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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

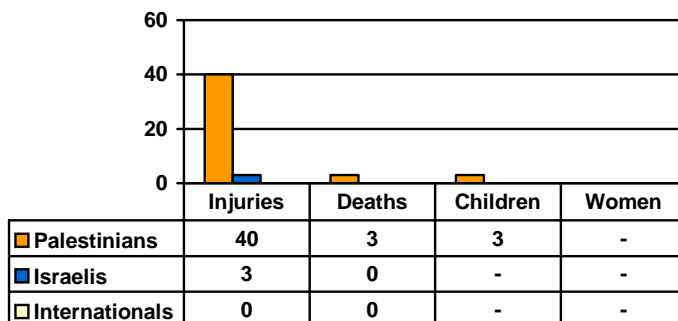
Gaza Strip:

- Three children from the same family were killed by an IDF surface-to-surface missile targeting North Gaza and three Islamic Jihad members were injured in an IAF strike targeting their vehicle while travelling on the western road in Khan Younis.
- 28 homemade rockets were fired towards Israel, three of which detonated prematurely in the Palestinian area and 20 hit Sderot. One rocket hit an empty house in Sderot and lightly injured two female passers by. Twelve mortar shells were fired towards Israel, three of which landed in the Palestinian area and injured two Palestinians east of Deir El Balah.
- On two separate occasions, IDF gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea. IDF armored vehicles moved from the border fence and conducted a leveling and excavation operation in the Palestinian area northeast of Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- At least ten Palestinians, including seven children, were injured in factional violence this week.
- One person was killed (Khan Younis) and two were injured (Central Gaza) when shot in internal incidents for which the motives were unclear. Four explosive devices were detonated on four separate occasions in Gaza City for unknown reasons but caused no injuries.
- Government and UNRWA schools began the 2007-08 academic year on 1 September.

West Bank:

- The IDF injured 36 Palestinians in the West Bank and Israeli settlers injured two.
- **31 August:** The PA caretaker government closed 103 Charitable Associations in the West Bank, 77 of them in the northern West Bank alleging that they are not working properly.
- **31 August:** An eight-kilometre road that connects Israeli settlements east of Bethlehem as well as Asfar settlement in Hebron governorate to East Jerusalem has been opened to settlers.
- **4 September:** The Israeli High Court of Justice ordered the State of Israel to redraw, partially dismantle and rebuild the route of a 1.7 kilometer section of the West Bank barrier, which was built on land belonging to the village of Bili'in. Weekly demonstrations by Palestinian, Israeli, and international protestors were held for almost three years to protest the construction of the barrier in Bili'in.
- At the beginning of the current academic year, students from Bir Nabala neighbourhood were prohibited from crossing through the Barrier near their homes to go to school. The children have been forced to take a long and costly detour route and pass through Rafat/Masyion checkpoint to reach their schools on a daily basis.
- 82 flying checkpoints, 94 IDF search campaigns, and 85 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:

- **29 August:** Three Palestinian children (aged 8, 9 and 12 years) were killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Hanoun fired a surface-to-surface missile at a group of children near the border fence (North Gaza).
- **30 August** Two Israeli female passers by were lightly injured when a Palestinian homemade rocket fired from an area north of Beit Hanoun hit an empty house in Sderot.
- **2 September:** Three Islamic Jihad members were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting their vehicle while travelling on the western road in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **29 August:** IDF soldiers entered 150 meters into the Palestinian area east of Rafah and detonated two unexploded mortar shells. The two mortar shells were fired from an area east of Rafah towards Kerem Shalom crossing but landed in the Palestinian area (Rafah).
- **29 August:** IDF gunboats opened fire for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to the seashore. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).
- **30 August:** IDF gunboats opened fire for five minutes towards Palestinian fishing boats west of Beit Lahiya. The fishing boats returned to the seashore. No injuries or damage were reported (North Gaza).
- **30 August:** IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Lahiya fired a surface-to-surface missile at an open area north of Beit Lahiya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **2 September:** An IAF helicopter fired one rocket at a suspected rocket-launching site near the Agricultural School northwest of Beit Hanoun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **2 September:** An IAF helicopter fired one rocket targeting a Hamas military base west of Deir El Balah. The rocket missed the target and landed in an open area. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **29 August:** During an IDF military operation in Qalqiliya City, 15 Palestinians were injured; eight boys (aged 12, 14(2), 15(2), 16(2) and 17 years) and seven men (aged 18(3), 19(3) and 22 years) were injured by plastic-coated metal bullets. Five additional Palestinians (aged 17, 36, 43, 74, and a four-months-old infant) suffered tear gas inhalation (Qalqiliya).
- **29 August:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man from the area of Wadi Al Samen was injured with live ammunition during a scuffle with a group of settlers from the settlement of Beit Haggay who were trying to prevent him from harvesting his grapes (Hebron).
- **29 August:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy from Bethlehem City was injured with a live bullet to the head when the IDF fired at him while trying to detain two Palestinians wanted by the IDF in Bethlehem City (Bethlehem).
- **29 August:** Two Palestinian men (aged 23 (2) years) from Bethlehem City were injured when IDF soldiers beat them after arresting them. The IDF considers the two to be wanted individuals (Bethlehem).
- **30 August:** A 20-year-old Palestinian woman from the H2 area of Hebron City was injured when IDF soldiers beat her while trying to arrest her brother from their house (Hebron).
- **31 August:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Nablus City by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire during a search campaign (Nablus).
- **31 August:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man was injured in new 'Askar refugee Camp by shrapnel when the IDF opened fire during a search campaign in the camp (Nablus).
- **31 August:** Seven Palestinians and one Israeli peace activist were injured when the IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians, international and Israeli activists demonstrating against the Barrier constructed in Bil'in village. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were reported. Two Israeli peace activists were also arrested (Ramallah).
- **31 August:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man from the H2 area of Hebron City was injured when Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arab and Giva'at Havot beat him while working on Palestinian agricultural land between the two settlements (Hebron).

- **1 September:** A 7-year-old Palestinian boy from Al 'Arrub Camp was injured with a rubber bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire at stone-throwing Palestinians during an incursion into the camp (Hebron).
- **4 September:** Two Palestinian men (aged 37 and 65 years) from the town of Sa'ir were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at them during an incursion into the town (Hebron).
- **4 September:** Four Palestinians, three boys aged 13(2) and 14 years and a man aged 19 years, were injured in Nablus City by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a military operation (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **31 August:** The weekly anti-Barrier demonstrations in Al Walaja and Umm Salamona ended up peacefully with no clashes between the demonstrators and the IDF (Bethlehem).
- **31 August:** Israeli peace activists held a demonstration near the western entrance to Sarra village and tried to remove the road blocks closing the entrance. Seven of them were arrested by the IDF (Nablus).
- **1 September:** The IDF prevented Israeli settlers from entering the former settlement of Homesh. The settlers subsequently set fire to two Israeli vehicles in protest against the IDF action.

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **29 August:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained when an explosive device he was planting exploded prematurely in an area east of Gaza City (Gaza).
- **29 August:** A 41-year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by unknown gunmen while he was walking in Bureij Camp. The motive is unknown (Central Gaza).
- **30 August:** An 18-year-old Palestinian male was killed and ten others were injured during an internal armed dispute between members of a local family. The Executive Support Force (ESF) intervened but the family threw stones at the officers. On 31 August, 2000 Fatah supporters marched from the big mosque in Khan Younis in the funeral. The ESF did not intervene and the funeral ended peacefully (Khan Younis).
- **1 September:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and a 30-year-old man was injured when the ESF opened fire in the air in front of Rafah crossing; this took place when a group of protesters attempted to climb the border fence during a Hamas demonstration against the closure of the crossing (Rafah).
- **2 September:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis. The motive is unknown (Khan Younis).
- **2 September:** A 38-year-old Palestinian man was injured when four masked men opened fire at him in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **2 September:** Three Palestinian men were injured in an armed family feud in Bureij Camp. The ESF intervened and arrested the shooter and confiscated his weapon (Central Gaza).
- **2 September:** One ESF officer was injured in an exchange of fire when the ESF attempted to arrest a suspected narcotics dealer in Deir El Balah. The narcotics dealer managed to escape (Central Gaza).
- **2 September:** Seven Palestinians were injured in Beit Hanoun during an exchange of gun fire between the ESF and a local family, after the ESF attempted to arrest one of the family members for so-called "immoral behaviour." Residents threw stones at the ESF and they responded by shooting in the air (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **30 August:** An explosive device was detonated at the gate of a shop in Gaza City. The blast damaged the premises but no injuries were reported. The motive is unknown (Gaza).
- **1 September:** A roadside bomb detonated under an ESF jeep parked outside the home of an ESF commander in Gaza City. The jeep was damaged but no injuries were reported (Gaza).

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

- **2 September:** An explosive device detonated under a vendor's stall east of the Shuja'iya market in Gaza City. The stall was damaged but no injuries were reported. The motive is unknown (Gaza).
- **2 September:** An explosive device was detonated in a garbage container on Al Nafaq Street in Gaza City. The container was damaged but no injuries were reported. The motive behind the incident is unknown (Gaza).
- **2 September:** A group of ESF members surrounded Al Majaydah quarter in an attempt to arrest a member from Al Majaydah family in Khan Younis. On 3 September at 1500 hours, the ESF members were still deployed in the area and set up checkpoints in order to search vehicles (Khan Younis).
- **3 September:** A group of armed Palestinians attempted to fire a Qassam rocket from the area east of Al Bureij Camp. Members from a local family tried to prevent them from firing the rocket, which resulted in an exchange of fire that lasted five minutes. The armed men escaped without firing the rocket and no injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **4 September:** An explosive device was detonated under a vehicle belonging to Hamas activist in Gaza City. The vehicle was damaged but no injuries were reported. The motive is unknown (Gaza).
- **4 September:** Gaza merchants erected a sit-in tent in front of the Commercial Trade Union to protest the closure of the terminals (North Gaza).
- **4 September:** 160 women from the Woman's General Union demonstrated at the Unknown Soldier Park in protest against the payment of a NIS 1000 fee as requested by Hamas to release their family members who were arrested at the demonstration on 31 August. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **4 September:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of a shop owned by a local family in Rafah. The blast damaged the premises but no injuries were reported. The motive behind the incident is linked to a family dispute (Rafah).
- **4 September:** An exchange of fire took place between a Fatah-affiliated local family and ESF officers who had surrounded the family quarter. The ESF withdrew from the area and no injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **4 September:** Egyptian security forces detonated a tunnel located under the borderline between Egypt and Rafah opposite Al Salam quarter. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafa).
- **4 September:** The ESF took over the civil defence station in Jabaliya (North Gaza), Al Zahra area (Gaza), and Al Nuseirat Camp and Deir El Balah (Central Gaza) areas.

West Bank:

- **4 September:** Two Palestinian policemen and a boy bystander were injured in Nablus City when the Police tried to remove a market booth. The booth's owner threw a sound grenade at the police and ran away (Nablus).
- **4 September:** A 33-year-old Palestinian from 'Einabus was killed by masked gunmen. It is unclear whether the incident is related to factional violence (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **29 August:** In Ramallah, at 9:40 am, Fatah militants opened fire at the vehicle of a municipal council member affiliated to Hamas, no injuries were reported.
- **1 September:** Schools in both the Bethlehem and Hebron governorates were closed due to the teachers' strike.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **31 August:** Several Fatah supporters were beaten and arrested and a French journalist was injured by shrapnel and taken to Shifa Hospital, following a march by dozens of Fatah supporters towards the PLC building in Gaza City during which they threw stones and a molotov cocktail. Prior to the march, 5000 Fatah supporters performed Friday prayers west of Al Azhar University. Hamas spokesperson claimed that Fatah supporters threw stun grenades and pipe bombs after the prayers (Gaza).
- **31 August:** Seven Palestinian children aged 10 to 17 years were injured while throwing stones at ESF guards positioned outside the home of an ESF local commander. The guards responded by shooting. This incident took place when a group of young men marched towards the house of the ESF commander after Friday prayers at Al Nijma square in Rafah that was attended by 7000 Fatah supporters (Rafah).
- **4 September:** Three Palestinians were injured when ESF members opened fire at Fatah members who were writing pro-Fatah slogans on the wall in Rafah in Block "J." (Rafah.)

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **31 August:** A group of Fatah supporters threw stones at an ESF patrol in Al Bureij Camp and the patrol responded by firing in the air. The stone throwers escaped (Central Gaza).
- **2 September:** The ESF attempted to arrest an Islamic Jihad member for carrying a weapon out in the streets. There was an exchange of fire that lasted ten minutes and the Islamic Jihad member escaped. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **4 September:** A group of armed Palestinians opened fire at an ESF jeep passing on Al Jala' Street in Gaza City. The attackers escaped but no injuries were reported (Gaza).

West Bank:Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **2 September:** A candle march was held in Bethlehem City in protest against actions carried out by the Executive Support Force (ESF) in the Gaza Strip against Fatah supporters.

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
29 August 2007	'Aqaraba, Nablus	2	-	-	1
29 August 2007	Qalqiliya city/ Qalqiliya	6	3	37	21
3 September	Bir Nabala, Jerusalem	1	-	10+	-
Total		9	3	47+	22

- **29 August:** The IDF demolished two animal pens in 'Aqraba village due to the lack of building permit. The structures are located in area C (Nablus).
- **29 August:** The IDF demolished six houses in Qalqiliya City, five of which were inhabited. As a result, 37 persons were displaced. In addition, the IDF damaged one house, a garage, some walls, a taxi (1 person affected), a storage room and six dunums of land cultivated with vegetables and trees. The six dunums of land belong to four families, and 20 people were affected by the damage (Qalqiliya).
- **3 September:** The IDF and Israeli Border Police demolished a Palestinian inhabited house belonging to two families (at least ten people were displaced) in Bir Nabala for lack of a building permit (Jerusalem).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **30 August:** The IDF raided Al Ihsan Charitable Society in the City of Bethlehem and confiscated all of its files (Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

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

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

No incidents to report.

4. Natural Resources**Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³****Nablus Governorate:**Ongoing incident:

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

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

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- **13 August to date:** The IDF continues to carry out land leveling to build a military road connecting Qedumim settlement to road 55, in accordance with military requisition order T/15/07. The land belongs to farmers from Kafr Qaddum village.
- 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:

4 September: The Israeli High Court of Justice ordered the State of Israel to redraw, partially dismantle and rebuild the route of a 1.7-kilometer section of the West Bank separation fence, which was built on land belonging to the village of Bili'in. The result of this re-routing will allow Bil'in residents direct access to 1,100 dunums out of a total of 1,800 dunums of land that they have previously had very restricted access to since the construction of the Barrier in their 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).
 - 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 closures and Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443.
 - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the West Bank.

The iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyet Al Bareed neighbourhood. Additional construction and infrastructure continues to be carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.

- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1, 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:

31 August: An eight-kilometre road has been opened to settlers that connects Israeli settlements east of Bethlehem (including Teqoa, Noqedim, Ma'ale Amos) as well as Asfar in Hebron governorate with the settlements of Ma'ale Adummim and Har Homa (a.k.a. Jabal Abu Ghuneim settlement) in East Jerusalem. The road (which is called Jerusalem-Gush Herodion Highway) will be operational between 0600 hours and 1800 hours with possible extensions in the future and allows access to Jerusalem through An Nu'man checkpoint.

4 September: According to Israeli media sources, the IDF is considering to dismantle the outpost of Ma'aleh Rehavam near the settlement of Teqoa in 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).
 - Asphaltting 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 and alongside Road 60.
- The expanded Tunnels checkpoint site is operational. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the junction with Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the underpass near Al Khadr village has continued. The initial construction of the underpass is complete but land levelling is currently being carried out to construct the underpass lanes.
- Land levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60 leading to the western villages.
- 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:

4 September: According to Israeli media sources, the IDF is considering to dismantle the outposts of Havot Ma'on, Avigayil and As'ael in 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:

- **2 September:** Eight IDF armored vehicles moved from the border fence and entered 500 meters into the Palestinian area northeast of Beit Hanoun to conduct a leveling and excavation operation (North Gaza).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Incidents of curfews****Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
29 August 2007	Part of Qalqiliya City	13
Total Week		13

- 29 August: The IDF imposed curfew on a part of Qalqiliya city for 13 hours due to a military operation (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

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

b) Access to education

- **1 September:** Teachers in all PA schools in the West Bank held a one-day strike in protest against changing the school week from five to six days.
- At the beginning of the current academic year, students from Bir Nabala neighbourhood were prohibited from crossing through the Barrier near their homes to go to school even though they were previously allowed to. The children have thus been forced to take a long and costly detour route and pass through Rafat/Masyion checkpoint to reach their schools on a daily basis.

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 on time. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.

Ongoing incidents:

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

d) Closures/movement restrictions**Nablus Governorate:**

- **1 September:** The IDF closed 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

3 September: The IDF opened the northern main entrance to 'Azzun village.

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.
- **20 August to date:** The IDF continues to close the main northern entrance to 'Azzun village with concrete blocks (Qalqiliya).

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jerusalem Governorate:

During the reporting period: The flying checkpoint near the Atarot industrial area and Al Kawasmi gas station (Atarot/Al Kawasmi) has become a permanent checkpoint and manned on a daily basis.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

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

No incidents to report.

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 to Israel and the West Bank. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated for two days to transfer wheat into Gaza (30 August and 3 Sep) due to shortages on the local market. No trucks were permitted to cross. Karni has been closed since 12 June.
- 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 five days this week (29, 30 August and 2, 3 and 4 September) for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by international aid organizations.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	-	0
Jenin	'Arraba (4), Al Kufeir (4), Sanur (4), Az Zababida (2), Dir abu Da'if (1), Fahma (2), Zabda (1), Dhaher al 'Abed (1), 'Ajja (1)	20
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	Al Jarushiya (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Shuweika (1), Kafr Sur (3)	6
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya entrance (DCO) (7), Habla Tunnel (3), Izbat Jalu'd (7), Jayyus (1), Immatin (1), Kafr Laqif (1), Wadi Qana (4), Kafr Thulth (2), Kafr Qaddum (2)	28
Salfit	-	0
Ramallah/AI Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina/AI Ram (7)	7
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Ash Shawareh, Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar, Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah (1), Doha (1), Tuqu' (2)	7
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Sa'ir (4), Dura (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya, Halhul (1), Surif, Fawwar RC (1)	14
Total West Bank		82

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (6), Balata RC (6), Camp No.1 (1), Salim (1), 'Askar RC (2), Beit Iba CP	16	12
Jenin	Jenin City (2), Jenin camp (2), Qabatiya (1), 'Arraba (1), Kafr Ra'i (1) Sanur flying CP, Suweitat fling CP	7	6
Tubas	Tubas (1)	1	0
Tulkarm	'Attil (1), 'Illar (1), Seida (1), 'Anabta CP, Kafriat CP	3	17
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (5), 'Azzun (4), Habla (3), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), Kafr Thulth (2), 'Asla (1), Hajja (3), Baqat al Hatab (1), Jit (3), Izbat at Tabib (1), Ras 'Atiya (1)	28	9
Salfit	-	0	0
Ramallah	Al Mazra'ah ash Sharqiya (1), Jalazun Camp (2), Ramallah City (2), Deir Abu Mash'al, near Psagot (1), Shuqba (1), Kafr Ni'ma (1), Mughayir, Al Amari (1),	9	16
Jericho	Jericho (2), Aqbat Jaber (1)	3	4
Jerusalem	Ras Al Amud	0	3
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (3), Beit Jala (1), Duheisha RC (2), Al Azza RC (1), Beit Fajjar, Ad Doha, Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya (2)	9	7
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Dura (4), Yatta (3), Kharas, Sa'ir (4), Adh Dhahiriya, Nuba, Idna, As 'Samu (2), Beit Kahil (1)	18	11
Total Week West Bank		94	85
Gaza Strip			
North Gaza ¹	Beit Hanoun (1)	1	10
Total Gaza Strip		1	10
Total oPt		95	95

¹ **29 August:** Ten Palestinians were arrested when an IDF patrol entered the Palestinian area northeast of Beit Hanoun to conduct a house-search operation. At 400 hours IDF soldiers withdrew to the border fence. On 30 August, it was reported that seven of the ten Palestinians who were arrested by the IDF were released while three remain in custody (North Gaza).

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Jenin	Jenin City (1)	1	1
Tubas	Tammun (1)	1	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1)	1	20
Ramallah	Kharbata Bani Harith (1), Ramallah City (1) – Both affiliated with Hamas	2	2
Total Week West Bank		5	24
Gaza Strip			
Central Gaza	Nuseirat Camp	1	8
Central Gaza	Al Maghazi Camp – <i>Fatah members; released</i>	1	6
Central Gaza	Bureij Camp – <i>family feud; confiscated weapon</i>	1	1
Khan Younis	Majaydeh Quarter	1	11
Khan Younis	Khan Younis – <i>Fatah members; released</i>	1	5
Total Gaza Strip¹		5	31
Total oPt		10	55

¹ All were carried out by the Executive Support Force (ESF).

Appendix: Checkpoints: 29 August – 4 September 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Ephraim	Open from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem <i>On Road 5.</i>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara <i>Southern main entrance</i>	Open from 0600 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
Beit Iba <i>Western entrance, mainly for trade</i>	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 <i>Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</i>	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 <i>Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley</i>	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.
Za'atara (Tappouah) <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama	Is the main entrance to Israel. Open between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan</i>	Open between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate

<i>enclave</i>	numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700. 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, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians. Access is only permitted to commercial trucks and people traveling in public transportation. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Some delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
'Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays were reported on several occasions.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Open.
At Tayba	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank

	ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Az Za'ayyem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs 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. The iron gate between Dahiyat al Bareed and Al-Ram was completely closed for the entire week. Vehicular traffic (including public transportation) has been driving through a gap in the wall (distant from the gate) that still exists between the two neighbourhoods.
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. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
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 / Masyion <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	This checkpoint has been moved further north on the new Israeli-built Rafat road and is closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion.
Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP	Random checks by the IDF soldiers.
Atarot/Al Kawasmi	This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned. Delays were reported during the morning rush hours by those traveling in the direction of Jerusalem
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
Al Auja (Yitav)	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate.

<i>On Road 90</i>	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 but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only open 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 Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. During the reporting period Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and be on time to reach their work places inside Israel.
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. As of 31 August, the checkpoint is open to settlers between 0600 hours and 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion Highway.
Ein 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 CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local IDs with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 1100 and 1600 hours. Currently, there are six lanes leading to the Tunnels Terminal, four of which lead from Bethlehem to Jerusalem while the other two lead from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. 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, Partial CP <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with occasional ID checks. However, it has been reported by MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) that thorough checks and maltreatment have been experienced by staff especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.

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 cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel</i>	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes. On 18 August, Israeli security forces manning the checkpoint have reportedly asked one Palestinian woman to lift her <i>Jilbab</i> (a traditional Islamic dress) in order to physically search her before allowing her to enter the mosque.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those with an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</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.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. 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 to Israel and the West Bank. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time:

This week, Erez was open for people with special coordination arrangements:

- 30 August: 100 Palestinians, including students and those holding residency permits in Arab countries crossed out of Gaza via Erez and Nitzana to Egypt.
- 4 September: 108 Palestinians, including students and those holding residency permits in Arab countries, crossed out of Gaza through Erez via Nitzana to Egypt.

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 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

Nablus

Awarta checkpoint *Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003*

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 *Main commercial checkpoint*

Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.

Ramallah/Al Bireh

Beituniya *Back-to-back checkpoint*

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 not allowed to cross as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.

Hebron

Tarqumiya

Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police.

Gaza Strip

Karni

The conveyor belt operated for two days to transfer wheat into Gaza (30 August and 3 September) due to shortages on the local market. It was closed on 29, 31, 1 (weekend), 2, and 4 August. Karni crossing has generally been closed since 12 June.

Sufa

Sufa crossing was open on five scheduled operating days this week (29, 30 August and 2, 3 and 4 September) for the crossing of commercial commodities and humanitarian aid. On 31 August and 1 September, it was closed (weekend).

Kerem Shalom

Kerem Shalom was open on five days 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, 1 September 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.