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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

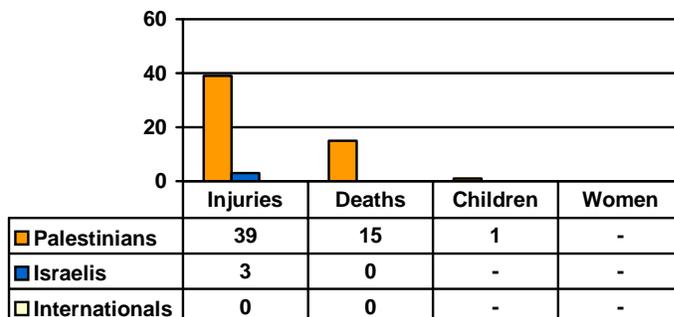
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed 15 Palestinians, including a 17-year-old boy, and injured 32 others, including a 13 year-old boy and a Palestinian journalist.
- 49 Palestinians were injured in internal conflict, including 31 in inter-factional violence. These include one woman who was injured by shrapnel during a dispute between Fatah supporters and the ESF in Khan Younis.
- Four Palestinians were killed due to the reckless handling of explosives.
- Nine Qassam rockets and 24 mortars were fired towards Israel. Two mortars landed in the Palestinian area.
- 28 Palestinian prisoners were released from Israeli jails and entered Gaza through Erez crossing.
- 85 Palestinians, who had been stranded at the Egyptian side due to the closure of Rafah crossing, returned to the Strip through the separation wall between Egypt and the Gaza Strip.
- IDF imposed a general closure on Gaza strip during the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Erez was open for one day, Karni for two days, Sufa and Kerem Shalom for three days each, and Nahal Oz energy pipelines for six days. Rafah crossing continues to be closed.

West Bank:

- The IDF injured six Palestinians, including a 14-year-old boy in Nablus City. Israeli settlers injured a 13-year-old boy in the H2 area of Hebron City. One Israeli protester, one Israeli policeman, and one IDF soldier were injured.
- One Palestinian was killed and nine injured in internal violence.
- **26 September – 2 October:** Israel imposed a general closure on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. All Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were prevented from entering Jerusalem and Israel through all the checkpoints. On 28 September, Israel allowed Palestinian men over 50 years of age and women over 40 years of age to enter Jerusalem without permits to pray in Al 'Aqsa Mosque. People under the age limit should have obtained a special "prayer permit" to enter Jerusalem.
- **27 September:** A group of settlers from Alfe Menashe settlement cut down and burnt 90 olive trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from 'Asla village (Qalqiliya).
- **30 September:** Israeli settlers gathered on Palestinian land near An Nabi Younis junction (Hebron) and east of Efrat settlement (Bethlehem) and announced that the areas would become new outposts. On 1 October, the IDF declared both areas as closed military areas and evicted the settlers.
- **1 October:** Israeli settlers erected two new outposts on Palestinian land near Elon Moreh settlement (Nablus) and near Kaddumim settlement (Qalqiliya). The IDF evicted the settlers from both areas.
- 140 flying checkpoints, 95 search and arrest campaigns, and 48 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:

- **26 September:** A Palestinian bystander was injured when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting open areas near Beit Hanoun's entrance and east of Sheikh Zayed city. It is believed that the IDF was attempting to assassinate armed Islamic Jihad members who were attempting to fire rockets at Israel (North Gaza).
- **26 September:** Four Palestinians (aged 17, 18, 23, and 25 years; ESF members) were killed and 26 others were injured due to shelling by IDF tanks deployed southeast of the Beit Hanoun village, in Beit Hanoun municipality and in Beit Hanoun industrial zone. In response, armed Palestinians fired RPGs at the IDF soldiers. On 27 September at 0600hours the IDF withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **26 September:** Five Palestinians (aged 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26 years; Islamic Army members) were killed and two others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying suspected Islamic Army members in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **27 September:** Two Palestinians (aged 23 and 24 years; Hamas members) were killed and another one was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a group of armed Hamas members at the main entrance of Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **27 September:** A 21-year-old Palestinian (a member of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades) was killed by an IDF surface-to-surface missile in Beit Hanoun. The IDF had fired the missile in response to the firing of a Qassam rocket from the same area towards Sderot (North Gaza).
- **28 September:** A 30-year-old Palestinian (Islamic Army member) died of wounds sustained during the IAF air strike in Gaza City on 26 September (Gaza).
- **30 September:** Two Palestinians (aged 21 and 22 years; Hamas members) were killed during armed clashes between the IDF and armed Palestinians after an IDF unit entered into the Palestinian area east of the Islamic Cemetery near Jabaliya. On 1 October at 1330 hours the IDF withdrew to the border fence. By 1500 hours the IDF had not granted permission to PA ambulances to recover the bodies (North Gaza).
- **1 October:** A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was injured when IDF soldiers at Erez crossing opened fire at the family members of Palestinians imprisoned in Israel when they were trying to approach Erez crossing (North Gaza).
- **2 October:** A Palestinian journalist was shot and injured when the IDF opened fire towards 200 family members of Palestinians imprisoned in Israel when they approached Erez crossing to welcome back their released relatives (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **26 September:** 50 IDF tanks, supported by IAF helicopter gunships, moved from the border fence and entered 1 km into the Palestinian area east of Beit Hanoun industrial zone. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 September:** IDF soldiers positioned at the border fence north of Beit Lahiya fired two surface-to-surface missiles at an open area east of Sheikh Zayed City. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 September:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Al Maghazi fired a surface-to-surface missile towards a group of PRC members in a nearby area. The missile missed the target and the PRC member escaped. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **26 September:** At 0045hours the IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile at a group of armed individuals in Beit Hanoun; the missile missed the target and no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **30 September:** Armed clashes between the IDF and armed Palestinians erupted when an IDF unit entered into the Palestinian area east of the Islamic Cemetery east of Jabaliya. Armed Palestinians fired an anti-tank missile targeting the IDF unit. Several additional IDF armoured vehicles arrived to back up the unit and an IAF helicopter fired heaving machine-gun rounds and a rocket towards the armed Palestinians. On 1 October at 0130hours the IDF withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **27 September:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Nablus City by rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers after the IDF surrounded a building near Camp No.1. No arrests were made (Nablus).
- **27 September:** A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was beaten and injured by a group of Israeli settlers while he was on his way home in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- **28 September:** One Israeli and five Palestinian protesters were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration against the Barrier construction in Bil'in

village. Three Palestinians were physically assaulted by batons that were used by the IDF to disperse the demonstrators. The Palestinian, Israeli and international protesters called on the IDF to implement the Israeli High Court decision to remove/change sections of the Barrier in the village (Ramallah).

- **29 September:** One Israeli policeman was injured by stones thrown by a group of Palestinians in the Old City of Jerusalem. The Border Police searched the area. No arrests were reported (Jerusalem).
- **1 October:** An IDF soldier was injured by stones thrown during clashes between the IDF and settlers in the new outpost near Elon Moreh settlement. The IDF was attempting to evacuate the settlers and did evict them from the area later the same day (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **27 August:** The IDF detained six Palestinians from Al Mazra'a al Qibliya after settlers from Talmon complained that these persons have damaged their grape vines. The six Palestinians, including an 84-year-old man, were held up at Sha'ar Binyamin police station, hand-cuffed and blind-folded. The Palestinians were released following the intervention of the head of the Israeli DCL in Beit El (Ramallah).

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **29 September:** one Palestinian man was injured during an armed family feud in the Sabra quarter in Gaza City. They exchanged fire for 15 minutes. The ESF and mediators arrived and stopped the fighting (Gaza).
- **1 October:** Three family members were injured when the ESF surrounded several houses belonging to a local family in search for narcotics dealers. There was an exchange of fire between the ESF and armed family members (North Gaza).
- **1 October:** Nine Palestinian men were injured during an exchange of fire that erupted between local family members. The ESF rushed to the area and tried to stop the fighting by shooting in the air. The ESF brought the situation under control at 2000 hours (Khan Younis).
- **1 October:** A 30-year-old female body was delivered to Gaza through Kerem Shalom crossing. She passed away in Egypt on 29 September (Rafah).
- **2 October:** Four Fatah members (aged 25, 27, 30 and 33 years) were killed when an explosive device was detonated in their vehicle while travelling along the coastal road in Gaza City. Local reports indicate that the bomb they were carrying exploded prematurely (Gaza).
- **2 October:** Three Palestinians were injured by celebratory gunfire when the Fatah movement organised a demonstration to celebrate the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails in Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).
- **2 October:** Two Palestinians sustained injuries when a tunnel collapsed in Al Shouka area. The ESF arrived in the area and levelled the debris from the collapsed tunnel (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **26 September:** 200 children participated in a candle light vigil demanding the release of their relatives from Israeli jails. The demonstration started at the ICRC offices and proceeded to the Unknown Soldier Park. At 2145 hours, it ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **30 September:** A large explosion took place at the former Tal Qatif settlement south west of Deir Balah. Local reports indicate that armed Hamas members were preparing an explosive device (Central Gaza).
- **30 September:** 85 Palestinians from Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and PRC who had been stranded at the Egyptian side due to the closure of Rafah crossing since Hamas took control of Gaza Strip returned to the Strip through the separation wall (Rafah).
- **1 October:** 100 PA employees whose salaries were suspended by the caretaker government staged a sit-in at Al Azhar parking. At 1200hours the sit-in ended peacefully (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.

- **1 October:** 300 members from PFLP organised a sit-in in front of the house of an UNRWA staff member who had been temporarily kidnapped and beaten by masked men earlier the same day. At 2100 hours, the sit-in ended.
- **1 October:** Fatah members organised a demonstration in Nuseirat Camp to commemorate the first anniversary of the deaths of two of their members. The demonstrators toured the streets until 2100 hours (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **26 September:** A 25-year-old Palestinian Policeman was injured in Nablus City when PA security forces opened fire at his car after he did not stop at a PA checkpoint (Nablus).
- **26 September:** A 48-year-old Palestinian medic working for PRCS was shot and injured in Nablus City during a family dispute (Nablus).
- **26 September:** Two Palestinian boys (aged 16 and 17 years) were injured in Nablus City when PA security forces opened fire. The two boys were driving stolen motor bikes and were fired at after not stopping at a PA checkpoint (Nablus).
- **27 September:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man from the town of As Samou' was killed when his brother opened fire at him due to an old family dispute (Hebron).
- **27 September:** Three Palestinians (aged 26, 28, and 32 years) were injured when Palestinian security forces opened fired toward a car that tried to run then over in the H1 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- **27 September:** A 34-year-old Palestinian man was injured when a group of armed men from Abu-Humid family opened fire at him in Yatta. The incident took place due to a financial dispute (Hebron).
- **27 September:** A 28-year-old Palestinian man was injured when a group of men from Abu Zahra family opened fire at him in Yatta. The motive is still unclear (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **27 September:** Unknown persons opened fire at a car belonging to the Palestinian Preventive Security forces near Halhul town. No injuries were reported (Hebron).
- **30 September:** An exchange of fire took place between Ar Rajabi and Al Ajlouni families due to an old family feud in the H1 area of Hebron City. No injuries were reported (Hebron).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **27 September:** Two Palestinians (Hamas members) were injured when unknown gunmen hurled a homemade bomb in their direction while sitting next to their house in Tel Es-Sultan quarter in Rafah. The attackers escaped. Subsequently, members of their family, most of whom are Fatah supporters, went to the hospital to visit the injured brothers but were prevented from entering by the ESF. Clashes erupted and eight people were shot and injured (Rafah).
- **29 September:** 21 Palestinians were injured (four males by live ammunition, one female by shrapnel, and 16 males were beaten) and eight Fatah members were arrested by the ESF following a dispute between Fatah supporters and the ESF in Omar Bin Al Khattab mosque over the removal of the Fatah Imam of the mosque from his post. The ESF used firearms and long batons to disperse the protesters (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **26 September:** Unknown gunmen opened fire at an ESF military base on Salah El Din road in Deir El Balah. There was an exchange of gunfire for five minutes. The attackers managed to escape and no injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

No incidents to report.

3. Shelter and Property

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
26 September	Beit Hanoun, North Gaza	-	1	-	N/A
Total		-	1	-	N/A

- **26 September:** During the IDF incursion, an IDF tank fired one shell at the Beit Hanoun entrance; the missile hit an electricity high tension cable, causing power outage in the area. No injuries were reported.

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **29 September:** Israeli settlers from Itamar picked and stole olives from Palestinian land belonging to farmers from Yanun. The Palestinian DCO informed the Israeli DCO about the incident (Nablus).
- **1 and 2 October:** A group of Israeli settlers under the protection of the IDF entered and stayed for overnight at Joseph's Tomb near Balata village (Nablus).

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 (Nablus).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **26 September:** Palestinian security forces forcibly entered three Islamic charitable associations ('Aesha Center for Teaching Quran; Islamic Relief Society for Orphans; and The Islamic Association) and confiscated computers and files (Tubas).
- **30 September:** An unknown group detonated an explosive device at the main gate of a shop selling audio and video cassettes southeast of Beach Camp in Gaza City. The explosion damaged the main gate. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

1 October: A group of Israeli settlers erected a new outpost near Elon Moreh settlement on Palestinian land belonging to farmers from Salim village. The IDF evicted the settlers from the area.

Ongoing incident:

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

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:

27 September: A group of settlers from Alfe Menashe settlement cut down and burnt 90 olive trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from 'Asla village.

1 October: A group of settlers erected a new outpost near Qedumim settlement on Palestinian land belonging to farmers from Kafr Qaddum. The IDF evicted the settlers from the area.

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.

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

28 September: The IDF handed out to Ni'lin residents a military order (T/ 83/04) that stipulates the requisition of 177.9 dunums of land to be used for military purposes and the construction of the Barrier north of Hashmon'im settlement as indicated by the order. The owners of the land subsequently appealed to the DCL office in Beit 'El.

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 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 this 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'ayyem.
- 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:

30 September: Israeli settlers gathered on Palestinian land east of Efrat settlement. On 1 October the IDF declared the area as a closed military area and evicted the settlers.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground was resumed during the reporting period.

- Land levelling in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City) was resumed during the reporting period.
- Asphaltting continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and near the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.
- The expanded Tunnels checkpoint is operational. Land levelling on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the intersection with Road 60 was resumed during the reporting period.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the underpass near Al Khadr village was resumed during the reporting period. The initial construction of the underpass is complete.
- Land levelling west of Road 60 leading to the western villages was suspended during the reporting period.
- 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:

30 September: Hundreds of Israeli settlers gathered on Palestinian land located on a hill top near An Nabi Younis Junction. The settlers announced the area as one of five new outposts which they will establish during the Sukkot holiday. On 1 October the IDF declared the area as a closed military area and evicted the settlers.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling, including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.
- Land leveling continues for building a new road parallel to Road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Metar checkpoint.

Gaza Strip:

- **26 September:** During the IDF operation southeast of the Beit Hanoun village, including the main entrance of Beit Hanoun, Beit Hanoun municipality, and Beit Hanoun industrial zone. The IDF bulldozers uprooted trees and destroyed the agricultural land. On 27 September at 0600 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **2 October:** Two IDF APCs and one bulldozer entered 50 meters into the Palestinian area north of Nahal Oz. The IDF began a levelling and excavation operation. At 1400 hours, the operation was still ongoing (Gaza).

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians](#)

a) Incidents of curfews

Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

No incidents to report.

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

- **26 September:** The IDF surrounded Al Khadr elementary school for two hours, detained three children and later released them. According to the IDF, this took place in response to stone throwing by Palestinians in the area (Bethlehem).
- During the reporting period the IDF and the Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid came on schedule to meet the students. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.
- **27 September:** UNRWA schools in Beit Hanoun were disrupted due to the IDF incursion that began on 26 September (North Gaza).
- **2 October:** UNRWA school students gathered in front of the school and burnt tires to protest the termination of the contract of an UNRWA teacher who beat a student last week. The students broke into the school, evacuated its students and threw stones at

the buildings. At 1230 hours, they marched to the dismissed teacher's house (Central Gaza).

c) Access to employment

- **26 September – 2 October:** Israel imposed a general closure on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. All Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were prevented from entering Jerusalem and Israel through all the checkpoints.

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

1 and 2 October: The IDF closed the segment of Road 60 stretching from Shave Shomron checkpoint up to Silat Adh Dhahr village (Jenin). The IDF also put flying checkpoints at Bizzariya junction, Silat ad Dhahar and three on the segment of Road 57 between 'Anabta and Beit Iba checkpoints (Tulkarm and Nablus). According to the IDF, this closure regime was imposed to prevent settlers from marching to the evacuated settlement of Homesh. This closure caused major movement problems to Palestinians in the area.

Nablus Governorate:

1 and 2 October: Israeli settlers marched and entered the evacuated settlement of Homesh. The IDF closed with flying checkpoints all the entrances of Palestinian villages connected to Road 60 near the settlement. This closure regime forced Palestinians to travel on longer detours in order to reach their villages and/or to travel between Nablus and Jenin.

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (Nablus) for all except ambulances in emergency cases.

Jenin Governorate:

28 and 29 September: The IDF set up flying checkpoints at all the entrances of Jenin City, putting the city under a tight closure due to a security alert. Delays and long queues were reported.

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 into 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:

28 September: The IDF closed 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints for two hours and set up flying checkpoints at all other entrances leading in and out of Tulkarm City, thereby putting the city under a tight closure that prevented many of its residents from exiting due to security alert. Delays and long queues were reported.

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:

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 from entering Qalqiliya City.

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 is 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:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

26 September: As of 26 September, residents of the Ramallah governorate are allowed to exit Jericho through the DCO checkpoint in their vehicles. Palestinians from the northern West Bank governorates continue to be prohibited from crossing and alternatively use Al Mu'arrajat road.

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:

30 September - 1 October: The IDF closed the Ibrahim Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City and denied access to Muslim worshippers. This has been the sixth time of access denial to the Mosque by the IDF since the beginning of Ramadan.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was closed on one day this week for the Jewish holidays. On all other days, it was open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were not allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at present).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated on two days to transfer grains and animal feed into Gaza (1 and 2 October). However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports. Karni has been closed since 12 June.

- Sufa crossing was open on one out of the three scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid. However, the crossing remains closed for all construction materials.
- Kerem Shalom was open on three days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods.
- 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 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north 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 2: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Jamma'in (1), Zawata (1), Bizzariya (2), Deir Sharaf (1)	5
Jenin	'Arraba (6), Al Kufeir (3), Sanur (4), Az Zababida (4), Qabatiya (1), As Suweitat (2), Sir (1), Al Jalama (2), Birqin (2), Ash Shuhada (2), southern entrance of Jenin (2), Haifa Rd (2), Kafr Qud (1), Jaba'a (1), Ti'nnik (1), Silat adh Dhadr (2)	36
Tubas	Entrance to Bardala (1)	1
Tulkarm	Faru'n (1), Iktaba (3), Kafr Sur (3), Zeita (1), Bal'a (2), 'Attil (2), Al Jarushiya (2), Deir al Ghusun (1), Beit Lid (1)	16
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya entrance (DCO) (7), Habla Tunnel (1), Izbat Jalu'd (7), 'Azzun (3), 'Azzun tunnel (3), Jayyus (5), Al Funduq (1), An Nabi Elyas (4), Wadi Qana (3), 'Izbat at Tabib (5), Kafr Thulth (1), Immatin (3), Jinsafut (1), Hajja (2), Kafr Laqif (1)	47
Salfit	Iskaka (3), Marda (1), Kifl Haris (2), Bruqin (1)	7
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ein 'Arik (1)	1
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Atarot (3), entrance to Anata (1)	4
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (2), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah(1), Husan(1), Tequ' (3)	11
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (2), Idhna(2)	12
Total West Bank		140

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 City (6), Balata RC (2), Camp No.1 (3), 'Askar RC (2), Kafr Qalil (2), Salim (1), Doma (1), Huwwara CP	17	4
Jenin	Jenin City (2), Jenin RC (2), Qabatiya (2), Az Zababida (1), Kafr Dan (2), Kafr Ra'i (1), Bir al Basha (1), Fahma (1), Dei abu Da'if (1), 'Arraba (1), 'Arraba flying CP	14	5
Tubas	Tubas (1), Al Far'a village (2), Tammun (1)	4	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (2), Tulkarm RC (2), Nur Shams (2)	6	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (4), 'Azzun (4), Habla (3), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras at Tira (1), Jit (2), Immatin (2), Jaisafut (1), Kafr Laqif (1)	22	0
Salfit	Deir Istiya (1)	1	3
Ramallah	Ramallah (1), Atara (1), Beit Liqya(1)	3	12
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Old City of Jerusalem (1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Al Azza RC (1), Ad Doha (1), Obeidiya (2) , Beit Sahour (2)	8	13
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), H2 Area of Hebron City (2), Dura (3), Yatta (2), Kharas(1), Sa'ir (1), Surif (1), Adh Dahrieah (3), Al Burj(1), Beit Awwa (2)	19	10
Total Week West Bank		95	48
Gaza Strip			
Khan Younis ¹	Al Qarrara (1)	1	6
Total Gaza Strip		1	6
Total oPt		96	54

¹ **29 September:** Six Palestinians were arrested when an IDF undercover unit entered 1 km into Al Qarrara area east of Khan Younis and searched houses. At 0530hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Khan Younis).

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Camp No.1 (1, 2)	1	2
Jenin	Bir al Basha (1,1)	1	1
Tubas	El Far'a camp (1,4), 'Aqqaba (1,1)	2	5
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1, 3)— <i>affiliated with Hamas</i>	1	3
Total Week West Bank		5	11
Gaza Strip			
North Gaza	Jabaliya (1, 1), Beit Lahiya (1, 2+)	2	3+
Central Gaza	Deir El Balah (1, 4+)	1	4+
Khan Younis	Khan Younis (1, 8)—All are Fatah members	1	8
Rafah	Rafah (1, 2)—Fatah members accused of throwing a homemade bomb at two Hamas members	1	2
Rafah	Shouka area (1, 3)—narcotics dealers	1	3
Total Gaza Strip¹		4	20+
Total oPt		9	31+

¹ Carried out by the Executive Support Force (ESF).

Appendix: Checkpoints: 26 September – 2 October 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. Between 26 September and 2 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jbara. Between 26 September and 2 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
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, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks. Between 26 September and 2 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
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. Between 26 September and 2 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
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. Between 26 September and 2 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Nablus:	
Huwwara <i>Southern main entrance</i>	Open from 0600 to 2400 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. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 2300 until 2400 hours. Delays were reported during the week.
Beit Iba <i>Western entrance, mainly for trade</i>	Open from 0500 to 2400 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. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 1930 until 2400 hours. Delays were reported during the week.
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.</i>	One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Open 0530 to 2400 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 2100 until 2400 hours.
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.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama	Is an entrance to Israel. Crossing for commercial goods and workers into Israel. Open between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays. Between 26 September and 2 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport 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 during the evening hours.
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. Delays were 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. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers.
'Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays continue to be experienced during the evening hours.
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 and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint, in addition to the IDF for extra random security checks. Only one lane for pedestrian passage was in operation, resulting in delays throughout the reporting period.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Az Za'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 designated terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with 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. Delays of up to 60 minutes were reported by Palestinians entering Ramallah. Palestinians were late for <i>Iftar</i> (breaking of fast) on a daily basis.
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'ayem, As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint.
Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Open 24 hours 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 but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea	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 asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within the 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 prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
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 are also 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. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send Palestinian patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel. Currently, there are six lanes leading to the Tunnels Terminal, four of which lead north from Road 60 into Jerusalem while the other two lead from Jerusalem to the south.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata	Open 24 hours. 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 Frontiers/Doctors Without Borders) that thorough checks and maltreatment have been experienced by staff especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarquimiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates</i>	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. Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. However, during the reporting period, Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel through this checkpoint as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
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 reporting period Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
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.
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 (Temporary International Presence in Hebron) 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</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go

<i>the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	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 Ar Ramadin 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	<p>Erez was open on six days this week for Palestinian traders as well as for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. 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:</p> <p>Erez was open this week for people with special coordination arrangements and was closed on 27 September.</p> <p>30 September: 85 Palestinians, who had been stranded at the Egyptian side due to the closure of Rafah crossing, returned to the Strip through the separation wall. Local media reported that there was an agreement between the Egyptians and Hamas to allow this group of Palestinians back into Gaza (Rafah).</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
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 for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays. On 26 September it was open until 1400 and on 27 September it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to pass the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system).
Jenin	
Al Jalama <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. On 26 September it was open until 1400 and on 27 September it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.
Hebron	
Tarqumiya	Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police.
Gaza Strip	

Karni	The conveyor belt operated on 1 and 2 October for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained generally closed for all other items and for exports.
Sufa	This week, Sufa crossing was open on three out of the five scheduled operating days for the import of non-aggregate materials. On 26 and 27 September, it was closed. On 28 and 29 September, it was closed for the weekend.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on three days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 26, 27, 28 and 29 September, the crossing was closed.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 29 September, they were closed for the weekend. However, since 30 September only industrial fuel to the power station has been allowed into Gaza.

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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.