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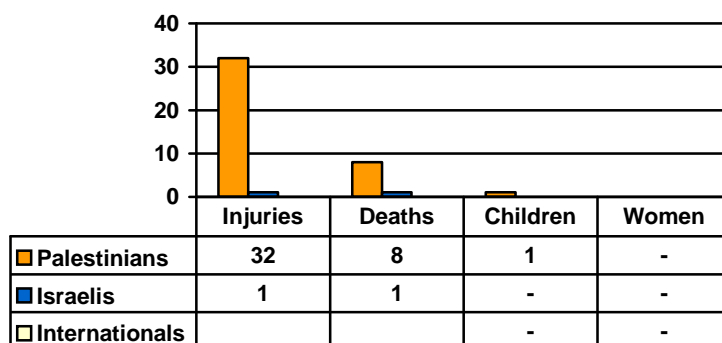
Of note this week

Gaza Strip:

- An IDF soldier and an armed Hamas member were killed during an IDF operation in Abbasan village southeast of Khan Younis. 14 others, including two armed Palestinians, were injured.
- In separate incidents, five Palestinians, including two Islamic Jihad members in a boat off the Gaza city coast, were killed. Eight others were injured during the IDF military activities in northern and southern Gaza Strip.
- 18 homemade rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, five of which exploded prematurely and landed in the Palestinian areas. Two rockets landed in Israel (reported in Israeli news media). 29 mortar shells were fired towards Israel, one of which landed in Gaza; seven were fired towards the IDF Kissufim military base, eight targeting the IDF troops at the Palestinian airport, and three towards Erez crossing. No damage or injuries were reported.
- 18 Palestinians were arrested during an IDF military operation in the Gaza strip. (15 were released the following day)
- During an IDF incursion in the Abbasan area east of Khan Younis, IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated approximately 20 dunums of citrus trees and partially damaged eight Palestinian houses
- An Islamic Jihad member and a female bystander were killed, and 32 others injured, during armed factional violence between Islamic Jihad and Hamas armed members in the Gaza Strip.
- A 77 year-old Palestinian patient died inside Erez Crossing on 23 Oct while waiting for passage coordination approval by the Erez crossing authority. According to Palestinian MoH and Human rights organisations, coordination arrangements were made for his transfer to an Israeli hospital for treatment on 22 Oct, but he was still denied access. In a separate incident, another Palestinian patient was denied access and his companion was arrested by Israeli security.

West Bank:

- **17 October:** The IDF dismantled Ar Ramadin checkpoint located near the settlement of Eshkolot, south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya, (Hebron).
- **20 October:** Palestinians demonstrated in the cities of Nablus, Tulkarm and Tubas against the violence that erupted in Negev/Ktziot prison.
- **22 October:** Palestinian security forces prevented Hamas members from holding a night protest in the H1 area of the City of Hebron (Hebron). The demonstration was planned to protest recent clashes in Israeli prisons. PA authorities declared that the protest did not have the needed permits.
- **23 October:** Negev Prison visits were rescheduled to be held on the 31st of October, rather than the 24th of October.
- **During the reporting period:** Palestinians in the Ramallah district started the olive harvest. Access to problematic areas (near settlements) was granted given prior coordination with the Israeli DCL. Patrols by the CA, IDF and Blue Police were conducted to provide protection for the Palestinian farmers from any expected settlers' attacks.
- **During the reporting period:** Reports of checkpoints around Jerusalem continue to indicate long waiting times for Palestinians. Delays of up to 45 minutes at the Qalandiya pedestrian lane occur almost daily.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹**1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties****Gaza:**

- **17 Oct:** An IDF soldier and 21 year old Palestinian (Hamas armed member) were killed and 14 others were injured including two armed Palestinians, in an IDF operation in Abbasan village southeast of Khan Younis. Under cover of heavy helicopter fire, approximately 15 IDF tanks entered 700m into the village to conduct a house-search operation resulting in 15 arrests. Armed clashes erupted between the IDF troops and armed Palestinians, who fired five anti-tank rockets at the Israeli tanks. The troops responded with tank shells, HMGs, and an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a group of armed Palestinians. At 1420 hours, the Israeli troops withdrew to the border fence, (Khan Younis).
- **19 Oct:** Two Palestinians age 22 and 30 were injured and three others were arrested (including a specialist in tunnel building), during an exchange of gunfire between Al Qassam brigades members and the IDF soldiers, when two IDF jeeps entered approximately 2km into Gaza, south of Al Shouka, (Rafah).
- **20 Oct:** Two Palestinian men aged 21 and 34 years-old were injured inside their house when IDF troops stationed at the border line north of Beit Lahia fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting Beit Lahia village, (North Gaza).
- **20 Oct:** Two Palestinians sailing in a fishing boat (two Islamic Jihad members) aged 22 and 25 were killed, when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting their boat west of Gaza City, (Gaza).
- **21 Oct:** A 32 year old Palestinian was killed and three others injured when IDF troops stationed at the border line north of Beit Hanoun fired a surface-to-surface rocket at a group of Hamas members situated near the border, (North Gaza).
- **22 Oct:** One Palestinian man was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a vehicle belonging to anti-riot police travelling on Salah Ed-Din road in Bureij Camp, (Central Gaza).
- **23 Oct:** A 36 year old Palestinian was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at his jeep while travelling along the costal road, west of Nuseirat Camp, (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **19 Oct:** Six IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered the former Erez Industrial Zone under cover of heavy fire. The IDF contingent reached the hill overlooking Salah Ed-Din road. On 22 Oct, at 1130 hours, IDF tanks withdrew to the border fence, (North Gaza).
- **19 Oct:** IDF troops stationed at the border east of Al Maghazi Camp fired a tank-shell at a group of armed Palestinians, who were situated near the border. No injuries were reported, (Central Gaza).
- **19 Oct:** Armed clashes erupted between armed Palestinians and the IDF troops, when three Israeli tanks and one bulldozer entered approximately 1.5km meters into Gaza, east of Rafah, and stationed at the Gaza International Airport. Qassam brigade members fired eight mortar shells targeting the IDF troops at the airport; the IDF retaliated with HMG. No injuries were reported. On 20 Oct, the IDF withdrew to the border, (Rafah).
- **22 Oct:** Two homemade rockets were fired from Beit Hanoun Industrial Zone towards the Green Line. The IDF responded by firing one tank-shell at the HMR launching site, (North Gaza).

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

- **23 Oct:** IDF gunboats fired three shells towards Palestinian fishing boats north west of Beit Lahia. No injuries or damages were reported, (North Gaza).
- **23 Oct:** During a failed attempt to fire a homemade rocket from an area north of Beit Lahia towards Sderot, IDF responded by firing two tank-shells at the area where the rocket had been fired but the rocket detonated prematurely. No injuries were reported, (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **19 October:** Two Palestinian men (ages: 26,28) from Ad Duheisha Refugee Camp were injured when a group of IDF soldiers physically beat them while arresting their brother, (Bethlehem).
- **19 October:** Five Palestinians were injured with rubber- coated metal bullets during a demonstration against the Barrier construction in Bil'in village. Three cases of tear gas inhalation were reported. Palestinian, Israeli and International activists continue to demonstrate against the non- implementation of the Israeli High Court decision to remove/change sections of the Barrier in the village, (Ramallah).
- **20 October:** A 33-year old Palestinian man from town of Husan was injured when he was physically assaulted by a group of settlers from the settlement of Bitar Illit as he was passing by the settlement, (Bethlehem).
- **20 October:** Seven Palestinians were physically assaulted by the IDF in Zawata village after detaining them for several hours as they were picking olives. The IDF released them after the intervention of the Palestinian DCO, (Nablus).
- **20 October:** A 32 year-old Palestinian was physically assaulted and injured at Izbat Jal'ud partial checkpoint.
- **21 October:** Two Palestinians, a boy aged 14 and a man aged 35 were injured by rubber coated metal bullets in Kafr ad Dik village when the IDF fired at Palestinian bystanders allegedly after stones were thrown at the IDF patrol, (Salfit).
- **22 October:** An 8 year-old Palestinian girl (Zeina Mir'i) died from injuries sustained on 19 October when the IDF opened fire during a search and arrest campaign, (Tulkarm).
- **23 October:** Two Palestinian men, Muhammad Jawabreh aged 23 from Kafr Ra'i and Khaled Ar Rayeq Abu Sari, aged 26 from Nur Shams refugee camp, were killed during an exchange of fire with the IDF in Jenin city. One Israeli soldier was injured in the operation and ten Palestinians were arrested in the same operation. An empty structure was demolished and a vehicle was damaged, (Jenin).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

Nothing to report

Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **17 Oct:** Four Palestinians including a police man aged 17(2), 25 and 32 were killed and 27 others were injured during armed clashes between armed family members and a police force during an attempt to arrest one of the family members accused of firing at the police in the Sheijaya quarter of Gaza City. According to Hamas sources, 25 members of the family were arrested. At 1100hours on 18 Oct, the police withdrew from the area, but the road leading to the houses was blocked by the family members, (Gaza).
- **18 Oct:** A 20 year old Palestinian was accidentally killed during training exercises at the former Tal Qatif settlement in Deir El Balah, (Central Gaza).
- **20 Oct:** Three Palestinians (including a woman and a child) aged 13, 26 and 42 (which one is the female?) were killed and 17 others injured during armed clashes between the police forces and armed member from a local family. The clashes began after a police force set up road blocks at the entrances of the streets leading to the Sheijaya quarter of Gaza City, and surrounded the family houses. On 21 Oct, at 1200hours police withdrew from the area following an agreement between the two sides to turn over all wanted persons and weapons to the police, (Gaza).
- **20 Oct:** A 16 year old Palestinian boy was accidentally shot and injured by a relative in Beit Lahia, (North 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.

- **20 Oct:** A 52 year old Palestinian man was found dead in the Ma'an area of Khan Younis. The death is attributed to a family dispute, (Khan Younis).
- **21 Oct:** Two Palestinians were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at their vehicle in Khan Younis. The attackers managed to flee. The incident is part of an ongoing family dispute, (Khan Younis).
- **22 October:** A 29 year-old Palestinian man (Mohammad al Ashqar), from Seida village (Tulkarm) died in Seruka Hospital after he was injured inside Negev prison when the IDF opened fire at prisoners.
- **23 Oct:** A 77 year old Palestinian patient died inside Erez Crossing while waiting for his passage coordination approval by Erez crossing authority. (North Gaza)

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **17 Oct:** 100 Palestinians organized a demonstration demanding the opening of Gaza border crossings. The demonstration started at Ansar square and proceeded to the UNSCO building, where the demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to UN officials. At 1230hours the demonstration ended peacefully, (Gaza).
- **19 Oct:** Three stray bullets hit the UNRWA Khan Younis training centre, the bullets were fired by Qassam brigades training in the area, (Khan Younis).
- **20 Oct:** An explosive device was detonated in a garbage container near a government-run secondary school in the Daraj quarter in Gaza City. The motive is unknown. No injuries were reported, (Gaza).
- **21 Oct:** Approximately 100 Palestinians staged a sit-in in front of the PLC building in Gaza City in protest of the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. At 1200hours the sit-in ended peacefully, (Gaza).
- **22 Oct:** Approximately 100 Palestinians staged a sit-in in front of the UNSCO building in protest against the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. The protesters handed over a letter addressed to UN officials. At 1300hours the sit-in ended peacefully, (Gaza).
- **22 Oct:** Hamas organized a demonstration in Jabalia Camp to protest the attack of Israeli soldiers against the Palestinian prisoners in the Negev. At 2200hours the demonstration ended peacefully, (North Gaza).
- **22 Oct:** Fatah supporters held a commemoration rally in Al Bureij Camp to mark the first anniversary of the death of one of their leaders. The rally was attended by approximately 100 people. The rally ended peacefully, (Central Gaza).
- **23 Oct:** Hamas supporters organized a demonstration in Gaza City to express solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, the rally ended peacefully in front of the PLC building in Gaza city, (Gaza).
- **23 Oct:** Hamas supporters organized a demonstration in Rafah, in support of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. The demonstration ended peacefully, (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

Nothing to report

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **19 Oct:** Three Palestinians were injured during armed clashes between Hamas and Islamic Jihad armed members in Al Rihab mosque at Bani Suhaila in Khan Younis following Hamas attempt to seize the mosque, (Khan Younis).
- **20 Oct:** A 51 year old woman was killed, and 16 others, including bystander, were injured during exchange of fire between Islamic Jihad and Hamas armed members in the Tel Es-Sultan area of Rafah and extended from Tel Es-Sultan quarter to Block "J". The confrontations started when ESF attempted to confiscate a jeep owned by Islamic Jihad members, (Rafah).
- **21 Oct:** A Hamas member was shot and injured by Islamic jihad member while he was standing in front of his home in Block "J", (Rafah).
- **21 Oct:** A 25 year old Islamic Jihad member was killed and 12 others injured when heavy gunfire renewed between Islamic Jihad and Hamas armed members in the Tel Es-Sultan and Block J areas of Rafah. RPG's were also used. Leaders from Islamic Jihad, Hamas and the PRC arrived in Rafah and helped to bring the situation under control, (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **22 October:** A 29 year old Palestinian woman was found dead in Qalqiliya city, the case is under investigation, (Qalqiliya).
- **22 October:** Four Palestinians (ages: 25, 34, 42 and 50) from the H1 area of the City of Hebron (Hebron) were injured when PA authorities surrounded Al Hussein Ibn Ali Mosque, located on Ein Sara street in the H1 area of the City of Hebron, and prevented a Hamas-sponsored demonstration in protest of the Israeli attacks against Palestinian prisoners in Negev prison, (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

Nothing to report

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Nothing 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
18 Oct	Abbasan area east of Khan Younis	-	8 (houses partially damaged)	-	-
22 Oct	Jenin city / Jenin	1	-	-	-
Total		1	8	0	0

- **18 Oct:** During the IDF incursion in the Abbasan area east of Khan Younis, IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated approximately 20 dunums of citrus trees. Eight houses were partially damaged. (Khan Younis)
- **22 October:** The IDF demolished an empty structure and damaged a vehicle in Jenin city during a military operation (Jenin).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **19 October:** The IDF confiscated one car and destroyed two additional cars in Ad Duheisha Refugee Camp during an arrest campaign, (Bethlehem).
- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate, (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- Nothing to Report

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **23 October:** Palestinian security forces confiscated the computer as well as personal belongings of a Hamas member in the town of Beit Kahil, (Hebron).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nothing to report

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

Olive Harvest

- **21 October:** The IDF prevented farmers from Zbuba village to access their land near the Barrier (Jenin). The next day they were allowed after liaison with the Palestinian DCO,
- **17 October:** Settlers from Qarne Shomron settlement stole olives from a farmer from Jinsafut village (Qalqiliya). The olives had already been picked.
- **20 October:** Settlers from Qarne Shomron settlement stole olives from a farmer from Jinsafut village (Qalqiliya). The olives had already been picked.

Nablus Governorate:

- 19 October:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for 30 minutes after the arrest of a Palestinian.
- 22 October:** The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for one hour—allegedly due to a suspicious object.
- 23 October:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for 30 minutes allegedly after a homemade bomb was thrown at the checkpoint.

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:

- **17 October:** The IDF handed out a demolition order for a school in Fasail al Fauqa due to lack of building permit. The area lies under the “C” category. The school, which is being built with mud by the villagers is still under phase one construction. The IDF gave one month notice for the village to remove it. Another order was given to demolish one house.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between ‘Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between ‘Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni’lin section.
 - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni’lin has been planned but is pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni’lin village residents and Hashmon’im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
 - Construction continues on ‘Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” Construction is taking place around the two settlements and parallel to bypass Road 564. The Barrier will isolate 3,800 dunums of the village land.
- Construction of three “fabric of life” roads, (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. The road is in its final stage.
- Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

Jericho Governorate:

Nothing to report

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 Dahiyat Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyat 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. Reported confiscation orders were imposed on 1700 dunums for this road. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - The Barrier contractor continued the installation of 12 meters high concrete blocks along the eastern side of road 60 to the south of the Tunnel Checkpoint
 - The Barrier contractor continued the installation of 8 meters high concrete blocks along road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City)
 - The Barrier contractor continued land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was halted during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Illit, Elizar, and Efrat settlements

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of building continued next to Beit Yatirt, checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings is taking place west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya.
- Construction of new buildings is taking place in Karmil, Susyia, Karyat Arb'a and Shahni settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road, parallel to road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Meitar Checkpoint, continued during the reporting period.

Gaza Strip:

- **18 Oct:** During the IDF incursion in the Abbasan area east of Khan Younis, IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated approximately 20 dunums of citrus trees. (Khan Younis)
- **22 Oct:** Two IDF tanks and five bulldozers entered Khamsa Khamsa to conduct levelling and excavation operations. On 23 Oct, the Israeli tanks withdrew to the border line. (North Gaza)
- **23 Oct:** Four IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered approximately 700m into Gaza, east of Beit Hanoun. The IDF bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations in which several of dunums of citrus trees were uprooted. On 24 Oct, at 0500 hours the IDF withdrew to the border. (North Gaza)

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians](#)**a) Incidents of curfews****Nothing 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

- **19 Oct:** during IDF operation east of Rafah, stray bullets hit the UNRWA Al-Shouka School, causing UNRWA guards to shut down and vacate the premises. (Rafah)
- During the reporting period the IDF and 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 time 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. It needs to be noted that the escort decision indicated that the soldiers must be walking with the children. The soldiers, however, usually stay in the jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF jeep.

c) Access to employment

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.

- **During the reporting period**, 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 arrive at Gilo checkpoint at 0300 hours in the morning in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

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:

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:

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 partial 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.

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 Efrain 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.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **During the reporting:** The checkpoints around Jerusalem continue to be reported problematic in terms of the waiting times for Palestinians to access through. Long delays up to 45 minutes were experienced at the Qalandiya pedestrian lane almost on daily basis.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- On 22 and 23 October Gilo checkpoint was closed to Palestinians for about 2 hours each evening. The closure was to prevent contact between Palestinians and Jewish pilgrims going to Rachel's Tomb to pray on a Jewish religious festival. Palestinians were permitted to use the Tunnels checkpoint but there were insufficient buses and some groups of men walked through the tunnels to that checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

- **17 October:** The IDF dismantled Ar Ramadien checkpoint located near the settlement of Eshkolot south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron).

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez 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.
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated on two days for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza (17 and 23 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 five 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 five days for 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 due to regular IDF fire towards the area. There is 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 (2), Sanur (2), Az Zababida (1), Al 'Araqa (1), 'Anza (1), Al Kufeir (1).	8
Tubas	Al Aqaba (1)	1
Tulkarm	Iktaba (2), 'Attil (1), Bal'a (1).	4
Qalqiliya	, 'Azzun (3), (1), Jayyus (4), Kafr Thulth (1), Wadi Qana (2), 'Izbat at Tabib (2), Kafr Qaddum (3), Kafr Laqif.	17
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (1), Bruqin (1),	2
Jerusalem	Entrance to Anata (2)	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh		0
Jericho		0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Ash Shawareh, Beit Jala, Beit Fajjar (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah, Doha (1), Tequ' (3), Ar Rashayda	7
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya, Halhul, Surif	10
Total West Bank		51

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 (5), Balata RC (4), Camp No.1 (1), Sarra (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP	12	20
Jenin	Jenin City (6), Jenin RC (2), Qabatiya (1), Deir abu Daif (1), Silat al Harithiya (1), 'Arraba (1), Zbuba (1), Meithalun (1), Rummana (1), Al 'Araqa (1)	16	14
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tayasir (1).	3	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (4), Tulkarm RC (3), Qaffin (1), 'Anabta (1), Shuweika (1).	10	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (5), 'Azzun (4), Habla (1), Jayyus (1), Immatin (1), Hajja (1), Kafr Qaddum (3), Jit (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras at Tira (1), Baqat al Hatab (1), DCO CP	20	16
Salfit	Biddya (1), Kaf ad Dik (1),	2	0
Ramallah	Ramallah (2)	2	6
Jericho	Jericho	1	
Jerusalem ¹			
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Duheisha RC (1), Al Azza RC, Beit Fajjar, Ad Doha (1), Dar Salah, Obeidiya, Ayda RC, Artas (1)	5	4
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), H2 Area of Hebron City (3) Dura (1), Yatta (1), Kharas, Sa'ir, Adh Dhahiriya, Nuba, Idna, As 'Samu, Khursa, Taffuh, Al 'Arrub RC, Surif (1), Ash Shyouk.	9	12
Gaza	Abbasan(1), Alshouka	1	18
Total Week West Bank		81	94

Table 5: 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	Nablus city (7, 8),	7	8
Hebron	Al Fawwar RC(1,0), Beit Kahil (0,1)	1	1
Gaza	Gaza City (0,25),	0	25
Total Week West Bank		8	34

Appendix: Checkpoints: 19-25 September 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green line CP)	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 controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet 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, 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.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line checkpoint)	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.
Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP (New)	Control the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP (New)	South of Habla village, control access to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
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 On Road 5.	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 0600 to 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.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	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.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint.	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 Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Za'atara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages	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.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP (New)	Control access of the northern areas to road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	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.
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.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <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.
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. 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.
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. Delays at Qalandiya were reported at both the pedestrian lane.
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' <i>Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Delays on daily basis up to 30 minutes were reported by Palestinians entering Ramallah.
Atarot- At the junction to bypass Road 45	This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned by the Border Police. Checks for vehicles coming towards Qalandiya/Beit Hanina .
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. 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 Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. As of 31 August 2007, 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 Yallow Al Walaja <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. 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 Mizpe Shalem – 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. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.

<i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs.
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. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were allowed free access. 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. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work stations inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel has also been reported.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</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. Not on the Green Line</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 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. On 7 September, an MSF team was delayed for 35 minutes before being allowed entry into the H2 area and after having made repeated phone calls to the Israeli DCL.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325. Not of the Green Line.</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.. THIS CHECKPOINT HAS BEEN REMOVED ON THE 17TH OF OCTOBER, 2007.
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 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: Erez was open this week for people with special coordination arrangements. During the reporting period 224 Palestinian patients crossed Erez for medical treatment in Israelis, west bank and Jordanian hospitals, and 93 Palestinians holding Business Man card (BMC) were allowed to cross Erez to Israel and west bank. The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was closed all week. It was last open on 9 June.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green line CP)	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..
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 (Green line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if 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 17 and 23 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 five scheduled operating days for the import of non-aggregate materials. On 19 and 20 Oct, it was closed for the weekend.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on five days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 19 and 20 Oct, the crossing was closed.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 20 Oct, 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.