the former Erez Industrial Zone reportedly to ease a traffic jam (North Gaza).
- **9 August:** A 26-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed when IDF soldiers stationed east of Al Qarrara opened fire while he was approaching the fence. Local reports indicate that he is a mentally handicapped person (Khan Younis).
- **9 August:** A 23-year-old Palestinian, who was an Islamic Jihad member, was shot and killed and another 21-year-old Palestinian was injured, when IDF soldiers stationed at the observation post north of Nahal Oz opened fire on them when they were reportedly approaching the fence to plant a roadside bomb (Gaza).
- **10 August:** A 16-year-old boy was injured when IDF soldiers located southeast of Karni Industrial Zone opened fire in the direction of a group of children present near the fence (Gaza).
- **14 August:** Six Palestinians (aged 21 and 27 years) were killed and 24 others were injured during armed clashes that erupted between IDF troops and Palestinians east of Al-Farahein area in Abasan following an IDF incursion. During the clashes, Palestinians fired five mortar shells at IDF tanks and the IDF responded with HMG fire. During the same incursion, **two Palestinians**, a mother (aged 70 years) and her son (aged 19 years), were killed when a tank shell hit their house. In addition, **two Palestinians** (aged 24 and 35 years)—one was a Hamas member and the other a bystander—were killed when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a group of Hamas members east of Al Farahein area (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **9 August:** 15 IDF tanks and four bulldozers moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing and entered the former Gaza International Airport under the cover of heavy shooting and backed by an IAF helicopter. The helicopter fired three rockets targeting the airport's control tower and a vehicle parked inside the airport. On 10 August at 1300hours, the IDF returned to the military outpost. There were no injuries (Rafah).
- **10 August:** Armed Palestinians opened fire at IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of the Shuija'ya neighbourhood of Gaza City. The IDF responded with HMG fire and armed clashes lasted for twenty minutes. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **11 August:** An IAF helicopter fired sporadic machinegun fire at an open area east of Khuza'a, apparently to disperse farmers in that location. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **13 August:** Palestinians detonated a roadside bomb east of Al Bureij Camp upon suspecting that an IDF bomb-sniffing dog had discovered it. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **3 August:** Four Palestinian men were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the Israeli Border Police during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, international and Israeli activists against the Barrier constructed in Bil'in village. Several cases of tear gas inhalations were also reported (Ramallah).
- **8 August:** One IDF soldier was injured in Nablus City during a search campaign when armed Palestinians exchanged fire with the IDF (Nablus).
- **8 August:** A Palestinian man, his wife, and son (aged 54, 45, and 15 years, respectively) were physically assaulted and injured when an undercover Israeli Police unit infiltrated into their home in the H2 area of Hebron City. The house is located on the main road leading to the settlement of Kiryat Arba'a.
- **10 August:** A Palestinian man was shot and killed by an Israeli security guard in the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem after he had seized the guard's weapon, injured the guard in the shoulder, and fled. The ensuing exchange of fire also resulted in the injury of ten passers-by.
- **10 August:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Jenin Camp by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire during a search campaign in the camp (Jenin).

- **11 August:** An 18-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Balata Camp by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire during a search campaign in the Camp (Nablus).
- **12 August:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man from Nablus City was physically assaulted and injured by IDF soldiers at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus).
- **12 August:** One Israeli settler was injured near Jit village when Palestinians threw stones at his vehicle while he was driving on Road 55 near the village (Qalqiliya).
- **13 August:** Two Israeli settlers (in their mid 40s) were injured when their car was hit by stones near the village of Beit 'Einun, located north of Hebron City (Hebron).
- **14 August:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Falamiya by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at him allegedly for attempting to jump over the Barrier. The boy was later arrested (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- On **10 August**, a group of 50 settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba'a gathered in tents near the Halhul-Sa'ir partial checkpoint but were later removed by the IDF. On the same day, settlers from Kiryat Arba'a erected tents in Wadi Al Nassarah in the H2 area of Hebron City, for one day before IDF soldiers and the Israeli Police cleared the area.

2. [Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²](#)

Gaza Strip:

- **9 August:** A 28-year-old man was injured during an internal dispute between two local families in Al Maghazi Camp. The families used sticks, axes, and stones (Central Gaza).
- **10 August:** The ESF raided a wedding party in Beit Hanoun. Residents threw stones at the ESF which responded by shooting in the air, beating 30 people with batons, and arresting 45 Fatah members (North Gaza).
- **12 August:** The wife of a PA intelligence officer was beaten by ESF members when she attempted to prevent the arrest of her husband. Nearby residents threw stones at the ESF officers and the husband managed to escape (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **8 August:** The ESF opened fire in the air for five minutes to disperse a crowd that gathered during a dispute between the ESF and a driver when he failed to stop at a red traffic light signal and proceeded through the junction. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **9 August:** The ESF took over the management of Fata Association in Khan Younis, which had formerly been run by Fatah (Khan Younis).
- **9 August:** 40 women organised a sit-in to protest ESF arrests of their relatives in Rafah Camp. At 1200 hours, the sit-in ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **9 August:** An explosive device was detonated in front of the main gate of Fatah Al Yasser office in Gaza City. The office's entrance was damaged but no injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **9 August:** 40 Shifa hospital employees organised a sit-in at the hospital to protest the ESF's arrest of Shifa's public relations chief on 8 August. At 1300 hours, the sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **10 August:** 150 women and children organised a demonstration in Beit Hanoun to protest the arrest of Fatah members. The demonstrators entered the ESF police station to demand the release of their relatives. The ESF responded by shooting in the air to disperse the demonstrators. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **10 August:** 20,000 Hamas supporters demonstrated in protest against PA attacks on Hamas activists in the West Bank. The demonstration started from Gaza City mosques and moved to the PLC building. At 2130 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **11 August:** Employees at the Gaza City and Khan Younis municipalities began their strike to protest the non-payment of their salaries. The strike resulted in the accumulation of uncollected garbage in the streets and neighbourhoods of both cities.
- **12 August:** 20 foreign nationals who had immigrated to Gaza in the 1990's demonstrated in front of the PLC building in Gaza City demanding the issuance of Palestinian identification cards for them. At 1230hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).

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

- **12 August:** An explosion occurred in a garbage container located next to the Saraya compound in Gaza City. The container was damaged but no injuries were reported. The motive behind the incident is unknown (Gaza).
- **12 August:** A UNRWA school window was broken by a stray bullet in Rafah during a training period for Fatah Al Yasser Brigades in the former Slaw settlement (Rafah).
- **13 August:** ESF members broke into the Al Arabiya broadcasting centre on Omar Al Mokhtar Street in Gaza City and confiscated the cameras. The ESF accused the TV station and the cameramen of filming an unauthorised PLO demonstration (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **9 August:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy from Zububa was injured by unexploded ordnance (UXO) (Jenin).
- **9 August:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man from Balata Camp was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at him in the Camp (Nablus).
- **11 August:** The Head of Halhul Police Station north of Hebron City was injured when a group of unknown individuals opened fire at him while he was en route to his house. The motive for the shooting is unknown (Hebron).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **14 August:** Two Hamas members (aged 23 and 25 years) were killed and 10 others were injured when Doghmosh family members opened fire at an ESF jeep in Al Sabra area in Gaza City. Following the incident, armed clashes (including the firing of RPGs) erupted between the ESF and the Islamic army (which is affiliated with the Doghmosh family). At 1850 hours, the ESF established road blocks and surrounded several Doghmosh family homes. It was reported that the head of the Islamic Army handed over some wanted family members to the ESF after reaching an agreement with the ESF (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **9 August:** A 26-year-old Palestinian man affiliated with Hamas was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at him in Nablus City (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **11 August:** While performing law and order duties in Nablus city, the PA Police clashed with a group of armed men. No injuries were reported.

3. Shelter and Property

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
8 August 2007	Wadi Joz, Jerusalem	1	-	N/A	-
8 August 2007	Bardala and Frush Beit Dajan, Jordan Valley	2	-	-	Residents of Bardala and Frush Beit Dajan
8 August 2007	Jiftlik, Jericho	1	-	4 (incl. 1 child)	-
13 August 2007	Al Hadidiya, Jordan Valley	2	-	-	40 (incl. 13 children)
14 August 2007	Anata, Jerusalem	1	-	8	-
14 August 2007	Al Farahein area, Khan Younis	1	-	8	-
Total		8	-	20+	40+

- **8 August:** The Israeli Border Police and IDF soldiers demolished a Palestinian house in Wadi Al Joz, allegedly for lack of a building permit (Jerusalem).
- **8 August:** The IDF destroyed two agricultural wells belonging to Palestinians from Bardala and Frush Beit Dajan villages in the Jordan Valley for lack of building permits (Jordan Valley).
- **8 August:** The IDF demolished one house in Al Jiftlik due to the lack of a building permit. Four Palestinians were left homeless including one child (Jericho).

- **13 August:** The IDF used bulldozers to remove two tents inhabited by at least forty people, including thirteen children, in Al Hadidiya. The two extended families re-built the tents and continued to live in the area. This took place after the issuance of an IDF military order stipulating the eviction of Al Hadidiya people (Jordan Valley; near Khirbet Humsa).
- **14 August:** In Anata, the Israeli Border Police and IDF soldiers demolished a house belonging to an eight-member Palestinian family allegedly for lack of a building permit (Jerusalem).
- **14 August:** During the IDF military operation in Al Farahein area east of Khan Younis, a home belonging to Abu Samarah family was bulldozed (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **8 August:** The IDF confiscated a residential caravan belonging to a family from Al Jiftlik due to the lack of a building permit. The caravan was in Area C. Eight people including four children were left homeless (Jericho).
- **9 August:** IDF soldiers welded shut eight commercial shops near the settlement of Beit Romano in the H2 area of Hebron City for a period of 3 months. The IDF had previously verbally ordered the shop owners to close their shops (Hebron).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara (Nablus) and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate.

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

No incidents to report.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

8 August: The IDF started construction at Beit Iba checkpoint to upgrade the lanes.

Ongoing incident:

- **15 January to date:** The IDF continues to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was requisitioned on 10 July 2005 (Military Order T/106/05).

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

13 August: The IDF began land leveling to build a military road connecting Qedumim settlement to Road 55 in accordance with military requisition order T/15/07. The land belongs to farmers from Kafr Qaddum village.

Ongoing incident:

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

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

- Barrier construction:
 - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
 - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has been planned but is pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
 - Construction continues on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction is taking place around the two settlements and parallel to bypass Road 564. The Barrier will isolate 3,800 dunums of the village land.
- Construction of three "fabric of life" roads, which is part of an Israeli plan to build alternative roads for Palestinians *in lieu* of the main roads that have become closed due to closure and Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443.
 - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the West Bank. This week, the iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed was closed on most days to vehicular traffic and ajar for pedestrian passage only, as additional construction and infrastructure work was carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier in Dahiyet al Bareed. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
 - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City). Additional lengths of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
 - Land levelling continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and near the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.

- Sections of the Barrier have been placed in the vicinity of Har Gilo settlement.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the junction with Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the underpass near Al Khadr village has continued. The initial construction of the underpass is complete but land levelling is currently being carried out to construct the underpass lanes.
- Land levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60 leading to the western villages.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy School; a one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land levelling is on-going east of the Gush Etzion checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land levelling, including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.

Gaza Strip:

- **14 August:** 20 IDF armoured vehicles and two bulldozers entered into the area east of Al-Farahein in Abasan. IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated 80 dunums of olive and citrus trees and agricultural land (Khan Younis).
- **14 August:** Eight IDF armoured vehicles moved from the border fence and entered 1000 meters into the Palestinian area north of Beit Lahiya to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 1500 hours, the operation was ongoing (North Gaza).

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians](#)

a) Incidents of curfews

Ongoing incidents:

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

b) Access to education

No incidents to report.

c) Access to employment

- **Throughout the week,** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were obliged to stay overnight in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their workplaces inside Israel. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 12 March 2006, Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years of age, married with at least one child, and with no security file.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have continued to allow 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) 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.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

11 August: The IDF confiscated the permits of 20 farmers from Jayyus village despite their validity. The farmers were attempting to cross Jayyus North barrier gate and were given no reason for the confiscation of their permits.

Ongoing incidents:

- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbet at Tabib with 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** The IDF soldiers positioned at the flying checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Arab Israelis to enter Qalqiliya City.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

10 and 11 August: Long delays of up to 30 minutes were reported at Atara checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or to travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **9 January to date:** Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- **26 April to date:** Access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley continued at the improved level previously reported. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efrain

and Yitav. However, a personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Bethlehem Governorate:

10 August: A construction guard at the Barrier section near An Numan prevented the access of a village resident for a period of one hour following a minor scuffle between them (Bethlehem).

Hebron Governorate:

Throughout the reporting period: the IDF completed the dismantlement of the Road Barrier along Road 317.

9 August: The IDF closed down the entrance to Al Fawwar Camp for a period of two hours due to the presence of a suspicious object. The IDF re-opened the entrance after exploding the object.

14 August: The IDF tightly controlled the movement of vehicles through Halhul-Sair partial checkpoint for a period of two hours due to the presence of a suspicious object.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open all week for senior Palestinian businessmen as well as the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. However, since 4 July and for the first time since 12 June, a very limited number of senior Palestinian businessmen were permitted to cross Erez towards Israel and the West Bank. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the non-presence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated for two days to transfer wheat into Gaza (9 and 14 August) due to shortages on the local market. No trucks were permitted to cross. Karni has been closed since 12 June. Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general been closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
- Sufa crossing was open on four scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid.
- Kerem Shalom was open for four days this week (8, 9, 12 and 13 August) for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by international aid organizations.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Officially, entry into the area for the 250 residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahia due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF. In total, at least 200 dunums planted with different crops are currently inaccessible since IDF soldiers regularly open fire towards the area. There is fear that if access obstruction continues more than 1,000 tones of potatoes, water melons and onions will rot.

Table 2: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Talluza (1)	1
Jenin	'Arraba (4), Al Kufeir (4), Sanur (5), Az Zababida (3), Bir al Basha (1), Fahma (2), Qabatiya (1), Silat al Harityiya (1)	21
Tubas	Al Fara'a village (1), Tammun (1)	2
Tulkarm	'Illar (1), Al Jarushiya (2), Ramin (1), Kafr Sur (3), Shuweika (1), 'Attil (1)	9
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya entrance (DCO) (7), Habla Tunnel (3), Izbat Jalu'd (7), 'Azzun (4), 'Azzun tunnel (3), An Nabi Elyas (2), Jinsafut (1), Jayyus (3), Kafr Laqif (1), Wadi Qana (4), Kafr Thulth (2), Al Funduq (1)	38
Salfit	Yasuf (1)	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (1)	1
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina/Al Ram (5), Beit Hanina/Atarot (7)	12
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (2), Ash Shawareh (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Dar Salah (1)	8
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Halhul (1)	12
Total West Bank		105

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

Table 3: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus (6), Balata RC (3), Camp No.1 (3), Burqa (1), Bizzariya (1), Jamma'in (1), 'Askar RC (1), Za'atara CP, Talluza flying CP	16	12
Jenin	Jenin City (4), Jenin RC (4), Al Yamun (2), Kafr Ra'i (2), Fahma (1), Az Zababida (1), Qabatiya (2), Ya'bad (1), Ar Rama (1) 'Arraba (1), 'Arraba flying CP, Fahma flying CP, Sanur flying CP	19	18
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (1), 'Aqqaba (1)	4	5
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1)	1	0
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (4), Habla (1), Jayyus (3), Kafr Qaddum (2), Jit (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras at Tira (1), Anabi Elyas (1) Jinsafut (1), Immatin (1) Falamiya (1)	24	16
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (1), Az Zawiya (1)	2	1
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2), Sinjil (1)	3	9
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem ¹	Jaba, Bir Nabala (1), Qalandiya CP	1	5
Bethlehem ²	Bethlehem (3), Beit Jala (1), Duheisha RC (2), Al Azza RC, Beit Fajjar (1), Ad Doha (1)	8	6
Hebron ³	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Wadi Al Hussein (1), Dura (2), Yatta (1), Kharas (1), Sa'ir (1), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Nuba, Idna (1)	12	23
Total Week West Bank		90	95
Gaza Strip			
Central Gaza ⁴	East of Al Maghazi RC (1, 1)	1	1
Khan Younis ⁵	Al Farahein area in Abasan (0, 80)	0	80
Total Gaza Strip		1	81
Total oPt		91	176

¹ One Palestinian was detained in Jaba' allegedly for carrying a knife, one in Bir Nabala in a search operation, and three others at Qalandiya checkpoint for allegedly possessing Molotov cocktails.

² Two Palestinians were arrested in Bethlehem City, one in Beit Jala, two in Duheisha Camp, and one in Ad Doha.

³ Two Palestinians were arrested in Hebron City/H1, one in Wadi Al Hussein, two in Dura, two in Yatta, one in Kharas, two in Sa'ir, eight in Adh Dhahiriya, and five in Idna.

⁴ **13 August:** Seven IDF soldiers backed by two tanks entered 700 meters into the Palestinian area east of Al Maghazi Camp. The IDF soldiers conducted a house search operation and arrested a 16-year-old female shepherd. Later on they withdrew to the border fence. At 1700 hours, the female shepherd was released.

⁵ **14 August:** During the IDF operation east of the Al-Farahein area in Abasan, the IDF ordered all males aged 16-45 years to gather in an open area and 80 were arrested (Khan Younis).

Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, (number of searches, number of arrests per location)	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City	1	16
Hebron ¹	Ar Rihya (1,2), Al Fawwar RC (1,1), Ash Shuyukh (0,10)	2	13
Total Week West Bank		3	29
Gaza Strip			
North Gaza	Beit Hanoun (1, 45)	1	45
Gaza	Gaza (0, 1), Gaza (1, 5)	1	6
Khan Younis	Abassan (1, 15), Abasan (1, 3)	2	18
Total Gaza Strip²		4	69
Total oPt³		7	98

¹ The three arrested in Ar Rihya and Al Fawwar Camp on 8 August were Hamas members. On 10 August, Palestinian security forces arrested 10 Palestinians from the town of Ash Shuyukh while they were protesting the arrest of 13 town residents last week by Palestinian security forces upon being accused of affiliation with the Executive Support Force (ESF).

² Carried out by ESF—the Palestinian security force under the authority of the Hamas headed administration in Gaza. 45 Fatah members were arrested in Beit Hanoun and 18 Fatah members were arrested in Abasan. Among those arrested in Abasan is the Secretary of Khan Younis Rehabilitation Centre. In Gaza, the five persons arrested at a wedding for firing shots in the air were released on the same day.

³ On 11 August, it was reported that some of the people previously arrested in Beit Hanoun were released but several others remain in custody. Two UNRWA area staff members were among those arrested; one was released and the other remains in detention (North Gaza).

Appendix: Checkpoints: 8 – 14 August 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 0500 to 0630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0500 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is 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 Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter 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 subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
Jit Junction Partial Checkpoint	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem On Road 5.	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 0600 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 0500 to 1930 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 0530 to 2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages	Only open for humanitarian organizations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar Partial Checkpoint	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Al Badhan Partial Checkpoint	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama	Is the main entrance to Israel. Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-	Open between 0500 to 2100 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave, UN and international organisations. 34 vehicles with their

<i>Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	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.
Mevo Dotan (New) <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas:	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays were reported on several occasions. Delays of up to 30 minutes were reported on 10 and 11 August.
An Nabi Salih gate Partial Checkpoint	Open.
At Tayba	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinians are not allowed access through this checkpoint regardless of their possession of Israeli permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians

	with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Az Za'ayyem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	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 unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working 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.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Open 24 hours. Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and valid permits, Internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians) can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
Jaba' <i>On the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira village and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.

Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	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 though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh Partial Checkpoint <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
The Dead Sea	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. Open 24 hours daily for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for all Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. During the reporting period Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.
An Nu'man <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
Ein Yalow <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Partial Checkpoint <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local IDs with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 1100 and 1600 hours. Currently, there are six lanes leading to the Tunnels Terminal, four of which lead from Bethlehem to Jerusalem while the other two lead from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata <i>Southern entrance to settlement</i>	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with no ID checks performed.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are

<i>(back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates</i>	moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. However, during the current reporting period, it was reported that Palestinian workers holding valid permits to work in Israel were camping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel</i>	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians with a Ramadeen address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Throughout the week , the Israeli Border Police manning Ar Ramadin checkpoint delayed workers for long periods of time since the ID check process was slow.
Halhul – Sa'ir Partial Checkpoint <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Partial Checkpoint <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna Partial Checkpoint <i>The junction between the two towns</i>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Partial Checkpoint	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing	<p>Erez was open all week for Palestinian traders as well as the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. However, since 4 July and for the first time since 12 June, a very limited number of senior Palestinian businessmen were permitted to cross Erez towards Israel and the West Bank. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the non-presence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62, 64, 22, 20, 71, and 1 medical cases crossed into Israel on 7, 8, 10-11, 12, 13, and 14 August, respectively. • 81, 76, 31, 22, 67, and 43 Palestinians with special coordination arrangements crossed into Israel on 7, 8, 10-11, 12, 13, and 14 August, respectively. On 14 August, Erez was open for people with special coordination arrangements. • 31, 31, 46, and 15 businessmen crossed into Israel on 8, 12, 13, and 14 August, respectively. • 822, 696, 475, and 37 Palestinians who were stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossed Erez via Nitzana on 7, 8, 9, and 12 August, respectively. • Between 29 July and 12 August: 6,374 Palestinians—out of more than 6000 Palestinians on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossing—entered the Gaza Strip through Erez crossing. <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was closed all week. It was last open on 9 June.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 0800 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Jenin	
Al Jalama <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are no longer allowed through the checkpoint as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated for two days to transfer wheat into Gaza (9 and 14 August) due to shortages on the local market. It was closed on 8, 10, 11 (weekend), 12, and 13 August. Karni crossing has generally been closed since 12 June.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on four scheduled operating days this week (8, 9, 12, and 13) for the crossing of commercial commodities and humanitarian aid. It was closed on 10,11 (weekend) and 14 August.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on 8, 9, 12 and 13 August for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by international aid organizations. On all other days, it was closed.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five scheduled operating days. On Saturday 11 August, they were closed for the weekend.

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.