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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 4 – 10 July 2007

### Of note this week

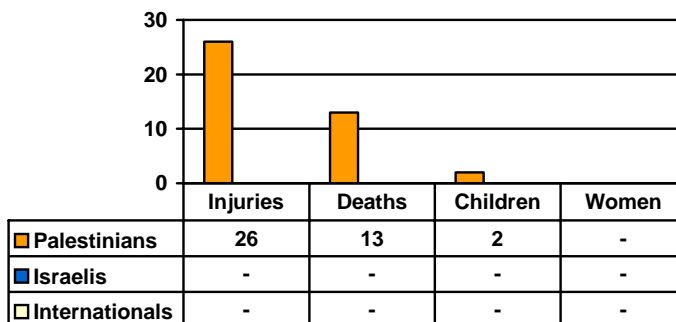
#### **Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed 11 Palestinians, injured 15, and arrested 70 during its incursion into the area southeast of Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza). In addition, three Palestinians were injured, including a 15-year-old boy, during IDF military operations southeast of Beit Hanoun.
- A total of 23 Qassam rockets and 33 mortar shells were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least four rockets and 29 mortar shells targeted Kerem Shalom crossing. Five rockets landed in the Palestinian area. Hamas and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. No injuries were reported.
- The Palestinian Ministry of Health confirmed that since the closure of Rafah June 10, at least 25 corpses were returned to Gaza via Kerem Shalom between June 13 and July 5. In all cases, the persons had passed away in Egyptian or other overseas hospitals and not at the border. In addition, thousands of Palestinians travelers, including women, children and ill persons remain stranded in Egypt and are still unable to return to their homes in Gaza.
- Senior Palestinian traders were able to cross Erez crossing this week for the first time since 12 June. Humanitarian assistance continues to enter Gaza through Kerem Shalom and Sufa. Critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements exited through Erez. Karni was open on two days for the crossing of wheat and wheat grain.
- IDF continued to conduct levelling and excavating operations in the Gaza Strip: near the former Palestinian DCL, northeast of Beit Hanoun and southeast of Al Bureij Camp
- A PA Preventive Security officer died of wounds sustained during armed factional clashes. Two persons were injured due to the reckless use of weapons and eight during armed family feuds.
- BBC journalist Alan Johnston (British national), who was abducted on 12 March, was released unharmed and was handed over to Hamas officials on 4 July after 114 days in captivity. Palestinian journalists organized a demonstration to celebrate his safe release.

#### **West Bank:**

- Two Palestinians were killed by the IDF (Jenin and Hebron), including one 17-year-old boy who died of wounds sustained in 2004 when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers in Hebron. The IDF also injured eight Palestinians: Ramallah (3), Jericho (2), and Hebron (3).
- The IDF handed 16 stop-construction orders to the owners of 16 houses built without permits in area C of the Salfit governorate (seven in Deir Ballut and nine in Yasuf).
- There were reports of 96 flying checkpoints, 114 IDF search campaigns, and 82 arrests by the IDF.
- An Israeli court decided that the purchase documents used by Hebron settlers to seize Al Rajabi house (a.k.a. Beit Hashalom by the settlers) in the H2 area of the Hebron City were forged by the settlers. The court gave the settlers 45 days to prove otherwise or to provide additional documents indicating that they have purchased the house.

#### **Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:<sup>1</sup>**



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

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **5 July:** Two Palestinian men were injured when armed clashes resumed between armed Palestinians and IDF soldiers who had remained in positions they took on 4 July southeast of Beit Hanoun. One anti-tank missile was fired at the IDF. It was also reported that 15 IDF armoured vehicles were brought into the area (North Gaza).
- **5 July:** 11 Palestinians were killed (aged 17, 19(2), 20, 21, 22(3), 23, 24, and 33 years), including six armed Hamas members and one Islamic Jihad member, during armed clashes that erupted between armed Palestinians and IDF soldiers. The clashes also resulted in the injury of 14 Palestinians. This took place after eight IDF armoured vehicles entered 700 metres into Palestinian territory southeast of Al Bureij Camp and an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a group of people in the same area. In addition, a 15-year-old Palestinian boy from Nuseirat Camp was shot and injured by IDF soldiers during the same incursion (Central Gaza).
- **5 July:** A Palestinian man was injured when armed clashes erupted between IDF soldiers and armed Palestinians after six Israeli tanks and two bulldozers moved from the area southeast of Beit Hanoun towards the Beit Hanoun Industrial Zone. IDF soldiers crossed the main road of Beit Hanoun and proceeded towards Beit Hanoun Municipality. On **6 July** at 1700 hours, they withdrew to the area southeast of Beit Hanoun. On **7 July** Israeli forces withdrew to the border line (North Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **4 July:** An RPG was fired from Abu Ajeen area at an IDF jeep passing by the border fence east of Deir El Balah. The shell landed in the Palestinian area. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility (Central Gaza).
- **6 July:** Armed clashes took place for ten minutes between ESF and Islamic Jihad members east of Shuja'yeh. Each side apparently thought they were confronting an IDF undercover unit. The IDF responded by firing three mortar shells at the shooting source. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **8 July:** Two mortar shells were fired targeting an IDF bulldozer after two Israeli APCs and one bulldozer entered 50 meters into the Palestinian area east of the Shuja'yeh neighbourhood of Gaza City, near Nahal Oz crossing. They began a levelling and excavation operation and later withdrew to the border fence. The two mortar shells missed the target. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack. (Gaza).
- **10 July:** Ten mortar shells were fired from the area east of Rafah towards Kerem Shalom crossing. The IDF responded with heavy shooting. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **10 July:** An IAF helicopter opened fire towards an open area east of Al Shouka area in Rafah. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **10 July:** IDF gunboats opened fire for 15 minutes in the direction of Palestinian boats at sea west of Beit Lahiya. The fishing boats returned to shore. No injuries or damages were reported (North Gaza).

### West Bank:

- **4 July:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy from the H1 area of Hebron City died of wounds sustained in 2004 when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers (Hebron).
- **5 July:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy from Yatta was injured when IDF soldiers physically assaulted him near Zif gate while he was en route home from work (Hebron).
- **5 July:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man from Sa'ir was injured when a sound bomb fired by IDF soldiers hit him in the face during an IDF incursion in the town (Hebron).
- **6 July:** Three Palestinian men were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the Israeli Border Police during a demonstration held by Palestinian, international and Israeli activists against the Barrier constructed in Bil'in village (Ramallah).
- **8 July:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed by the IDF when the IDF opened fire at his Palestinian-plated car while he was travelling on Road 60 through Ash Shuhada village (Jenin).
- **9 July:** Two Palestinian men (aged 23 and 26 years) were injured with live bullets fired by the IDF during an IDF military operation in Jericho City. One of the injured was arrested by the IDF and hospitalized at Hadassa Ein Karim hospital in Jerusalem.
- **9 July:** An 11-year-old boy from the H1 area of Hebron City was injured in the head when IDF soldiers manning the observation tower in Juneid Hill in the city physically assaulted him (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **5 July:** At 0130 hours, Palestinians opened fire at IDF soldiers during an IDF search operation in Kufr Aqab. No injuries were reported (Jerusalem).
- **6 July:** At 2210 hours, Palestinians threw stones at IDF troops during an IDF search operation in Qalandiya. The IDF responded with tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. No injuries were reported (Jerusalem).

**2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>****Gaza Strip:**

- **4 July:** Four Palestinian men were shot and injured during a 15-minute gun-battle between two local families in Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **4 July:** Two armed Palestinians (members of the Palestinian Resistance Committees) attempted to fire two Qassam rockets from the area east of Rafah towards Kerem Shalom crossing but were injured when one of the rockets detonated at the launching site. The second rocket landed in the Palestinian area (Rafah).
- **6 July:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured when a home-made bomb he was trying to throw into an open field detonated in his hands. He was attending the funeral procession of those killed during the IDF incursion southeast of Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **7 July:** Four Palestinian men were injured during an internal armed dispute between local family members in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **8 July:** Two Palestinians were injured when an ESF member attempted to arrest a 45-year-old suspected narcotics dealer in Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah. There was an exchange of gunfire that lasted 15 minutes and both were injured. The suspected narcotics dealer was later arrested by the ESF (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **5 July:** ESF members prevented PA employees from entering some PA ministry buildings on Thursday in order to enforce the Thursday-Friday weekend, instead of the recent decision by the emergency government in Ramallah declaring Friday-Saturday as an official weekend (Gaza).
- **7 July:** 3,000 Hamas members organized a demonstration to express solidarity with the Palestinians stranded in Egypt and demanded the opening of Rafah crossing. The demonstration started at the ICRC and proceeded to the PLC building. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **9 July:** 100 members of the Union of Agricultural Work Committees demonstrated in front of UNCSCO to protest the Israeli decision to extend the buffer zone to 1.5 km inside the eastern border of the Gaza Strip. A letter addressed to the Secretary General was handed over. At 1215 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **10 July:** 3,000 Hamas supporters demonstrated in front of Rafah crossing to protest the use of Kerem Shalom for the passage of people instead of Rafah crossing. At 1230 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).

**West Bank:**

- **7 July:** Two Palestinian men (aged 22 and 27 years) from Beit Sahur City were killed after being stabbed in an on-going family feud. Three other Palestinian men were injured when stabbed in revenge. One of those injured is in critical condition (Bethlehem).

**Inter-factional violence****Gaza Strip:**

- **5 July:** A 39-year-old PA Preventive Security member died of wounds sustained during armed factional clashes on 11 June in Jabalia (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **5 July:** 2,000 people from all five Gaza governorates organized a demonstration demanding coordination between Hamas and Fatah for the benefit of the Palestinian people. The demonstration started at the Unknown Soldier Park and proceeded to the Al Saraya complex. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).

<sup>2</sup> 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 July:** Palestinian journalists organized a demonstration to celebrate the release of BBC journalist Alan Johnston. They moved from the Al Wehda junction to the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) building. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **7 July:** Members from the new Fatah El Yasser party held a rally at the PLC building to announce its formation. Fatah El Yasser leader, Mr. Khaled Abu Hilal, addressed the rally of 3,000 supporters. The rally ended peacefully (Gaza).

#### West Bank:

No incidents to report.

### 3. Shelter and Property

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
4 July 07	Hebron City/H1, Hebron	-	4	N/A	N/A
5 July 07	Al Bureij Camp, Central Gaza	1	-	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**4 July:** IDF soldiers searched and damaged the property of Al Haras, Al Sharabati and Abdel Hai Shaheen mosques in the H1 area of Hebron City. The IDF also entered Al Amal Society for the Deaf and caused property damage inside it (Hebron).

**5 July:** During the IDF incursion into the area southeast of Al Bureij Camp, the IDF bulldozed and demolished one house (Central Gaza).

#### Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

**5 July:** The IDF handed seven stop-construction orders to the owners of seven houses that have already been constructed in Deir Ballut village; the orders stated that the houses are built in area C without permits (Salfit).

**5 July:** During the IDF incursion into the area southeast of Al Bureij Camp, the IDF confiscated an ambulance belonging to the Red Crescent and detained the driver and the nurse while they were trying to evacuate the injured people. The driver and the nurse were later released (Central Gaza).

**5 July:** The IDF handed demolition orders to the 13 families living in the hamlet of Zanuta south of As Samu (Hebron). Verbal demolition orders were also given to the residents of Wadi Al Amayer hamlet as well as the Abu Qbeita family near Imneizel village, both of which are located south of Yatta (Hebron).

**8 July:** The IDF handed nine stop-construction orders to the owners of nine houses that have already been constructed in Yasuf village; the orders stated that the houses are built in area C without permits (Salfit).

#### 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 Uprooting<sup>3</sup>

##### **Nablus Governorate:**

#### 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).

<sup>3</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

**Jenin Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

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

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

- 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:

- 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.

**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, this gate was open on most days but was closed on 9 and 10 July as additional construction and infrastructure work was carried out on other 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, or East 1, an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the

planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

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#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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#### **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 sections 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 tunnel near Al Khadr village has continued. The initial construction of Al Khader underpass is complete. 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.

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#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**8 July:** New settler caravans were placed in the outpost of Avigiel near Twani village.

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.

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#### **Gaza Strip:**

- **4 July:** Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 800 metres into the Palestinian territory towards the former Palestinian DCL (known as Khamsa Khamsa) and began carrying out a levelling and excavation operation. On 5 July, they withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **4 July:** An Israeli undercover unit entered 500 metres into the Palestinian territory southeast of Beit Hanoun. Armed clashes erupted between armed Palestinians and Israeli soldiers. At 0930 hours, Israeli reinforcements were called in and conducted a levelling operation. Between 4 and 8 July, IDF soldiers remained in their positions southeast of Beit Hanoun. On 8 July, IDF soldiers withdrew to the border fence. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **5 July:** During the IDF incursion into the area southeast of Al Bureij Camp, IDF bulldozers conducted a land levelling and excavation operation. Eight dunums of olive trees were uprooted (Central Gaza).
- **8 July:** Two Israeli Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) and one bulldozer entered 50 meters into the Palestinian area east of the Shuja'yeh neighbourhood of Gaza City, near Nahal Oz crossing, and began carrying out a levelling and excavation operation. At 1615 hours, two mortar shells were fired at an IDF bulldozer but missed their target. Hamas claimed responsibility. IDF soldiers later withdrew to the border fence (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 Lahia) have self-imposed a curfew after dark due to IDF undercover military operations.

### b) *Access to education*

- **5 July:** Summer Learning remedial classes and Summer Games at UNRWA Bureii schools were interrupted due to the Israeli incursion in the area (Central Gaza).
- **7 July:** A group of ESF members entered Al-Azhar University and confiscated a fertilizer and some documents. The university protested the action; however the ESF said they had already been called by someone in the university administration to investigate the theft of the fertilizer. The ESF promised to return the fertilizer (Gaza).
- **7 July:** Heavy shooting took place during a wedding party in Al Maghazi Camp. ESF members rushed to the area to arrest the shooters. They chased the shooters and broke into the UNRWA Al Maghazi Girls School in order to oversee and secure the surrounding area from the school's rooftop. The UNRWA Area Operations Officer arrived and demanded that the ESF leave. The ESF commander ordered his forces to leave the building immediately (Central Gaza).

Ongoing incident:

- **22 June to date:** There have been reports of strip searches of women, including young female students of Bethlehem University, who have been traveling through Gilo checkpoint in both directions—i.e. entering and leaving Jerusalem (Bethlehem).

### 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 directly 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 a child, and with no security file.

### d) *Closures/movement restrictions*

\*Ongoing Incident, **3 July to date:** An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian travel within the West Bank—all Palestinians from Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years have been prevented from travelling southwards through the following checkpoints: 'Anabta, Kafriat, and Kafriat Tunnel/Ar Ras checkpoints in Tulkarm; Huwwara, Za'atara and 'Awarta checkpoints in Nablus; Jit partial checkpoint in Qalqiliya; and Deir Ballut checkpoint in Salfit.

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 July:** Major delays were reported at Al Badhan checkpoint.

**5 July:** Major delays were reported at Za'atara checkpoint for vehicles coming from the Salfit governorate.

**7 July:** Major delays were reported at Beit Iba checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- **3 July to date:** An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian travel within the West Bank; all Palestinians from Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years have been prevented from travelling southwards through Huwwara, Zaatara and 'Awarta checkpoints in Nablus.

- **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:

- **3 July to date:** An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian travel within the West Bank; all Palestinians from Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years have been prevented from travelling southwards through the following checkpoints: 'Anabta, Kafriat, and Kafriat Tunnel/Ar Ras checkpoints in Tulkarm; Huwwara, Za'atara and 'Awarta checkpoints in Nablus; Jit partial checkpoint in Qalqiliya; and Deir Ballut checkpoint in Salfit.
- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have allowed 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:**

Ongoing incident:

- **3 July to date:** An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian travel within the West Bank; all Palestinians from Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years have been prevented from travelling southwards through the following checkpoints: 'Anabta, Kafriat, and Kafriat Tunnel/Ar Ras checkpoints in Tulkarm; Huwwara, Za'atara and 'Awarta checkpoints in Nablus; Jit partial checkpoint in Qalqiliya; and Deir Ballut checkpoint in Salfit.

#### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

**8, 9, 10 July:** Major delays were reported at 'Anabta and Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras checkpoints (Tulkarm).

Ongoing incidents:

- **3 July to date:** An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian travel within the West Bank; all Palestinians from Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 have been prevented from travelling southwards through Kafriat, Kafriat Tunnel/Ar Ras and 'Anabta checkpoints in Tulkarm.
- **26 June to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Deir al Ghusun with the garbage dump site with an earthmound.
- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds.

#### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**5 July:** The IDF reopened the main entrance of 'Azzun village, which had been closed by road blocks since 15 June 2007.

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.

#### **Salfit Governorate:**

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 (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:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays at Qalandiya, Jaba' and Al Ram checkpoints were reported, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

#### **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 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 improved. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. However, a 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:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**6 July:** IDF soldiers stationed in the vicinity of the Ibrahimi Mosque, located in the H2 area of Hebron City, denied access to hundreds of Muslim worshippers after the end of Friday Prayers for more than one hour while checking a number of IDs.

Ongoing incidents:

- Despite an Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 stipulating the dismantling of the Road Barrier along Road 317, the Road Barrier is still present and no attempts to remove it have been made. The Israeli High Court has recently granted the IDF an additional period of time to reach a solution that would enable pedestrians and sheep to cross but not vehicles (a solution deemed acceptable by the court).
- A main Palestinian road (parallel to Road 35) connecting Hebron City to the towns of Idhna and Tarqumiya via Beit Kahil village remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

#### **Gaza Strip**

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- 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. On 4 July, senior Palestinian traders crossed Erez for the first time since 12 June. (Appendix for daily log of movement is not available due to the non-presence of staff at the Palestinian DCL).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing was open on two days this week (4 and 10 July) for the crossing of commercial commodities (wheat grain and wheat). However, on 5 July, Palestinians were able to bring into Gaza the cement that had been brought to and stored at the warehouses in Karni crossing before 12 June. Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
- Sufa crossing was open on all five scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid.
- Kerem Shalom was open for five days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by WFP, WHO and ICRC.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open normally for all scheduled operating days. On Saturday 7 July, they were closed for the weekend.
- 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	Asira Ash Shamaliya (3), Bizzariya (1), Burqa (1), 'Einabus (1), Jamma'in (1), 'Aqraba (7)	14
Jenin	Zububa (3), Al Kufeir (2), Jaba' (1), 'Ajja (2), 'Arraba (2), Dhahr al 'Abed (1), Az Zababida (2), Al Mansura (1), Fahma (1).	15
Tubas	Tubas (1), Al Rar'a (2), Tammun (1)	4
Tulkarm	Bal'a (3), Far'un (1), Deir al Ghususn (1), Shufa (1), Ramin (1).	7
Qalqiliya	Habla Tunnel (4) , Jayyus (1), Izbat At Tabib (3), Kafr Qaddum (1), Ras Atyia (2), Jinsafut (3), Al Funduq (1), Kafr Thulth (1)	16
Salfit	Iskaka (2) Khirbet Qeis (1), Burqin (1), Haris (1)	5
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (1)	1
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina (7), Shufat (2), Sheikh Jarrah (2)	11
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Bethlehem City (2), Beit Jala (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2), Husan, Beit Fajjar (1)	9
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron City – H1(3), Al Arrub RC (1), Sa'ir (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (2)	14
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>96</b>

## 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	Balata RC (4), Nablus City (7), Za'atara CP, Camp #1 (1), Beit Furik CP, 'Einabus (1), Deir Al Hatab (1), Bizzariya (1)	15	17
Jenin	Jenin City (4), Jenin RC (4), Zububa (2), Arraba (2), Birqin (2), Kafr Dan (1), Qabatyia (1), Kafr Ra'l (1), Bir Al Basha (1), Al Yamun (1), Ash Shuhada (1), Flying CP	20	17
Tubas	Tubas City (3), Tammun (2), Tayasir (1), 'Aqqaba (1), flying CP	7	6
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (5), Tulkarm RC (3), 'Anabta (2), Dhinnaba (1), Qaffin (1), Bala'a (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Zeita (1), 'Illar (1)	16	6
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (4), 'Azzun (3), Habla (2), Hajja (1), Jit (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), Flying CP	12	10
Salfit	Salfit City (2), Kafr Ad Dik (1), Farkha (1)	4	1
Ramallah	Ramallah City (5), Beituniya (1)	6	5
Jericho	Jericho City (1)	1	1
Jerusalem	Eizariya <sup>1</sup>	0	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza RC (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda RC (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	15	6
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (1), Dura (2), Beit Awwa, Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1), Nuba, Qilqis (1)	18	12
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>114</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
Central Gaza	Southeast of Al Bureij Camp (1) <sup>2</sup>	1	70
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>152</b>

<sup>1</sup> 6 July: Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle but no Injuries were reported. Afterwards, the Israeli border police detained one Palestinian.

<sup>2</sup> 5 July: During the IDF incursion into the area southeast of Al Bureij Camp, IDF soldiers took up sniper positions on the roofs of three Palestinian houses and conducted a house-search operation under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. A total of 70 Palestinians were arrested by the IDF for interrogation, 62 of whom were released (Central Gaza).

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by PA security forces, (number of searches, number of arrests per location)	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Jerusalem	Kufr 'Aqab (1,1) <sup>1</sup>	1	1
Bethlehem	Za'atara (2,2)	2	2
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Gaza Strip<sup>2</sup></b>			
Gaza	Sha'af area in the Tufah quarter (1, 2), Rimal Quarter (n/a, n/a)	1	2
Central Gaza	Al Maghazi Camp (1, 6), Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah (1,1)	2	7
Rafah	Rafah (1, 6)	1	6
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> The arrested individual was identified as a Hamas member.

<sup>2</sup> All were carried out by ESF members. In Gaza, Central Gaza, and Rafah, the incidents included arresting suspected narcotics dealers and a family feud in which the ESF intervened and confiscated weapons.

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 4 – 10 July 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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. <b>On 3 July</b> , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that continues to prevent them from travelling southwards through the CP.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. <b>On 3 July</b> , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that continues to prevent them from travelling southwards through the CP.
<b>'Anabta</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. <b>On 3 July</b> , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that continues to prevent them from travelling southwards through the CP.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	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.
<b>Jit Junction Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. <b>On 3 July</b> , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that continues to prevent them from travelling southwards through the CP.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate. <b>On 3 July</b> , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that continues to prevent them from travelling southwards through the CP.
<b>Kafr Qasem On Road 5.</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara Southern main entrance</b>	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. Delays and long queues were reported this week. <b>On 3 July</b> , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that continues to prevent them from travelling southwards through the CP.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	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.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley</b>	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.

<b>Shave Shomeron</b> <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards. <b>On 3 July</b> , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that continues to prevent them from travelling southwards through the CP.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Only open for humanitarian organizations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Al Badhan Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours. <b>On 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 July</b> : major delays were reported at the checkpoint.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b>	Is the main entrance to Israel. Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2100 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave, UN and international organisations. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <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.
<b>Tayasir</b> <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. However, some delays were reported during the reporting period.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <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.
<b>Hamra</b> <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. However, some delays were reported during the reporting period.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	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. Some delays

were reported during the morning and evening rush hours.

<b>An Nabi Salih gate Partial Checkpoint</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba</b>	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.
<b>Makkabim On Highway 443</b>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. 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. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
<b>Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</b>	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). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
<b>Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance, on Road 1</b>	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).
<b>Ar Ram Northern entrance, on Road 60</b>	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. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</b>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436</b>	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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</b>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.

<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> <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.
<b>Abu Dis</b> <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> <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.
<b>Jaba'</b> <i>On the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <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.
<b>An Nwemeh Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>The Dead Sea</b>	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.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <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.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <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.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> <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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <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 ID 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.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> <i>Southern entrance to settlement</i>	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> <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.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> <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.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates</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 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.
<b>Meitar</b> <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.
<b>Shani</b> <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.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <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.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <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.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <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.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. During the reporting period the IDF manned the checkpoint. 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. However, during the reporting period, Palestinians crossed the checkpoint after having had minimal ID checks and delays.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' checkpoint)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road 60</i>	Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>The junction between the two towns on Road 35</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	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. On 4 July, senior Palestinian traders crossed Erez for the first time since 12 June.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing was closed all week. However, on 7 July, Egyptian forces reportedly allowed the entry (into Gaza) of approximately 20 PA National Security officers who had fled to Egypt on 15 June.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <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. <b>On 3 July</b> , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that continues to prevent them from travelling southwards through the CP.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <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

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movement of goods.

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**Gaza Strip****Karni**

Karni crossing was open on 4 and 10 July for the crossing of wheat grain and wheat and was closed on 5, 6, 7 (weekend), 8 and 9 July. However, on 5 July, Palestinians were able to bring into Gaza the cement that had been brought to and stored at the warehouses in Karni crossing before 12 June.

**Sufa**

Sufa crossing was open all week for the crossing of commercial commodities and humanitarian aid. On 6 and 7 July, it was closed (weekend).

**Kerem Shalom**

Kerem Shalom was open on 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 July for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by WFP, WHO and ICRC. On 6 and 7 July, it was closed.

**Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines**

Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for six scheduled operating days. On Saturday 7 July, they were closed for the weekend.

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**Method and Sources**

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

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

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.