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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

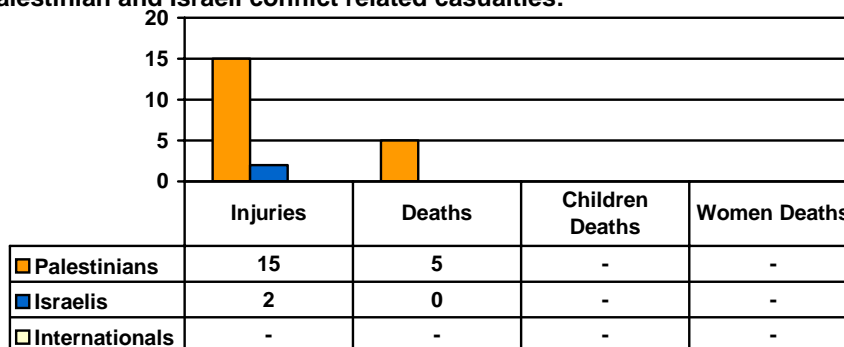
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed five Palestinians, four in North Gaza and one in Gaza.
- Three women of the same family were killed in an incident linked to a family honour crime (Central Gaza) and nine persons were injured due to armed family feuds (eight in Central Gaza and one in Khan Younis). In addition, 13 Palestinians were injured due to factional violence and one died of wounds sustained during factional clashes between 10-17 June.
- 14 Qassam rockets, one of which detonated at the launching site, and 27 mortar shells were reportedly fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. Of these, nine rockets were fired towards Sderot and 16 mortars towards Kissufim military base. As a result, and according to Israeli media reports, one woman was lightly injured near Sapir College in Sderot and one baby was injured by shrapnel at a home in Kibbutz Karmiya near Ashkelon. In addition, Qassams caused damage to a number of buildings in Sderot, including a few houses, some stores and one elementary school building.
- Humanitarian assistance continues to enter Gaza through Kerem Shalom and Sufa. Critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements exited through Erez. At Karni, the conveyor belt operated for one day to transfer wheat into Gaza. Thousands of Palestinian travelers, including women, children and the sick, remain in Egypt due to the closure of Rafah crossing.

West Bank:

- 13 Palestinians were injured by the IDF, including four in Nablus and seven in Ramallah. In addition, two Palestinians, including one child, were injured from attacks by Israeli settlers (Qalqiliya and Nablus). One ten-year-old child was also injured when an Israeli settler's vehicle hit him in the head in the H2 area of Hebron City.
- Six Palestinians were injured during armed factional clashes between Fatah and Hamas supporters at An Najah University in Nablus City.
- **22 and 23 July:** The IDF closed Beit Iba and Jit checkpoints to the entire Palestinian population and erected flying checkpoints at all the entrances of villages connected to Road 60 near the dismantled Homesh settlement to prevent Israeli settlers' march to the settlement. This closure forced Palestinians to travel on longer detour routes and caused major movement obstacles. The settlers marched to the settlement, stoned one house in Burqa and broke five of its windows, vandalized five dunums of field crops and 150 almond nursery plants in Burqa, and set fire to animal fodder in Al Mas'udiya (Nablus).
- **24 July:** The Israeli High Court ordered the IDF to dismantle the road barrier along Road 317 within two weeks.
- **During the reporting period:** The District Coordination Liaison office (DCL) resumed contact with the Palestinian DCL offices in Ramallah and Jericho and will hold meetings with their counterparts in the northern West Bank governorates. Seven officers at the Palestinian DCL have been denied entry into the Israeli DCL office on security grounds.
- A total of 119 flying checkpoints, 75 search campaigns, and 57 arrests were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **19 July:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during the IDF incursion into Gaza City on 27 June (Gaza).
- **22 July:** Two Palestinians (aged 21 and 24 years) were killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the border line north of Beit Hanoun fired a surface-to-surface missile towards them. This took place after the two men, who were members of Islamic Jihad, fired two Qassam rockets towards Sderot (North Gaza).
- **22 July:** Two Palestinians (Hamas members aged 24 and 25 years) were killed during an exchange of gunfire between IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Lahiya and Hamas members. IDF troops also fired one tank shell towards an open area (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **19 July:** Islamic Jihad members opened fire at two IDF jeeps spotted along the borderline east of Khuz'a in Khan Younis. The IDF responded with Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **22 July:** The IAF fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying suspected Islamic Jihad members travelling on Beirut Street in Rimmel area in Gaza City. The rocket missed the target and exploded on the street near the Beirut Tower apartment building. Those in the vehicle escaped unharmed. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **23 July:** The IDF stationed at the borderline east of Al Maghazi discovered and detonated a roadside bomb. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **24 July:** Three mortar shells were fired from an area east of Al Qarara at the IDF Kissufim military base. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **24 July:** Seven mortar shells were fired from an area east of Al Qarara at the IDF Kissufim military base. No injuries were reported. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility (Khan Younis).

West Bank:

- **18 July:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Camp No.1, Nablus City, by live ammunition during an exchange of fire with the IDF (Nablus).
- **20 July:** Two Palestinian boys (aged 16 and 17 years) were injured in Camp No.1 during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers (Nablus).
- **20 July:** An 18-year-old Palestinian man from Fara'ta was physically assaulted and injured when settlers from Gila'd outpost entered the village and attacked the residents. He was then transported to a hospital in Nablus (Qalqiliya).
- **20 July:** An 18-year-old Palestinian man from Jenin City was physically assaulted and injured by the IDF at a flying checkpoint near Qabatiya. He was then transported to a hospital in Jenin (Jenin).
- **20 July:** Seven Palestinian men were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the Israeli Border Police during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, international and Israeli protestors against the Barrier constructed in Bil'in village (Ramallah).
- **22 July:** A Palestinian man (in his mid 40s) from the town of Dura was injured when IDF soldiers opened fire at him while he was grazing his sheep. The man had a hunting rifle and opened fire towards the soldiers without knowing their identity. The soldiers opened fire at him and then transported him to an Israeli hospital (Hebron).
- **23 July:** A 36-year-old Palestinian man was injured while he was inside his house in Burqa when the IDF fired live ammunition at Palestinian stone throwers in the village (Nablus).
- **24 July:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was physically assaulted and injured by Israeli settlers near Qusra (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **18 July:** A 42-year-old suspected narcotics dealer was injured during an exchange of gunfire that lasted 20 minutes. The ESF had pursued him while he was travelling in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **19 July:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was injured when armed members of a local family opened fire towards his vehicle in Khan Younis. The motive is linked to an ongoing family dispute (Khan Younis).
- **19 July:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man was injured during an armed family dispute that erupted between two local families in Al Maghazi Camp. The ESF were called to the scene and they exchanged gunfire with one of the families for five minutes. The armed family members later fled the scene and no further injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **22 July:** The bodies of three women (sisters aged 16, 19 and 22 years) were found after unknown persons travelling in a jeep dumped them in a grave at the Martyrs Cemetery in Wadi Salqa area east of Deir El-Balah. The bodies were brought to the hospital after residents informed the ESF of the incident. The motive remains unknown. However, there is a general perception that it was an “honour killing” crime (Central Gaza).
- **21 July:** Three members of a local family were beaten and taken to the police station during a dispute between members of a local family and ESF members in Rafah. This took place after the ESF handed them a summons to appear at the police station for an unknown reason. The family members shredded the summons and the ESF began shooting in the air (Rafah).
- **22 July:** Three Palestinian men were injured during an internal dispute between two local families in Al Maghazi Camp—the exchange of gunfire lasted 30 minutes (Central Gaza).
- **23 July:** Two Palestinian men (aged 18 and 20 years) were injured during a dispute among members of a local family that escalated into an exchange of gunfire in Bureij Camp. The ESF intervened and brought the situation under control (Central Gaza).
- **24 July:** Two Palestinian men were injured during an internal armed dispute between two local families in Nuseirat Camp. The ESF arrested three of those involved from both families (Central Gaza).
- **23 July:** A 36-year-old UNRWA staff member was severely beaten when ten men carrying sticks and an object believed to be an explosive device stormed the UNRWA office in Rafah. The attackers escaped before ESF members arrived. The motive was linked to an internal dispute (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **19 July:** 100 vendors protested the ESF action taken to remove their stalls from Omar Al Mukhtar Street in Gaza city. The vendors moved from Palestine Square and proceeded to the office of the dismissed Prime Minister Ism’ail Haniyeh. The demonstration ended peacefully. Media reports indicate that the ESF ordered vendors to remove their stalls in order to ease traffic congestion in the area (Gaza).
- **19 July:** 2,000 children attending Hamas summer camps demonstrated in support of the Palestinians stranded in Egypt and the importance of opening the crossing. The demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **19 July:** 2,500 supporters of Islamic Jihad, PFLP and DFLP demonstrated in support of Palestinians stranded in Egypt and the opening of the crossing. The demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).

Ongoing incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 July to date:** PA employees continue to hold a sit-in at the Unknown Solider Park in Gaza City to protest the non-payment of their salaries (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **24 July:** A 10-year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 area of Hebron City was injured when a vehicle belonging to an Israeli settler from Kiryat Araba hit him in the head (Hebron).

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.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **22 July:** A 24-year-old PA Presidential Guard officer died of wounds sustained during internal armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas between 10 and 17 June in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **22 July:** an ESF member was injured by unidentified gunmen travelling in a vehicle who opened fire at a group of ESF members near Al-Jawhara building on Al Wehda Street in Gaza City. The gunmen escaped (Gaza).
- **23 July:** A Palestinian legislative Council (PLC) member affiliated with Fatah movement, Ashraf Jum'a, and 11 of his bodyguards were injured when members from the Fatah-affiliated Al-Yasser Brigades broke into his office in Rafah. Al-Yasser Brigades claimed that Jum'a had removed the names of the Brigades' members from the payroll roster. The PRC intervened and brought the situation under control (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **During the reporting period:** The ESF continues to prevent PA employees from entering some PA ministry buildings to ensure compliance with a Hamas decision to respect the Thursday-Friday weekend.
- **18 July:** a new Hamas-affiliated mayor was appointed at the Beit Lahiya municipality.
- **19 July:** a new Hamas-affiliated mayor was appointed at Al Bureij municipalities.
- **21 July:** A new Hamas-affiliated director was appointed as the head of Kamal 'Udwan hospital. On 22 July at 1000 hours, hospital employees went on strike to protest the removal of the former hospital director from his post. The protest ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **23 July:** 3000 Hamas supporters demonstrated in Jabalia Camp in protest against President Abbas's call for early elections and against the arrests of Hamas members in the West Bank. The demonstration ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- **23 July:** Hamas movement in Khan Younis ousted Fatah leadership and established new administrative committees at the following: Al Amal Youth Activity Centre; the Labourers Association; and the College of Science and Technology. Staff at the College of Science and Technology announced a two-day strike in protest against the placement of Hamas officers at the college's main gate (Khan Younis).
- **23 July:** Fatah supporters demonstrated in protest against the attack on the office of PLC Fatah member Mr. Ashraf Guma'a. They moved from Al Najjar hospital to Jum'a's office. The demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **24 July:** Approximately 10,000 Hamas supporters demonstrated in protest against PA attacks on Hamas activists and premises in the West Bank. The demonstration moved from the Gaza City mosques toward the PLC building. The demonstration ended peacefully.

West Bank:

- **24 July:** Six Palestinian students were injured during clashes between Fatah and Hamas supporters at An Najah University, including one from Seida village in Tulkarm who was pronounced brain dead at the hospital. The PA police intervened and arrested 20 students. The University administration closed the university until further notice (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **18 July:** Female supporters of Hamas held a demonstration in front of the PA police station in Nablus City to demand the release of their relatives who were arrested by the PA. The PA police forcibly dispersed the demonstration and arrested five persons (Nablus).

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
<i>Previous Reporting Period</i>					
17 July 2007	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	1	-	N/A	8 (incl. 6 children)
17 July 2007	At Tur, Jerusalem	1	-	N/A	-
17 July 2007	Anata, Jerusalem	1	-	N/A	9 (incl. 7 children)
<i>Current Reporting Period</i>					
19 July 2007	Zawata, Nablus	-	1	None	7
22 July 2007	Burqa, Nablus	-	1	None	None
24 July 2007	Beit Ummar, Hebron	1	-	None	N/A
24 July 2007	Gaza	-	1	-	7
Total		4	3	None	31

Previous Reporting Period:

- **17 July:** One house was demolished by the Israeli authorities in Beit Hanina allegedly for lack of a building permit. The house is home to an eight-member family, including six children. The same house was previously demolished in 2003 and rebuilt its owners. There is an ongoing legal battle between two brothers related to who is the rightful owner of the land. (Jerusalem).
- **17 July:** One house was demolished in At Tur by its owners after they received a house demolition order; the family wanted to avoid the high costs of demolition by the Israeli authorities (Jerusalem).
- **17 July:** One house was demolished by the Israeli authorities in Anata allegedly for lack of a building permit. The house is home to a nine-member family, including seven children. The house was immediately rebuilt by the members of the summer camp of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHN). The residing family is to move back this week (Jerusalem).

Current Reporting Period

- **19 July:** The IDF demolished part of a house in Zawata village after they surrounded the house to arrest a person wanted by the Israeli authorities (Nablus).
- **22 July:** The Israeli settlers who marched to Khomesh settlement attacked a house in Burqa village with stones and broke five windows (Nablus).
- **24 July:** Considering it suspicious, the IDF blew up a private car near the town of Beit Ummar (Hebron).
- **24 July:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying suspected militants travelling on Shifa Street in Gaza City. The rocket missed the target and hit a house. The house was damaged but no injuries were reported (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **18 July:** IDF soldiers verbally ordered an owner of a shop located near the settlement of Beit Romano in the H2 area of Hebron City to close his shop indefinitely due to its proximity to the settlement. No written order was given to him.
- **23 and 24 July:** At 1140 hours on 23 July and 0830 hours on 24 July, settlers forcibly entered Al Aqsa mosque compound under the protection of the Israeli Police. Due to the Jewish holiday of Tish'ah B'Av, their number was larger than the number of settlers who regularly attempt to enter the compound.

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:

West Bank:

- **24 July:** A fire was set to building housing the department of students' affairs at An Najah University, causing damage to some rooms. Reports accused 120 female students (Hamass supporters) who had held a sit-in in protest against the clashes at the university.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

22 July: Approximately 6000 dunums of land were set on fire in the stretch of land between Al Badhan and Beit Dajan villages. The land is mostly used for grazing, according to the Ministry of Agriculture's office in Nablus and eyewitness accounts. The IDF was firing flares from the Elon Moreh area when the fire erupted. The burnt grazing land was used by herders from the villages of Al Badhan, An Nassariya, Al 'Aqrabaniya, Beit Hasan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab, Salim and Beit Dajan.

22 July: During a march towards the evacuated settlement of Khomesh, settlers vandalized five dunums of field crops and 150 almond nursery plants in Burqa village as well as set fire to animal fodder in Al Mas'udiya village (Nablus).

22 July: Settlers from Yizhar settlement, set fire to olive groves belonging to Palestinians from 'Einabus and Huwwara villages. According to the Ministry of Agriculture's office in Nablus, 100 olive trees were damaged (Nablus).

23 July: Settlers from Ma'ale Levona uprooted 30 olive trees from land belonging to farmers from Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (Nablus).

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:

23 July: The Israeli authorities began to level land for the construction of a new "fabric of life" road between Beit 'Ur at Tahta and Beituniya. In the course of land levelling, around 350 olive trees belonging to Beit 'Ur at Tahta were uprooted by the IDF and replanted in another location in the village.

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).

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

- 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, the iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed was closed to vehicular traffic and ajar for pedestrian passage only, as additional construction and infrastructure work was carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier in Dahiyet al Bareed. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

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:

- **19 July:** Two IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered 200 meters into the Palestinian area east of Al Maghazi Camp to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. IDF soldiers discovered and detonated a road-side bomb. On **20 July**, they withdrew to the border fence (Central Gaza).
- **22 July:** Ten IDF armoured vehicles entered 1 km into the Palestinian area (Al Siyafa area) north of Beit Lahiya to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. IDF soldiers later withdrew to the border fence.

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 maintained a 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 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

22 and 23 July: The IDF closed Beit Iba and Jit checkpoints as well as the segment of Road 60 stretching from Shave Shomron checkpoint up to Silat Adh Dhahr village. The IDF also used cement blocks to erect flying checkpoints on Road 57 near Beit Lid junction (Tulkarm), Road 55 near Al Funduq (Qalqiliya) and on Road 505 near Marda (Salfit). According to the IDF, this closure was imposed to prevent settlers from marching to the evacuated settlement of Khomesh. The closure caused major obstacles to the movement of Palestinians in the area.

Nablus Governorate:

18 and 20 July: major delays were reported at Al Badhan the checkpoint.

22 and 23 July: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint due to settlers' march to the evacuated settlement of Khomesh.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have 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:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

18 July to date: Delays and long queues were reported at 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnels.

23 July: The IDF closed 'Anabta checkpoint for two hours.

22 and 23 July: The IDF placed cement blocks to erect a flying checkpoint on Road 57 near Beit Lid junction, diverting the traffic from the main road into Beit lid village (Road 57).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

22 and 23 July: The IDF placed cement blocks to erect a flying checkpoint on Road 55 near Al Funduq village, diverting the traffic from the main road (Road 55) to alternative roads.

22 and 23 July: The IDF closed Jit checkpoint due to settlers' march to the evacuated settlement of Khomesh.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

22 and 23 July: The IDF placed cement blocks to erect a flying checkpoint on Road 505 near Marda village.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

21 July: An Nabi Salih partial checkpoint was in operation between 0800 and 1500 hours. The IDF checked Palestinian vehicles going into and out of the Bani Zeid cluster. Delays were reported.

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 and Jaba' checkpoints were reported, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: Delays were reported at both Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints; entering and exiting the Jordan Valley area continues to be problematic due to the slow checking process by IDF soldiers manning the checkpoints.

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:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:**

- Despite the Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 stipulating the dismantling of the Road Barrier along Road 317, the Road Barrier is still present. However, in its 24 July session, the Israeli High Court gave the IDF a period of two weeks to completely dismantle the Road Barrier. The court criticised the IDF's failure to act within the six-month limit allotted by the court in its hearing on 14 December 2006.
- 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: the conveyor belt operated for one day to transfer wheat into Gaza (23 July) 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 three days this week (22, 23 and 24 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 (7), Burqa (7)	14
Jenin	Al Kufeir (3), 'Arraba (4), Sanur (4), Az Zababida (2), Al Jalama (1), Qabatiya (1), 'Ajja (1), 'Anza (1), Ash Shuhda (1)	18
Tubas	'Aqqaba (1), Al Far'a Village (2)	3
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (3), Deir al Ghusun (4), Far'un (2), Bal'a (1)	10
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya entrance (DCO) (7), Habla Tunnel (7), 'Azzun (5), 'Azzun tunnel (4), An Nabi Elyas (2), Jinsafut (1), Jayyus (3), Ras Atyia (2), Al Funduq (2), Kafr Thulth (1), Wadi Qana (2), Kafr Laqif (1), Immatain (1)	38
Salfit	-	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (5)	5
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Bet Hanina (7), Sheikh Jarrah (4)	11
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Bethlehem City (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2), Husan, Beit Fajjar (1)	8
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron City – H1(2), Al Arrub RC, Sa'ir (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (2)	12
Total West Bank		119

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus (5), Balata (1), Camp No.1 (2), Zawata (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Huwwara CP	10	17
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin camp (2), Kafr Dan (1), Qabatiya (2), Kafr Rai' (1), Ash Shuhada (1)	11	1
Tubas	Al Far'a village (2), Tammun (1)	3	0
Tulkarm	'Anabta (1), Nur Shams RC (1), Tulkarm RC (1), Flying CP near Deir al Ghusun	3	11
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (5), Habla (3), Jayyus (2), Jit (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Ras at Tira (2), Ras 'Atiya (1)	23	1
Salfit	Deir Istiya (1)	1	1
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1)	1	5
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem ¹	Qalandiya (1)	1	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza RC, Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda RC, Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Bethlehem (1), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra, Beit Fajjar (1), Husan	8	8
Hebron	Hebron City (3), Al 'Arrub Camp, Dura (3), Beit Awwa, Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (1), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1), Nuba	14	11
Total Week West Bank		75	57
Gaza Strip			
North Gaza ²	Al Siyafa area north of Beit Lahiya	0	5
Total Gaza Strip		0	5
Total oPt		75	62

¹ **Previous reporting period, 17 July:** At 0300 hours, the IDF conducted a search operation in Qalandiya Camp and arrested two Palestinians.

² **22 July:** IDF armoured vehicles entered 1 km into Al Siyafa area north of Beit Lahiya. The IDF demanded that all males aged between 16 and 45 years gather in an open area for interrogation. The IDF arrested five members from Al Ghoul family before they withdrew to the border fence. On 24 July, the IDF released the five arrested individuals. (North Gaza).

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, (number of searches, number of arrests per location)	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	An Najah University (1, 20)	1	20
Total Week West Bank		1	20
Gaza Strip			
Central Gaza	Unspecified (1,3), Nuseirat Camp (1, 3)	2	6
Khan Younis	Unspecified (1, 3), unspecified (1, 7), unspecified (1, 3)	3	13
Rafah	Near Sufa crossing (0,1), west of Kerem Shalom crossing (0,1)	0	2
Total Gaza Strip¹		5	21
Total oPt		6	41

¹ Carried out by ESF—the Palestinian security force under the authority of the Hamas headed administration in Gaza. In Central Gaza (unspecified location), the ESF detained three Fatah members on 21 July and released them the following day after Fatah members distributed a communiqué in Central Gaza condemning ESF attacks on Fatah offices. On 24 July, the ESF arrested three of those involved in an armed family dispute in Nuseirat Camp. The incidents in Khan Younis took place on 18, 22 and 23 July and were all detentions of Fatah members who were subsequently released. On 22 July, the ESF arrested an Islamic Jihad member while he was attempting to plant a roadside bomb near Sufa crossing (Rafah); the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) intervened and the person detained was released. On 24 July, the ESF arrested an Islamic Jihad member while he was walking west of Kerem Shalom crossing; Islamic Jihad intervened and released him.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 18 – 24 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.
Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. This week, delays and long queues were reported.
'Anabta	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. This week, delays and long queues were reported.
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. On 22 and 23, it was closed due to settlers' march to Khomesh settlement.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem On Road 5.	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 0600 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues were reported this week.
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. On 22 and 23, it was closed due to settlers' march to Khomesh settlement.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 0530 to 2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages	Only open for humanitarian organizations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar Partial Checkpoint	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Al Badhan Partial Checkpoint	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours. 18 and 20 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. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
An Nabi Salih gate Partial Checkpoint	Open. On 21 July the checkpoint was operating between 0800 and 1500 hours. Delays were reported.
At Tayba	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, 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 <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). 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'ayem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Open 24 hours. Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and valid permits, Internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians) can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
Jaba' <i>On the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required

<i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	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 Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
Ein Yalow <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Partial Checkpoint <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local 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. On 20 July, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed OCHA's staff in the southern West Bank from reaching Jerusalem for 45 minutes; they insisted on searching the UN vehicle in which the team was traveling.
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. Additional structures have been added to the vicinity of the checkpoint during the reporting period.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu 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 , the Israeli Border Police manning Ar Ramadin checkpoint delayed workers for long periods of time since the ID check process was slow.
Halhul – Sa'ir Partial Checkpoint <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis')</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.

<i>checkpoint)</i>	
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.
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/Al Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are no longer allowed through the checkpoint as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated for one day to transfer wheat into Gaza (23 July) due to shortages on the local market. It was closed on 18, 19, 20, 21 (weekend), 22 and 24 July. Karni crossing has generally been closed since 12 June.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open this week (18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24) for the crossing of commercial commodities and humanitarian aid. On 21 July, it was closed (weekend).
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on 22, 23 and 24 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 on six scheduled operating days. On Saturday 21 July, they were closed for the weekend.

Method and Sources

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

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

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