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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

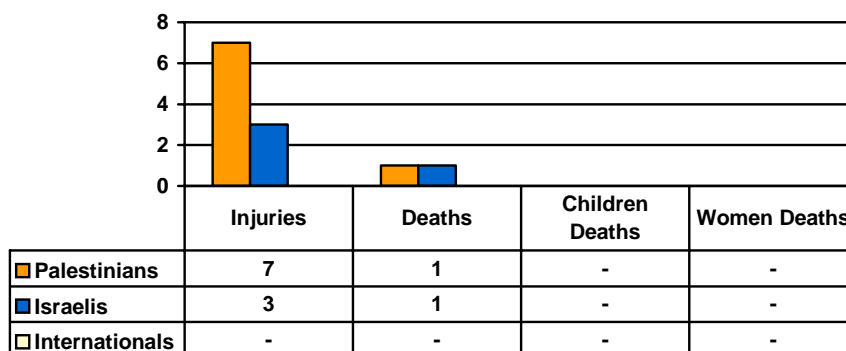
Gaza Strip:

- An IDF soldier was killed and two others were injured during an IDF incursion into the area east of Al Bureij Camp. Three Palestinians were injured, two by an IAF rocket and one due to Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire by IDF soldiers stationed at the airport in Rafah. A total of four IDF air strikes were carried out.
- A total of 24 Qassam rockets, 25 mortar shells, and three RPGs were fired from the Gaza Strip; 12 rockets were fired towards Sderot, five rockets and three mortars towards Kerem Shalom crossing, and six mortars towards Erez crossing. Two rockets landed in the Palestinian area and two RPGs missed their target (an IDF patrol). In Sderot, one Israeli man was lightly wounded when a Qassam rocket struck his home, one rocket damaged a fence at a local Kibbutz, and one rocket started a fire in an open area.
- IDF bulldozers leveled land east of Al Bureij Camp, uprooted 20 dunums of olive trees, as well as bulldozed and damaged one house (Central Gaza). On another occasion, IDF tanks leveled land in Al Umour area east of Rafah (Rafah).
- Rafah crossing was last open on 9 June. Thousands of Palestinians travelers, including women, children and ill persons remain stranded in Egypt and unable to return to their homes in Gaza. A 29-year-old Palestinian woman, the mother of three children including a six-month-old child, died at an Egyptian hospital after having been stuck in Egypt for more than 35 days.
- Humanitarian assistance continues to enter Gaza through Kerem Shalom and Sufa. Critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements exited through Erez. Karni, which has generally been closed since 12 June, was partially open for one day this week after special coordination was made for the crossing of wheat grain.

West Bank:

- One Palestinian was killed (Tulkarm) and four were injured (Ramallah, Qalqiliya, and Hebron) in direct conflict related incidents. One Israeli woman was injured as a result of stone throwing (Ramallah). Five Palestinians were injured in a family feud (Qalqiliya).
- 16 July: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Otni'el uprooted about 100 olive trees in the vicinity of the settlement in preparation for its expansion (Hebron).
- 17 July: The IDF closed Beit Iba, 'Anabta and Jit checkpoints (Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya, respectively) as well as the segment of Road 60 stretching from Shave Shomron checkpoint to Silat Adh Dhahr in order to prevent settlers from marching to the evacuated settlement of Khomeh. This closure caused major obstacles to the movement of Palestinians in the area.
- The Israeli High Court issued an order to the Israeli DCL in Gush Etzion to improve the humanitarian conditions at their offices (Bethlehem). The order came in response to an appeal filed by the Catholic Centre for Human Rights (a.k.a. Saint Eve).
- There were 75 search campaigns, 105 arrests, and 100 flying checkpoints.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



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

1. [Physical Protection – conflict related casualties](#)

Gaza Strip:

- **12 July:** An IDF soldier was killed and two others were injured after an IDF unit entered 500 meters into the Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij Camp. Armed clashes erupted between armed Palestinians and IDF soldiers for 20 minutes during which a road side bomb was detonated under an IDF patrol (Central Gaza).
- **12 July:** Two armed members of Islamic Jihad were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a group of armed Palestinians east of Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **13 July:** An armed Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the airport responded with heavy shooting after Hamas members fired three mortar shells from the southern Rafah area towards Kerem Shalom crossing (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **13 July:** Five Israeli tanks and two bulldozers entered 1000 metres into the Palestinian area east of Rafah and were stationed at the Gaza International Airport in an attempt to prevent the launching of Qassam rockets targeting Kerem Shalom crossing. Minor shooting took place and no injuries were reported. On 15 July at 1000 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Rafah).
- **13 July:** Members of Izziddin al-Qassam Brigades fired five mortar shells from the area east of Rafah at Israeli tanks stationed at the airport. The IDF retaliated with HMG fire targeting the area around the airport. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **15 July:** Two RPGs were fired at an IDF patrol passing by the border fence east of Al Bureij Camp, missing the target (Central Gaza).
- **15 July:** Three mortar shells were fired from the area east of Rafah targeting IDF soldiers stationed at the airport. The IDF responded with heavy shooting (Rafah).
- **15 July:** Four mortar shells were fired from Beit Hanoun towards the IDF military base southeast of Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **16 July:** An IAF helicopter fired machine guns sporadically for 20 minutes towards an open area southeast of Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **16 July:** An IAF helicopter fired one rocket towards a suspected rocket-launching site near the agricultural school northwest of Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **17 July:** There was an attempt to fire one Qassam rocket from the area north of Beit Hanoun towards the Green line. The rocket detonated at the launching site. IDF tanks stationed southeast of Beit Hanoun responded with HMG fire and one tank shell towards the launching site (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **12 July:** A Palestinian man was shot and injured by the IDF at a flying checkpoint on bypass Road 60. According to the IDF, the man is affiliated with Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade and was shot while attempting to flee the IDF checkpoint (Ramallah).
- **13 July:** One Palestinian man was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the Israeli Border Police during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors against the Barrier constructed in Bil'in village (Ramallah).
- **13 July:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was killed at 'Anabta checkpoint (Tulkarm) during an exchange of fire with the IDF. The man was from Kafr Ra'i (Jenin).
- **15 July:** One Israeli woman was injured by stones thrown by Palestinians while she was driving her vehicle on bypass Road 443 (Ramallah).
- **16 July:** A 77-year-old Palestinian man from Deir Istiya was physically assaulted by settlers near Wadi Qana while he was on his way to his land (Qalqiliya). The man was transported to a hospital in Nablus.
- **16 July:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 area of Hebron City was injured when a group of settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba physically assaulted him (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **12 July:** At 11:30, the Israeli Border Police closed a Palestinian youth summer camp in Wadi El Joz. The reason is unknown.
- **15 July:** At 12:00, the Israeli Border Police found a suspicious explosive device in Al Eizariyya neighbourhood near the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **12 July:** A Palestinian bystander was injured during an armed family feud in Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **12 July:** A 31-year-old Palestinian man, who had been detained by Islamic Jihad members near the border line east of Al Bureij Camp, was found dead. According to Islamic Jihad, the man was an Israeli collaborator. Islamic Jihad claims that the man was seen coming out of an Israeli military vehicle in an Israeli uniform, changing into civilian clothes, and then crossing the fence into Gaza before they captured him (Central Gaza).
- **15 July:** A 45-year-old Palestinian man passed away shortly after he was admitted along with his 37-year-old brother to Shifa hospital following their interrogation by Izziddin al-Qassam Brigades at al-Mashtal intelligence outpost (Gaza).
- **16 July:** Four Palestinian children were injured when an unexploded anti-tank shell exploded in their hands while they were attempting to destroy it in Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **17 July:** Two Palestinian children were injured when a roadside bomb was detonated in front of a nearby police base in Deir El Balah which is now occupied by the ESF. The children were playing in the vicinity of the base (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **11 July:** Members of a local family exchanged gun fire with a group of armed Islamic Jihad members who were attempting to fire Qassam rockets from the area north of Beit Lahiya, in order to prevent them from doing so (North Gaza).
- **12 July:** Hamas supporters organised a sit-in at the Unknown Soldier's park to protest the decision of President Abbas to stop the payment of salaries for all employees hired after December 2005. At 1900 hours, the sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **12 July:** Ten Hamas members erected a tent in front of Rafah terminal to protest the closure of the terminal (Rafah).
- **14 July:** A group of Islamic Jihad members entered an UNRWA school in Rafah in an attempt to fire rockets from the school (Rafah).
- **14 July:** Three armed members of Al Qassam Brigades broke into an UNRWA school in Al-Shouka. They broke the gate lock using a stone and then climbed to the classrooms on the third floor in order to take sniper positions. They later left the premises (Rafah).
- **15 July:** 50 merchants organised a sit-in at the former Palestinian DCO office demanding that Erez crossing be opened. At 1145 hours, the sit-in ended peacefully (North Gaza).

Ongoing incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 July to date:** PA employees who were employed after December 2005 organised a sit-in and erected tents at the Unknown Soldier's Park to protest the non-payment of their salaries. The sit-in is ongoing (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **11 July:** Five Palestinian men were injured and one house was burnt in Ras at Tira village due to an on-going family feud (Qalqiliya).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **12 July:** A 30-year-old Fatah member was shot and injured by the ESF during a demonstration organised by Fatah party in support of President Abbas. 5000 people participated in the demonstration that began at Bani Suheila junction and continued throughout Khan Younis Camp. The demonstrators stoned ESF members stationed at the junction while the ESF responded by shooting in the air to disperse the demonstrators (Khan Younis).

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.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **11 July:** An internal armed dispute erupted between two local families in Deir El Balah. The exchange of gunfire lasted for ten minutes. No injuries were reported. The ESF arrived and arrested two persons (Central Gaza).
- **12 July:** The ESF intervened in a dispute amongst members of a local family that escalated into a 15-minute exchange of gunfire. They arrested one person (North Gaza).
- **14 July:** Six masked gunmen halted a skip lift belonging to Al Bureij municipality. The gunmen abducted the driver and the worker and hijacked the skip lift. At 2300 hours, the ESF recovered the skip lift and handed it over to the municipality. They arrested the six kidnappers and the abducted persons were released (Central Gaza).

West Bank:Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **11 July:** Member of the Fatah-affiliated Shabibeh student bloc at Birzeit University physically attacked a peaceful sit-in on campus held by members of the Hamas-affiliated Islamic student bloc in protest against political arrests and the abduction of three students from the Islamic bloc at midnight on 10 July. Classes at the university were suspended for the following day but went back to normal on 16 July.

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
12 July	Jinsafut, Qalqiliya	1	-	17	-
12 July	Hajja, Qalqiliya	1	-	-	None
12 July	Ras at Tira, Qalqiliya	3	-	-	Unknown
12 July	Bureij Camp, Central Gaza	-	1	-	5+
12 July	East of Bureij Camp, Central Gaza	-	1	Unknown	7+
12 July	East of Rafah, Rafah	-	2+	-	Unknown
Total		5	4+	17	12+

12 July: The IDF demolished a two-storey building in Jinsafut village due to the lack of a building permit—the building is in area C. The first floor was used as an animal pen and the second as a residential place. A total of 17 persons, including seven children, and their animals were affected (Qalqiliya).

12 July: The IDF demolished an uninhabited but furnished house in Hajja village due to the lack of a building permit. The house owner had died a couple of months prior to the demolition. The building is in area C (Qalqiliya).

12 July: The IDF demolished a house under construction and two water cisterns in Ras at Tira village (inside the Alfe Menashe enclave west of the Barrier) due to the lack of building permits. The three structures are located in area C (Qalqiliya).

12 July: An IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a group of armed Palestinians gathered east of Al Bureij Camp. The rocket missed the target and instead hit a house belonging to a local family. The house was damaged (Central Gaza).

12 July: The IDF remained positioned east of Al Bureij Camp (on Palestinian territory) and bulldozed and damaged one house belonging to a local family (Central Gaza).

14 July: Four mortar shells and one RPG were fired from the area east of Rafah targeting IDF soldiers positioned at the airport. The IDF retaliated with HMG fire in the direction of several houses. The houses were damaged but no injuries were reported (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

12 July: The IDF forcibly entered the offices of the Zakat Committee in Qalqiliya City and confiscated computers and files.

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:

- **11 July:** During the on-going family feud in Ras at Tira village, one Palestinian house was burnt (Qalqiliya).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

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).

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

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

- 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 closed 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.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

12 July: An Israeli contractor working on the commercial terminal near the village of An Numan cut off water pipelines supplying water to the village. As a result, the village was left without water and this remains the case as of 17 July.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
 - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City). Additional lengths of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
 - Land levelling continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and near the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.
 - Sections of the Barrier have been placed in the vicinity of Har Gilo settlement.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the junction with Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the 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.

Hebron Governorate:

16 June: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Otni'el uprooted about 100 olive trees in the vicinity of the settlement in preparation for its expansion.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Gaza Strip:

- **12 July:** The IDF remained positioned east of Al Bureij Camp on Palestinian territory. IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated land in the area, uprooted 20 dunums of olive trees, and bulldozed one house belonging to a local family. At 0300 hours, 15 armoured vehicles backed by helicopters entered 700 metres into the same location to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 1745 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Central Gaza).
- **14 July:** Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 800 meters into Palestinian territory in Al Umour area east of Rafah to conduct a levelling operation (Rafah).

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 military operations.

b) Access to education

No incidents to report.

c) Access to employment

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

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

General:

- **3—15 July:** 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 were 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.
- **17 July:** The IDF closed Beit Iba, 'Anabta and Jit checkpoints as well as the segment of Road 60 stretching from Shave Shomron checkpoint up to Silat Adh Dhahr village in order to prevent settlers from marching to the evacuated settlement of Khomeh. This closure caused major obstacles to the movement of Palestinians in the area.

Nablus Governorate:

11—17 July: Major delays were reported at Zaatara and Al Badhan checkpoint.

13 July: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours following some shooting at the checkpoint.

13 July: The IDF closed Yizhar checkpoint for two hours following some shooting at Huwwara checkpoint.

13 July: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint for several hours.

17 July: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours due to the presence of a suspicious vehicle near the checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- **3—15 July:** 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 were 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—15 July:** 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 were 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—15 July:** 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 were 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:

11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 July: Major delays were reported at 'Anabta and Kafriat Tunnel/Ar Ras checkpoints.

13 July: The IDF closed 'Anabta checkpoint for several hours after the killing of a Palestinian by the IDF at the checkpoint.

14 July: Deir al Ghusun Municipality opened the dirt road connecting the village with the garbage dump site. The road had been closed by the IDF with an earthmound since 26 June.

16 July: The IDF erected a flying checkpoint on Road 57 near the entrance of Beit Lid village. However, the two concrete blocks used to erect the checkpoint still remain on the side of the road.

Ongoing incidents:

- **3—15 July:** 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 were prevented from travelling southwards through Kafriat, Kafriat Tunnel/Ar Ras and 'Anabta checkpoints in Tulkarm.
- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

13 July to date: IDF soldiers positioned at the flying checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) prevented Arab Israelis from entering the city.

16 July: The IDF erected a flying checkpoint on Road 55 near Al Funduq village. However, the two concrete blocks used to erect the checkpoint still remain on the side of the road.

17 July: The IDF closed the 'Azzun 'Atma Barrier gate for one hour.

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:

16 July: The IDF erected a flying checkpoint on Road 505 near the entrance of Marda village. However, the two concrete blocks used to erect the checkpoint still remain on the side of the road.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

16 July: Long delays were reported at Atara checkpoint during the morning rush hours. (In addition, some delays were reported throughout the week at the checkpoint).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jerusalem Governorate:

During the reporting period: Long delays at Qalandiya, Jaba' and Al Ram checkpoints were reported, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours. There were reports of particularly long waiting times at Jaba' checkpoint in the mornings.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

14 July: Very long delays were reported at Hamra checkpoint during the day. Palestinian commuters reported several incidents of IDF verbal harassment and public checks of their personal belongings and clothes.

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or to travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **9 January to date:** Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- **26 April to date:** Access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley improved. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. However, a personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Bethlehem Governorate:

During the reporting period: Long delays at Gilo checkpoint were reported, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

Hebron Governorate:

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 senior Palestinian businessmen as well as the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. However, since 4 July and for the first time since 12 June, a very limited number of senior Palestinian businessmen were permitted to cross Erez towards Israel and the West Bank. (Appendix for daily log of movement is not available due to the non-presence of staff at the Palestinian DCL).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing was partially open for one day this week (11 July) after special coordination was made for the crossing of wheat grain on conveyors due to shortages on the local market. No trucks were permitted to cross. Karni has been closed since 12 June. Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
- Sufa crossing was open on all scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid.
- Kerem Shalom was open for one day this week (11 July) for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by international aid organizations.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on all scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (4), Al Badhan village (1), Jamma'in (1), 'Aqraba (3), Burin (1), Beita (1)	11
Jenin	Al Kufeir (3), 'Arraba (3), Sanur (4), Fahma (1), Az Zababida (4), Al Kufeirat (1), Qabatiya (2)	18
Tubas	Al Far'a (1)	1
Tulkarm	Far'un (1), Deir al Ghususn (2), Al Jarushiya (2), Ramin (1)	6
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya entrance (DCO) (7), Habla Tunnel (7), 'Azzun (5), 'Azzun tunnel (3), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (3), Ras Atyia (2), Al Funduq (3), Kafr Thulth (2), Wadi Qana (1), An Nabi Elyas (1)	36
Salfit	Marda (1), Burqin (1), Haris (1)	3
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (2)	2
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
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
Total West Bank		100

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 (3), Nablus City (5), Camp #1 (2), Beita (1) Al Badhan (1), Rujeib (1), Deir Al Hatab (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, Al Badhan CP	14	13
Jenin	Jenin City (3), Jenin RC (2), Arraba (2), Kafr Dan (2), Qabatya (2), Bir Al Basha (1), Al 'Araqa (1), Rummana (2)	15	7
Tubas	Al Far'a camp (1), Tammun (1)	2	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1), 'Anabta CP	1	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (5), 'Azzun (4), Jayyus (2), Hajja (2), Ras at Tira (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), Jit (1), North Qalqiliya CP	16	10
Salfit	Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (1)	2	0
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1)	1	2
Jericho	Allenby Bridge	0	1
Jerusalem ¹	Sur Bahir (1)	1	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza RC, Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda RC, Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Bethlehem (1), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra, Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1)	9	6
Hebron	Hebron City (2), Al 'Arrub Camp, Dura (2), Beit Awwa, Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1), Nuba	14	14
Total Week West Bank		75	55
Gaza Strip			
Central Gaza	Al Bureij Camp ²	0	50
Total Gaza Strip		0	50
Total oPt		75	105

¹ **Previous Reporting Period:** In addition, on **10 July** at 2030 hours, the IDF and Israeli Border Police entered Sur Bahir and detained one Palestinian.

² **12 July:** During the IDF incursion east of Al Bureij Camp, the IDF called males aged between 16 and 45 years to gather in an open area and arrested 50 Palestinians for interrogation. 47 of the 50 persons who were arrested were later released while three remain in custody (Central Gaza).

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, (number of searches, number of arrests per location)	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Jenin	Kafr Dan (1, 1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1, 1)	1	1
Salfit	Salfit City (1, 2)	1	2
Hebron	Tabaqa (1,1)	1	1
Total Week West Bank¹		4	5
Gaza Strip			
North Gaza ²	Unspecified (1, 1)	1	1
Gaza ³	Gaza City (1, 3)	1	3
Central Gaza ²	Deir El Balah (1, 2), Bureij Camp (1, 1), Bureij Camp (1,6)	3	9
Khan Younis ²	Khan Younis RC (0, 50) ⁴	0	50
Total Gaza Strip		5	63
Total oPt		9	68

¹ Carried out by Palestinian security forces.

² Carried out by ESF—the Palestinian security force under the authority of the Hamas headed administration in Gaza. The incident in North Gaza and Deir El Balah were family feuds, the person arrested in Bureij Camp was an alleged drug dealer carrying 2.15 kg of cocaine, and the six arrested in Bureij Camp were abductors (see Section 2 above).

³ **9 July:** Three brothers were arrested by members of Izziddin al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of the Hamas movement; at least 40 armed masked men raided their house in al-Nasser neighborhood in Gaza City and transferred them to al-Mashtal outpost north of al-Shati refugee camp west of Gaza City. The outpost has been controlled by al-Qassam Brigades since Hamas's takeover of the Gaza Strip. On **15 July**, the two brothers were admitted to Shifa hospital following interrogation and one of them passed away at the hospital. Unconfirmed reports indicate that they were arrested upon suspicion of collaboration with Israel. However, there were no official statements from ESF or Izziddin al-Qassam Brigades (Gaza).

⁴ **12 July:** During the demonstration held by Fatah party members in Khan Younis Camp, Fatah-affiliated sources indicate that 50 protestors were detained by the ESF. On 14 July at 0700hrs, all but one of those detained were released after reportedly being beaten. Ten detainees had their heads shaved and three had their moustaches shaved (Khan Younis).

Appendix: Checkpoints: 11 – 17 July 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 0500 to 0630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0500 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara. Between 3 and 15 July , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that prevented them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Between 3 and 15 July , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that prevented them from travelling southwards through the CP.
'Anabta	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Between 3 and 15 July , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that prevented them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
Jit Junction Partial Checkpoint	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Between 3 and 15 July , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that prevented them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate. Between 3 and 15 July , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that prevented them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Kafr Qasem On Road 5.	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 0600 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues were reported this week. Between 3 and 15 July , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that prevented them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 0500 to 1930 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 0530 to 2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.

Shave Shomeron <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.
Zaatara (Tappouah) <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards. Between 3 and 15 July , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that prevented them from travelling southwards through the CP.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Only open for humanitarian organizations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar Partial Checkpoint	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Al Badhan Partial Checkpoint	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours. 11—17 July : major delays were reported at the checkpoint.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama	Is the main entrance to Israel. Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <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.
Mevo Dotan (New) <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas:	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Long delays were reported during the reporting period.
Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Long delays were reported on 14 July.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Long delays were reported on 16 July.

An Nabi Salih gate Partial Checkpoint	Open.
At Tayba	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open 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.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 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.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance, on Road 1	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram Northern entrance, on Road 60	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.
Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours. Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and valid permits, Internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians) can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through

	this checkpoint.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
Jaba' <i>On the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO <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'ayem, As Sawahira village and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh Partial Checkpoint <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. No soldiers were present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
The Dead Sea	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. Open 24 hours daily for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for all Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint.
An Nu'man <i>On the main entrance of Khamat an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
Ein Yalow <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Partial Checkpoint <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local 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.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata <i>Southern entrance to settlement</i>	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with no ID checks performed.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (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.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. However, during the current reporting period, it was reported that Palestinian workers holding valid permits to work in Israel were camping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel</i>	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. On 17 July, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented an MSF vehicle from passing the checkpoint en route to the Palestinian hamlet of Jinba to assess the community's water quality.
Prayers Road, H2 <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.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing

	one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians with a Ramadeen address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Throughout the week , it was reported that the Israeli Border Police manning Ar Ramadin checkpoint delayed Palestinians workers for long periods of time since the ID check process was slow.
Halhul – Sa'ir Partial Checkpoint <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' checkpoint)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Partial Checkpoint <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road 60</i>	Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna Partial Checkpoint <i>The junction between the two towns on Road 35</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Partial Checkpoint <i>Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was open all week for Palestinian traders as well as the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. However, since 4 July and for the first time since 12 June, a very limited number of senior Palestinian businessmen were permitted to cross Erez towards Israel and the West Bank. The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was closed all week. It was last open on 9 June.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 0800 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint. Between 3 and 15 July , an age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin, Tubas and Tulkarm aged between 16 and 35 years that prevented them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Jenin	
Al Jalama <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are no longer allowed through the checkpoint as it has become solely open for the

movement of goods.

Gaza Strip	
Karni	Karni crossing was open on 11 July for the crossing of wheat grain, and was closed on 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17 July (14 July weekend). Karni crossing has generally been closed since 12 June.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open this week (11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17) for the crossing of commercial commodities and humanitarian aid. On 14 July, it was closed (weekend).
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on 11 July for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by international aid organizations. On all other days, it was closed.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open 6 on scheduled operating days. On Saturday 14 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.