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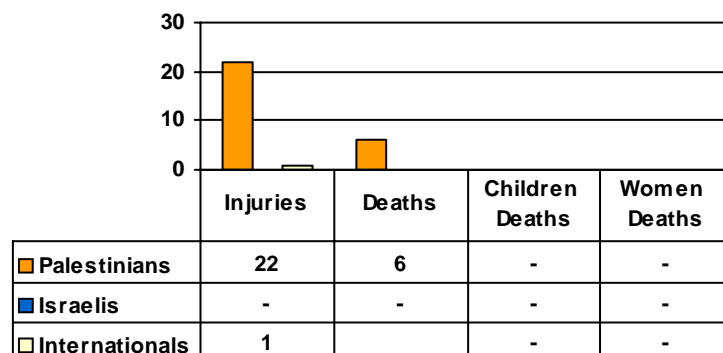
Of note this week

Gaza Strip:

- During the reporting period, six Palestinians were killed and 15 others injured during IDF ground military operations and IAF strikes in the Gaza Strip;
- Eight Palestinians were arrested during the reporting period, including two women;
- IDF tanks and bulldozers conducted excavation and levelling operations in North Gaza, Central Gaza and Rafah. On 31 October, the IDF discovered 7 tunnels between Israel and Gaza.
- On 1 November, an UNRWA school in Beit Hanoun was partly damaged, as a result of an IDF air strike. No injuries were reported.
- On 4 November, thirty nine Qassam rockets and 17 mortar shells were fired towards Israel (seven Qassam rockets and one mortar shell landed in Gaza). According to Israeli media, one rocket hit one of Sderot's power lines and caused blackout. One house and several buildings were damaged. No injuries were reported.
- On 5 November, a Palestinian policeman was killed when he intervened to stop an armed family feud. Sixteen others were injured in armed family disputes and reckless use of weapons.
- On 1 November, approximately 200 children participated in a candlelight vigil to demand an end to the Israeli blockade of Gaza.
- On 5 November, several thousand Palestinians gathered near the border wall between Egypt and the Gaza Strip, demanding the reopening of the Rafah terminal.
- On 6 November, several Palestinian fuel trucks moved through the streets of Gaza City protesting Israel's decision to reduce the amount of fuel entering Gaza.
- A sit-in which began on 29 October by families demanding to visit their relatives imprisoned in Israeli jails continued during the reporting period. A tent has been set up in front of the ICRC office in Gaza city.

West Bank:

- The Palestinian Authority deployed 308 policemen in Nablus city as part of the PA plan to restore law and order in the city.
- The Israeli DCL officer in Ramallah district informed OCHA that Barrier construction is on hold pending a decision by the Ministry of Defence for financial reasons.
- It was reported by the Israeli DCL officer for Jerusalem peripheries that the Barrier is continuing to be constructed as projected in that area. No orders to stop the Barrier construction in Jerusalem were given to the IDF as mentioned in the media.
- On 31 October, an 18 year-old Palestinian male from Al Fawwar Refugee Camp (Hebron) was found carrying knives near the Ibrahimi Mosque and arrested. On 5 November, a 17 year-old Palestinian female was arrested after IDF soldiers at a checkpoint near the settlement of Tel Rumeida found a knife in her possession. On 6 November, a 16 year-old Palestinian male from the H2 area of Hebron city was arrested by the IDF near the Ibrahimi Mosque after attempting to stab a soldier.
- During the reporting period, up to 20,000 settlers and their sympathisers, entered the H2 area of Hebron to celebrate the religious holiday of "The Life of Sarah." Attacks against Palestinians and their property were reported, especially near the settlements of Tel Rumeida, Giv'at Havot and Al Rajabi House. Also, a military order was issued prohibiting the presence of internationals on Al Shohada and Tel Rumeida streets until 22:00 on 4 November.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict-related casualties:¹**1. Physical Protection – conflict-related casualties****Gaza Strip:**

- **31 October:** An armed Palestinian man was injured when the IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a vehicle carrying militants north of Beit Lahia (North Gaza).
- **31 October:** A 23 year-old Palestinian (Islamic Jihad member) was killed when the IDF responded with HMG fire to an RPG attack by Islamic Jihad members against an IDF vehicle patrolling the border near Johr Ed-Dik area, north of Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **1 November:** Five Palestinian adults were injured when the IDF fired two surface-to-surface missiles targeting a Qassam rocket launching site in Beit Hanoun. The IDF action was in response to a Qassam rocket attack towards the western Negev (North Gaza).
- **1 November:** A Palestinian man (Islamic Jihad member) was injured by an IDF surface-to-surface missile aimed at Islamic Jihad members who fired two Qassam rockets from east of Al Bureij camp towards the Green Line (Central Gaza).
- **1 November:** A Palestinian policeman was injured when two IDF tanks moved from Kerem Shalom crossing into Gaza east of Rafah, stopping at the Gaza International Airport in an attempt to prevent the launching of Qassam rockets. Two additional IDF tanks entered the Rafah terminal. The IDF fired one tank round at the airport terminal. Palestinians (Al Qassam Brigade members) fired five mortar rounds from east of Rafah at Israeli tanks stationed in the airport. The IDF retaliated with HMG fire, targeting the area around the airport (South Gaza).
- **1 November:** One Palestinian adult was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a group of people who entered Gaza International Airport area after IDF tanks withdrew from the airport to the border line (Rafah).
- **3 November:** A 22 year-old Palestinian (ESF member) was killed and two others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two rockets targeting an ESF police base located near the former Morag settlement (Rafah).
- **4 November:** Three Palestinian males (aged 18, 26 and 41 years old) were killed, including a father and his son, and another was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a container accommodating Palestinian guards of the concrete factory in the Beit Hanoun industrial zone (North Gaza).
- **4 November:** A 22 year-old Palestinian (Islamic Jihad member) was killed, and another Palestinian adult injured, when the IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians situated north of Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **4 November:** A Palestinian (Islamic Jihad member) was injured when IDF troops stationed east of Al Bureij Camp opened fire as he approached the border fence (Central Gaza).
- **4 November:** A 19 year-old Palestinian was injured when IDF troops opened fire at a group of Palestinian farmers in the Abu El Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

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

- **31 October:** Six IDF tanks, supported by two bulldozers, moved from Kerem Shalom to the Gaza International Airport, east of Rafah. IDF troops conducted a tunnel-search operation, during which an exchange of gunfire erupted between armed Palestinians and the IDF troops. Armed Palestinians detonated a mine near the IDF tanks and fired three RPGs at the IDF troops located at the airport. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **31 October:** Five mortar shells were fired from east of Sheikh Zayd City towards IDF troops in the area of the former Nisanit settlement. The IDF responded by firing a tank shell towards the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **1 November:** An IAF aircraft fired one missile at a group of armed Palestinians reportedly attempting to fire rockets at Israel. The missile hit an UNRWA school in Beit Hanoun, damaging the wall of a classroom (North Gaza).
- **1 November:** An IAF aircraft fired five rockets at a suspected rocket-launching site near an agricultural school northwest of Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **1 November:** One Qassam rocket was fired from north of Beit Hanoun towards Sderot. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **4 November:** Three Qassam rockets were fired from east of Beit Hanoun towards the Green Line. In response, the IDF retaliated by firing a surface-to-surface missile targeting the launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **4 November:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting an open area east of Beit Hanoun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **4 November:** The IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a rocket launching site southeast of Beit Hanoun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **4 November:** Four mortar shells were fired from north of Beit Hanoun towards the Green Line. In response, the IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile at the mortar launching site (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **31 October:** One Palestinian male 20 year-old was injured by live ammunition during clashes with the IDF in 'Azzun village (Qalqiliya).
- **1 November:** Four Palestinian males (14, 17, 18 and 38 years old) were physically assaulted by the IDF in Sarra village during a search campaign (Nablus).
- **2 November:** One Palestinian journalist and one French man were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets shot by the IDF during the weekly demonstration organized by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists in Bil'in against the Barrier (Ramallah).
- **3 November:** A 10 year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 area of Hebron was injured when he was physically assaulted by a group of settlers as they were throwing stones at his family's house located near the settlement of Giv'at Havot (Hebron).
- **4 November:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man from the town of As Samu' was injured when he was physically assaulted by Israeli Border Police while waiting for a vehicle to carry him to his work place inside Israel (Hebron).

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

Gaza Strip:

- **1 November:** Six Palestinian adults were injured as a result of ceremonial shooting during the funeral procession for an Islamic Jihad member in Nuseirat camp (Central Gaza).
- **2 November:** Two Palestinians were injured north of Beit Hanoun when a mortar shell to be fired towards the Green Line exploded at the launching site (North Gaza).
- **2 November:** One Palestinian was injured when a tunnel collapsed under the Rafah-Egypt border (Rafah).
- **3 November:** One Palestinian adult was injured during a family dispute in a wedding party in Rafah. The exchange of gunfire lasted 10 minutes. The situation was brought under control after the ESF arrived and arrested seven people (Rafah).
- **4 November:** Two Palestinian adults were injured when an armed dispute broke out between local family members in Deir El Balah. The situation was calmed when the ESF arrived and arrested two persons (Central 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.

- **5 November:** A Palestinian policeman was killed when he intervened to stop a family dispute in the Daraj quarter of Gaza city. Five others, from both families, were injured during the armed clashes (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **31 October:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of a women's beauty shop in Gaza city. Only the gate was damaged. The motive is unknown (Gaza).
- **31 October:** Egyptian security forces arrested members of the Islamic Army in Sinai, east of Egypt. The three had entered Egypt through a tunnel under the border fence (Rafah).
- **1 November:** 300 students from secondary schools in Gaza city demonstrated in front of the Ministry of Education protesting the difficulty of the curriculum (Gaza).
- **1 November:** Approximately 200 children participated in a candlelight vigil to demand an end to the Israeli blockade of Gaza. The demonstration started at the UN square and proceeded to the UNSCO office. The children handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General (Gaza).
- **2 November:** Approximately 500 people participated in a rally in Nuseirat camp in support of Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails. The rally, which was organized by a local NGO, ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **4 November:** 300 students from secondary schools demonstrated in front of the Ministry of Education protesting the difficulty of the curriculum (Gaza).
- **5 November:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of Big Bite restaurant in Rimal quarter of Gaza city. The blast damaged the main door. The motive is unknown (Gaza).
- **5 November:** Approximately 100 farmers demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound in protest against the closure of the Gaza border crossings. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **5 November:** Several thousand Palestinians gathered near the border wall between Egypt and the Gaza Strip demanding the reopening of the Rafah terminal. The ESF prevented the protesters from reaching the wall by firing into the air. The crowd dispersed at 2130 hours and no injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **6 November:** Several Palestinian fuel trucks moved through the streets of Gaza city protesting the decision of the Gol to reduce the amount of fuel entering Gaza. The protesters blocked main streets. At 1100 hours the demonstration ended in front of Nahal Oz crossing (Gaza).
- **6 November:** Four gunmen stopped a vehicle driven by the General Director of the Local Government in Al Maghazi camp. He was dragged from his vehicle into the gunmen's vehicle, but managed to escape. His vehicle was taken and driven away by one of the gunmen. The motive behind this incident is unknown (Central Gaza).
- **6 November:** A sit-in which began on 29 October by families demanding to visit their relatives imprisoned in Israeli jails continued during the reporting period. A tent has been set up in front of the ICRC office in Gaza city (Gaza).

West Bank:

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **31 October:** Unknown gunmen fired shots towards the PA President's residence in Ramallah. The perpetrators escaped from the neighbourhood.(Ramallah)
- **5 November:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy from the community of Arab Ar Rashayida was injured when an item of Unexploded Ordinance left by the IDF exploded near him (Hebron).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **2 November:** Hamas organized a demonstration to support the family of an Islamic Jihad member who was killed on 1 November. At 1945 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza city).
- **6 November:** A demonstration was organised by Hamas, Fatah El Yasser and the PRC at the main entrance of Al Maghazi camp. The demonstration was attended by the

leaders of all three factions to protest the upcoming Annapolis conference (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **2 November:** PA police injured one Palestinian male (27 years old) with live ammunition when he refused to stop at a PA checkpoint (Nablus).
- **5 November:** Seven Palestinians were injured near Balata refugee camp when an exchange of fire erupted between the PA security forces and armed Palestinians. The injured included one Palestinian police officer (injured by shrapnel), and five Palestinian males (26, 30, 31, 32, 28) injured by live ammunition. The dispute started after the PA police tried to arrest a Palestinian from the refugee camp (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **1 November:** Unknown people burnt the car of a Preventative Security Force member while it was parked in front of his house in the town of Sa'ir (Hebron).
- **1 November:** The building of Pharmacists' Union headquarters in Hebron city was partly damaged after it was set on fire by a group of unknown persons (Hebron).
- **6 November:** Lecturers at the Palestine Polytechnic University were suspended due to increased tension on campus between the Fatah-sponsored *Shabiba* and the Hamas-dominated Student Council. The Preventative Security Force surrounded the university and enforced the suspension (Hebron).

3. Shelter and Property

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
1 November	Nablus, Nablus		1	0	NA
Total			1		

1 November: The IDF bulldozed a wall in Nablus city while surrounding a building during an arrest campaign (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

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 village and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).
- **During the reporting period,** the IDF continued to occupy a building located near the Ibrahim Mosque in the H2 area of the City of Hebron. The building, called the Abu Mayyala Building, was occupied since the beginning of October 2007 (Hebron).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **23 October:** Palestinian security forces confiscated the computer and personal belongings of a Palestinian man (Hamas member) in the town of Beit Kahil (Hebron).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Gaza Strip:

- **31 October:** Three IDF armoured vehicles and two bulldozers moved from the border into the former Nisanit settlement north of Beit Lahia. The bulldozers conducted excavation and levelling operations. During the operation, an IDF tank fired one tank round at an open area north of Beit Lahia. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **1 November:** Ten IDF armoured vehicles moved from Erez crossing into the northern edge of Beit Hanoun village under cover of shooting. The tanks were deployed northeast of the agricultural school, while bulldozers uprooted trees. The troops pulled back to the border at 0830 hours (North Gaza).

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

- **1 November:** Six IDF armoured vehicles entered approximately 300m into the Abu Safiya area east of Jabalya. The IDF commenced a levelling and excavation operation. At 1300 hours, they withdrew to the border (North Gaza).
- **1 November:** IDF troops deployed into the Jaradat area east of Rafah on 31 October, continuing levelling and excavation operations. At 2100 hours the IDF discovered and destroyed a tunnel in the Jaradat area after which the troops withdrew to Kerem Shalom military base (Rafah).
- **3 November:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 400m into the area east of Deir El Balah. The tanks fired sporadic HMG fire during the operation. The bulldozers conducted excavation and levelling operations. At 1540 hours the troops withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **4 November:** Five IDF armoured vehicles and two bulldozers entered about 100m into the Siafa area, north of Beit Lahia. The bulldozers conducted excavation operations before withdrawing (North Gaza).

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Jenin Governorate:

Nothing to report.

Tubas Governorate:

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

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Salfit Governorate:

Nothing to Report

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- **6 November:** The Israeli DCL officer in Ramallah governorate informed OCHA that Barrier construction is on hold pending a decision by the Ministry of Defence for financial reasons.

Ongoing incidents:

Barrier construction:

- Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for the Al Midya-Ni'lin section (Ramallah).
- 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) (Ramallah).
- **As of 6 November:** Construction, on land belonging to 'Abud village, to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction was halted by the IDF due to technical reasons.

Construction of three “fabric of life” roads, as part of a Gol plan to build alternative roads for Palestinians *in lieu* of the main roads that have become closed due to closures and Barrier construction:

- Construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465, continues at a fast pace.
- Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit ‘Anan.
- Construction continues of a road between Beit ‘Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The road is in its final stage.
- Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

Jericho Governorate:

Nothing to Report

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - The Barrier contractor continued the installation of 12-meter high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel Checkpoint.
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meter high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).
 - The Barrier contractor halted land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
 - Land levelling and installation of 12-meter high concrete blocks was resumed in the Barrier section between the two tunnels on Road 60 near Bethlehem.
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr underpass was halted during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian people living in villages within the proposed Gush 'Etzion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for a new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land levelling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing.

- Land levelling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Illit, Elizar, Newe Daniel, and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Olive Harvest

- **1 November:** The IDF opened barrier gates in both Bethlehem and Hebron Governorates to allow Palestinians to reach their olive groves located behind the Barrier. However, during the reporting period, Palestinian farmers and land owners were prevented from accessing their lands in Jib Al Dib and Jabal Al Dik areas in Bethlehem for harvest their olives (Bethlehem).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Incidents of curfews

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
31 Oct - 2 November 2007	'Azzun , Qalqiliya	60 Hours
5 November	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	15
Total Week		75 Hours

- **31 October-2 November:** The IDF imposed a curfew on 'Azzun village after Palestinians threw stones and Molotov cocktail bottles at the cars of Israeli settlers travelling on Road 55 (Qalqiliya).
- **5 November:** The IDF imposed a curfew on 'Azzun village for the second time in the same week after Palestinians allegedly threw stones at the cars of Israeli settlers travelling on Road 55 (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

b) Access to education

- During the reporting period, the IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students between their elementary school in At Tuwani and their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid came on time to meet the students. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the children from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. Soldiers escorting the students are meant to walk alongside the children. The soldiers, however, usually stay in their jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF vehicle (Hebron).

c) Access to employment

Ongoing incidents:

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

d) **Closures/movement restrictions**

Nablus Governorate:

- **1 November:** Long queues and major delays were reported at Tappuah checkpoint (Nablus).
- **1 November:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours allegedly due to a security alert. Thousands of Palestinians were held at the checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to prevent all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations from crossing Shave Shomeron checkpoint (Nablus).
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to prevent all passage through the 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, except for ambulances in emergency cases (Nablus).

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

- **During the reporting period,** Palestinians encountered long delays on a daily basis due to flying checkpoints which are deployed by the IDF on bypass road 60.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **31 October to date:** The IDF has prevented access to the main entrance of 'Azzun village by placing a roadblock preventing vehicular movement through the entrance. Palestinians are forced to make a detour in order to reach Qalqiliya city and the main road.
- **31 October:** The IDF closed a road connecting Hajja village to Al Fubuq village with an earth mound (Qalqiliya).
- **31 October-1 November:** The IDF closed the main entrance to Khirbet Sir Village with an earth mound (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

- **Not Reported Last Week: 28 October:** The IDF closed the entrance of Kifl Hares village with road blocks; a road gate was placed at the entrance several months earlier but was open most of the time (Salfit).
- **1 November:** The IDF closed the gate at the entrance of Qarawat Bani Hassan village for several hours, preventing all vehicular movement (Salfit).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF regulation that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint continued, forcing all others to either request a permit or to travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'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), are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- **26 April to date:** Movement into the Jordan Valley from the rest of the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Ephraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **3 November:** At around 7pm, about 10 Palestinians were denied access into Az Za'ayem village without any given reason. Their IDs were held by the Border Police soldiers for at least one hour until an intervention was made by the District Civil Liaison officer who was contacted by OCHA.
- **5 November:** Long delays of up to two hours were experienced at Wadi Nar Checkpoint due to prolonged ID-checks performed by the Border Police. According to several Palestinian commuters it is becoming very common that the soldiers keep Palestinian IDs for several hours thus delaying people crossing the checkpoint.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- **31 October:** The Barrier contractor placed a barrier gate in the area of Wadi Ahmad (Bethlehem) in a location beneath the bridge connecting between the two tunnels leading into and out of Jerusalem. One Palestinian house is isolated behind the gate and, the future route of the Barrier.

Hebron Governorate:

- **4 November:** The IDF issued a directive preventing internationals from accessing Al Shohada and Tel Rumeida Streets, located in the H2 area of the City of Hebron (Hebron), during the daylight hours and until 10:00 pm due to the presence of a large number of settlers in the Old City of Hebron celebrating the "Life of Sarah" Jewish holiday.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez operated on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information's provided by Palestinian civil affair office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week.

- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on one day this week to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza (31 October). However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports. **Karni has been closed since 12 June.**
- Sufa crossing was officially closed on **28th October 2007**. According to the Israeli Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) report on 28 October, Sufa crossing will now be permanently closed. Sufa crossing had been the principal alternative commercial crossing since the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- Kerem Shalom crossing is now the principal alternative crossing for commercial goods. During the reporting period, it was open on three days for the import of commercial and humanitarian goods.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen were permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	An Nassariya (1)	1
Jenin	Arraba(3), Al Jarba(3), Fahma(1), 'Anza (1) , Al Jadida (1)	9
Tubas	Al Rafa (2), 'Aqqaba (1)	3
Tulkarm	Bala'a (1)	1
Qalqiliya	Kafr Thulth (1), Hajja(1), 'Izbat Salman (1), 'Isla (2), Jayyus (3), 'Azzun (3), An Nabi Elyas (1) , 'Izbat at Tabib (1), Habla(1), Immatin (2).	16
Salfit	Marsha (1)	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bypass Road 60 (7)	7
Jericho	-	-
Jerusalem	Entrance to 'Anata (1)	1
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Ash Shawareh (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah, Doha (1), Tequ' (2), Ar Rashayida	8
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya, Halhul, Surif	12
Total West Bank		59

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
West Bank			
Nablus	Rujeib (1), Nablus(6), Balata Refugee camp (4), Camp # 1 (1), Sarra (1), Salim (1), Huwwara CP, Madama (1)	15	15
Jenin	Jenin city (3), Meithalun (1), Sanur (1), At Tayba (1), Qabatiya (1), Jalqamus (1).	8	4
Tubas	Tubas city (2), 'Aqqaba (1), El Far'a refugee camp (1), Tammun (1).	5	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Far'un (4), Tulkarm refugee camp (2).	9	0
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (4), Qalqiliya city (2).	6	7
Salfit	Biddiya (1), Sarta (1), Kifl Haris (2), Qaraqat Bani	5	10

	Hassan (1)		
Ramallah	Ramallah (4), Al Am'ari refugee camp (1)	5	23
Jericho	-	-	-
Jerusalem ¹	-	-	-
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Duheisha RC (1), Al 'Azza RC, Beit Fajjar (2), Ad Doha (1), Dar Salah, Obeidiya, 'Ayda RC, Artas.	6	6
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), H2 Area of Hebron City (5) Dura (1), Yatta (2), Kharas, Sa'ir, Adh Dhahiriya, Nuba, Idnah, As 'Samu' (1), Khursa, Taffuh (1), Al 'Arrub RC, Surif, Ash Shyouk.	14	13
Total Week West Bank		73	79
Gaza Strip			
North Gaza	Abu Safiya area east of Jabalya		2 women
Rafah	Jaradat area east of Rafah		2
Rafah	see		4
Total Week Gaza Strip			8
Total Week occupied Palestinian territory		73	87

- **1 November:** Two Palestinian women were arrested during a land levelling operation in the Abu Safiya area east of Jabalya. It was reported that the IDF arrested the mother and sister of a Hamas member who was killed by the IDF. At 1200 hours the two women were released and at 1300 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (North Gaza).
- **1 November:** The IDF arrested two Palestinians during a military operation in the Jaradat area east of Rafah. The Israeli troops withdrew to Kerem Shalom military base (Rafah).
- **5 November:** IDF gunboats arrested four Palestinian fishermen for reportedly attempting to conduct a smuggling operation. During the operation, an IAF helicopter fired at Palestinian fishing boats in the Gaza-Egypt border area (Rafah).

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
West Bank			
Nablus	Nablus city(4), Flying CP (1), Beit Iba (1)	6	9
Jenin	Silat al Harithiya (1)	1	1
Tubas			
Tulkarm			
Qalqiliya	Immatin (1), Qalqiliya city (1)	2	2
Salfit	Sarta (1)	1	1
Ramallah	Ramallah (1)	1	1
Jericho	-	-	-
Jerusalem	-	-	-
Bethlehem	Ash Shawawra (1,1), Al Khadr (2,5), Ad Duheisha (0,1)	3	7
Hebron	Dura (1,1), 'Arrub Refugee Camp (0,1)	1	2
Total Week West Bank		15	23
Gaza Strip			
Central Gaza	Dear El Balah		2
Rafah	Rafah		7
Gaza	Daraj quarter of Gaza City		Several
Total Week Gaza Strip			9+
Total Week occupied Palestinian territory		15	32+

- **3 November:** Seven Palestinian men were arrested by the ESF during an armed dispute between local families in a wedding party in Rafah (Rafah).
- **4 November:** Two Palestinian men were arrested by the ESF during an armed family dispute that broke out in Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).
- **5 November:** Several people were arrested by ESF police during armed clashes that erupted between two local families in the Daraj quarter of Gaza city (Gaza).

Appendix: Checkpoints: 19-25 September 2007

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

17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	As of 29 August 2007, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Banī Fadil Partial CP (New)	Controls access to the northern areas from and to road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	Is a crossing for workers into Israel. Open between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm Ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuffs into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700. Other materials need prior coordination.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open to Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, who are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road from Jordan to Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported during the evening hours.
Ma'ale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians. Access is only permitted to commercial trucks and people travelling in public transportation. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers.
'Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually open.
At Tayba	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers

	inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Open daily for 24 hours/day. No permits are required for Jericho residents, holders of foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem, As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint.
Al 'Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Open 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinian non-residents of Jericho and holding West Bank IDs going north towards al 'Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited to pass through unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling to Ramallah.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea Becomes permanent as of: 1 July 2007	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. As of 31 October 2007 the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Open 24 hours daily for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	Open for international passport holders, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint, in addition to the IDF for extra random security checks. Delays at Qalandiya were reported at the pedestrian lane..
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Az Za'ayem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and internationals. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with East Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with East Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.

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

Gush 'Etzion <i>On Road 60, at 'Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours/day. IDF soldiers sometimes checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours/day for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours/day for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs.
Mizpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours/day. Restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit 'Awwa, Partial CP <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with occasional ID checks. However, it has been reported by MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) that thorough checks and maltreatment have been experienced by staff especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarquimiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were allowed free access. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work stations inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those with an IDF-issued permit. v
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting

	Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325. Not of the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Yunis' CP)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Jora, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green line CP)	An Israeli private company has the responsibility for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
Nablus	
'Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to pass the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system).
Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
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.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.
Hebron	
Tarqumiya	Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates .The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours, Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the IDF Border Police and a container x-ray machine has been installed. During the reporting period long delays of commercial trucks has been reported since opening of the new commercial checkpoint on 28 October.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on 31 October for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained generally closed for all other items and for exports.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was closed all week. It was last open on 25 October for the import of non-aggregate materials.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on three days 4, 5 and 6 Nov, for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods.

**Nahal Oz Energy
Pipelines**

Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 3 November, they were closed for the weekend.

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Method and Sources

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

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

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health 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 DCL's, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.