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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 14 – 20 November 2007

### Of note this week

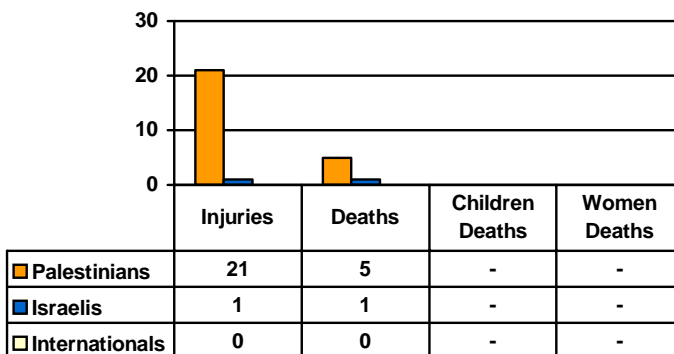
#### Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed five Palestinians and injured seven others in the North Gaza and Khan Younis governorates.
- 26 Qassam rockets and 47 mortar shells were fired towards Israel. Eight mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.
- Sufa crossing continues to be closed since 28 October, following a Gol decision to close the crossing indefinitely. Subsequently, the Gol announced that the crossing will be re-opened on 25 November after some security arrangements are put in place. However, this week, shipments of lamb were exceptionally allowed entry into Gaza through Sufa on 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 November. At present, however, Kerem Shalom is effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- Thirteen demonstrations took place this week: six to protest against Israeli excavation activities around Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem; one to express opposition to the Annapolis conference as well as protest against excavation activities around Al Aqsa mosque; one to protest against the non-issuance of Palestinian ID cards; two to demand the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails; two to demand the re-opening of the Gaza border crossings; and one to celebrate Palestinian Independence Day.

#### West Bank:

- 13 Palestinians were injured by the IDF and one by the Israeli Border Police, including seven children (Ramallah (4), Hebron (2), Bethlehem (1), and Tubas (7)). One Israeli settler was killed (Qalqiliya) and another was injured (Ramallah).
- **16 November:** Israeli settlers from Elon Moreh settlement set fire to olive groves that belong to farmers from Deir al Hatab village. Fifty olive trees were burnt (Nablus).
- **19 November:** An Israeli court concluded that the Israeli purchase of Al Rajabi House, located in the H2 area of Hebron City that overlooks the settlement of Kiryat Arba, was illegal. It also concluded that the police may evict the Jewish settlers who have been occupying it since March 2007 without recourse to a court order (Hebron).
- The IDF imposed 35 hours of curfew in villages in the northern West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tubas).
- 72 flying checkpoints, 91 search and arrest campaigns, and 53 arrests were reported.

#### Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:<sup>1</sup>



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

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **15 November:** Two armed Palestinian males (both aged 20 years) were killed and four others were injured by shrapnel when the IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of armed Fatah members who had fired two Qassam rockets from south of Beit Hanun towards Sderot. According to Israeli media reports, one rocket landed in Sderot and caused extensive damage to one house and several vehicles (North Gaza).
- **20 November:** Two armed Palestinians (Fatah members; aged 21 and 22 years) were killed by the IDF while they were attempting to infiltrate into the Israeli community Netiv Ha'asara, north of the Gaza Strip. The two bodies were returned to Gaza (North Gaza).
- **20 November:** A 37-year-old armed Palestinian ( Hamas member) was killed and three others were injured during an exchange of gunfire between an IDF undercover unit and armed Palestinians in Khuza' village east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 November:** Palestinians opened fire at an IDF outpost near Erez crossing. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **15 November:** An IAF helicopter fired three rockets targeting rocket launching sites south of Beit Hanun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **15 November:** An IAF helicopter fired two rockets at a suspected rocket-launching site north of Beit Hanun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **15 November:** The IDF discovered and defused a road side bomb near the border fence east of Al Bureij Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **15 November:** IDF soldiers at the border fence north of Beit Hanun fired a surface-to-surface missile at an open area north of the Beit Hanun's agricultural school. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **17 November:** Armed Palestinians fired a Qassam rocket from Beit Hanun toward the western Negev. According to Israeli media reports, a Qassam rocket struck Sderot and caused damage to cars but resulted in no injuries (North Gaza).
- **18 November:** An IAF aircraft fired five rockets targeting a group of armed Palestinians situated in Al Fuhari area southeast of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **19 November:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line. According to Ha'aretz, the rockets struck and caused damage to a cemetery near Ashkelon. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **20 November:** Four mortar rounds were fired from southeast of Al Bureij Camp towards the Green line. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **20 November:** An explosive device was detonated near an IDF mobile patrol near IDF Kissufim military base. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **20 November:** Three mortar shells were fired from east of Rafah towards Kerem Shalom crossing. The IDF responded with heavy shooting. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

### West Bank:

- **13 November:** One Israeli man was injured when his vehicle was stoned while driving on bypass Road 443 near Beit Sira village (Ramallah).
- **15 November:** Four Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by IDF soldiers during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, international and Israeli protestors against Barrier construction in Bil'in. At least six Palestinian children suffered from tear gas inhalation. Another four Palestinians were arrested (Ramallah).
- **18 November:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man from the town of Zurif was injured when he was physically attacked by two Israeli Border Policemen near the Israeli settlement of Har Homa as he was en route to reach his work place inside Israel (Bethlehem).
- **18 November:** A 10-year-old Palestinian boy from Al 'Arrub refugee camp was injured with a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire and threw sound bombs and tear gas at Palestinian stone-throwers inside the camp (Hebron).
- **19 November:** A 26-year-old Palestinian man from the H2 area of Hebron City was injured when he was beaten by an IDF soldier while carrying out some maintenance work in the front yard of his house, which is located in the vicinity of Tel Rumeida settlement (Hebron).
- **19 November:** A 29-year-old Israeli settler man from Qedumim settlement was killed near Al Funduq when gunmen in a passing vehicle opened fire at his car (Qalqiliya).

- **20 November:** Seven Palestinians were injured in El Far'a refugee camp; six boys (aged 13, 14, 16 and 17(3) years) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and one 22-year-old man was injured by live ammunition in confrontations with the IDF during a military operation in the camp (Tubas).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **15 November:** Palestinians from Beit Sira, Beit Liqya, Beit U'r, Tira, Safa, Bil'in and Khirbet Al Misbah villages demonstrated on Road 443 northwest of Jerusalem against the Barrier, the Israeli policy on settlements, and discrimination against Palestinians regarding the use of Road 443. The IDF erected road blocks to prevent the demonstrators from reaching the main road. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).
- **17 November:** Palestinians hurled stones at Israeli settler vehicles near Turmus 'Ayya village, located northeast of Ramallah. One vehicle sustained damage. No injuries were reported (Ramallah).

## 2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>

**Gaza Strip:**

- **14 November:** A 19-year-old male was injured in a family feud in Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **15 November:** Three ESF members were injured in an internal explosion inside an ESF military training camp in the former Atzmona settlement northeast of Rafah (Rafah).
- **15 November:** A 37-year-old Palestinian male corpse was removed from a tunnel that had collapsed opposite Al-Salam quarter in Rafah (Rafah).
- **16 November:** A 19-year-old Palestinian ( Hamas member) was shot and injured during a training session in Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 November:** Hamas organised four demonstrations in Gaza City (7,000 participated), Al Bureij Camp (2,000 participated), An Nuseirat Camp (2,000 participated), and Rafah City (3,000 participated) to protest Israeli excavation activities around Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. All demonstrations ended peacefully (Gaza, Central Gaza and Rafah).
- **16 November:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Gaza City to protest Israeli excavation activities around Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. Several roads in the city centre were blocked. Approximately 30,000 Hamas supporters participated in the demonstration which began at the Gaza mosques and ended at the PLC building (Gaza).
- **16 November:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Al Maghazi Camp to protest Israeli excavation activities around Al Aqsa mosque and against the Annapolis conference. Approximately 1,500 Hamas supporters participated in the demonstration which ended peacefully at 1315 hours (Central Gaza).
- **17 November:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Jabalya to protest Israeli excavation activities near Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. Approximately 7,000 persons participated in the demonstration which ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- **18 November:** Approximately 100 Palestinians organised a sit-in at the Unknown Soldier square in protest against the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. The sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **18 November:** Approximately 50 Palestinians from a local prisoners' association demonstrated at the Unknown Soldier square demanding the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **19 November:** Approximately 150 labourers demonstrated in front of the UNRWA Headquarters in Gaza in protest against the closure of the crossings and demanding an end to the Israeli blockade on Gaza. They handed over a letter addressed to the Commissioner General. The demonstrators then proceeded to the UNSCO office and handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General (Gaza).
- **19 November:** Approximately 50 family members of Palestinians imprisoned in Israel demonstrated to demand the release of their relatives. The demonstration started at the ICRC office and proceeded to the Unknown Soldier square. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

- **19 November:** Approximately 200 labourers demonstrated in front of Khan Younis distribution centre demanding that the border crossings be opened. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UNRWA Commissioner General. The demonstration ended peacefully (Khan Younis).

#### West Bank:

##### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **19 November:** UNRWA employees held a half-day strike in all offices, clinics and schools in the northern West Bank to pressure UNRWA to solve salary concerns.

#### Inter-factional violence

##### Gaza Strip:

- **14 November:** A 21-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah supporters and the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government at Al-Azhar Park in Gaza City (Gaza).

##### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 November:** An explosive device was detonated in front of the police station on Omar Al-Mokhtar street in Gaza City, causing damage to the building but no injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **15 November:** An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was detonated at the main gate of Fatah Al Yasser's offices on Omar Al Mokhtar street in Gaza City. The explosion resulted in damage to the premises but no injuries (Gaza).
- **15 November:** Fatah supporters organised a demonstration in Al Maghazi Camp to celebrate Palestinian Independence Day. The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government were then deployed in the area. People threw stones and rocks at the police who opened fire in the air to disperse the demonstrators. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **15 November:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government discovered and safely removed an explosive device planted near a garbage container on Nafak street in Gaza City (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
14 November 2007	Bruqin, Salfit	-	2 (Windows + vehicle)	-	1+
18 November 2007	Al Walaja, Bethlehem	chicken farm (60m <sup>2</sup> )	-	0	6
18 November 2007	Al Walaja, Bethlehem	Road (1 km) connecting Khallet Al Samak with the school	-	0	80+
20 November 2007	Road 60, Nablus	-	1 vehicle	0	1
20 November 2007	Al Amour area, Rafah	-	1	0	1+
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89+</b>

- **14 November:** About 30 Israeli settlers attacked a house in Bruqin village, damaged window panes, and damaged the vehicle of the house owner. The IDF subsequently evacuated the settlers (Salfit).
- **20 November:** Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian vehicles with stones, clubs and metal bars near the settlement of Yitzhar on Road 60. As a result, one passing Palestinian vehicle was damaged. No injuries were reported (Nablus).
- **20 November:** The IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians in Al-Amour area northeast of Rafah. The armed men escaped and minor damage to a nearby house was reported (Rafah).

##### Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

No incidents to report.

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 and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).
- **Early October to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the Abu Mayyala building located near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

No incidents to report.

#### 4. [Natural Resources](#)

##### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</sup>

###### Olive Harvest

- **16 November:** Israeli settlers from Elon Moreh settlement set fire to olive groves that belong to farmers from Deir al Hatab village. Fifty olive trees were burnt (Nablus).

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:

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:
  - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction was totally stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.
  - 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 of three “fabric of life” roads, which is part of a Gol 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.

<sup>3</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

- Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

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**Jericho Governorate:**


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No incidents to report.

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**Jerusalem Governorate:**


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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 decision on an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
  - 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 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 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Al 'Eizariya without using the entrance lane near Al Za'ayim checkpoint. 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.

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**Bethlehem Governorate:**


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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 halted 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 halted land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat settlement.
  - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was continued in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
  - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was halted 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 Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for a new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling, road building and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, Elizar, and Efrat settlements.

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**Hebron Governorate:**


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Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings is taking place at the new Tarqumiya checkpoint.

- Construction of new buildings is taking place in Karmil, Susyia, Karyat Arb'a and Shani settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road, parallel to Road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Metar checkpoint, continued during the reporting period.

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **18 November:** Five IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered the former Erez Industrial Zone. The bulldozers carried out an excavation operation. The IDF then withdrew to the border line (North Gaza).
- **14 November:** Two IDF tanks and two Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) that had entered the former Nissanit settlement north of Beit Lahia on 11 November withdrew to the border line (North Gaza).
- **19 November:** Two IDF tanks, three APCs and three bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered the former Erez Industrial Zone. IDF bulldozers carried out a levelling and excavation operation. Armed Palestinians fired eight mortar shells at the IDF soldiers, who responded with HMG fire. No injuries were reported. The IDF withdrew to the border line (North Gaza).
- **20 November:** Three IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered Al Qarrara east of Khan Younis. IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated agricultural land in the area. The IDF withdrew to the border line (Khan Younis).

## **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

### **a) Incidents of curfews**

**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
17 November 2007	Camp No.1, Nablus	8 hours
20 November	Al Funduq, Hajja, Immatin, Kafr Qaddum, Baqit al Hatab – Qalqiliya	18 hours
20 November	El Far'a camp, Tubas	9 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>35 hours</b>

**17 November:** The IDF imposed a curfew on 'Ein Beit el Ma' (No.1) Camp during a search and arrest campaign (Nablus).

**20 November:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Al Funduq, Hajja, Immaton, Kafr Qaddum and Baqit al hatab villages for 18 hours after armed Palestinians opened fire from a vehicle at an Israeli settler vehicle, killing the driver. The curfew is still ongoing (Qalqiliya).

**20 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on El Far'a Camp during a search and arrest campaign (Tubas).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (north east of Beit Hanun 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**

- **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 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. However, while the escort decision stipulates that the soldiers walk with the children, the soldiers usually stay in the jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF jeep (Hebron).

### **c) Access to employment**

- **During the reporting period:** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel arrive at around 0300 hours in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their work places 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 start queuing at 0300 hours in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.

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

#### **d) Closures/movement restrictions**

##### **Nablus Governorate:**

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###### Ongoing incidents:

- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'n village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).

##### **Jenin Governorate:**

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###### 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:**

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No incidents to report.

##### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

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###### 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:**

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**14–19 November:** The IDF opened the main entrance of 'Azzun village, allowing vehicular movement in both directions.

**19 November:** The IDF re-closed the main entrance of 'Azzun village with road blocks, preventing vehicular movement into and out of the village. Palestinians have been forced to travel on a detour route in order to reach Qalqiliya City and the main road.

**20 November:** Following the killing of an Israeli settler near Al Funduq village, the IDF closed the partial checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City as well as a segment of Road 55 stretching from Qalqiliya City to Jit junction. This prevented Palestinian vehicular movement in the area.

**20 November:** The IDF closed the dirt roads connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Kafr Sur due to the killing of an Israeli settler near Al Funduq village.

###### Ongoing incidents:

- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun village with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the partial checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City.

##### **Salbit Governorate:**

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###### Ongoing incidents:

- **28 October to date:** The IDF continues to close the entrance of Kifl Hares village with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

##### **Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

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###### 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:**

**16 November:** Palestinians encountered delays of up to one hour due to the IDF closure of the Jericho DCO checkpoint. The Israeli DCL reported that it is due to a security alert.

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.
- **26 April to date:** 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 through Hamara and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

#### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**13 November:** IDF soldiers manning Abu Rish checkpoint obstructed the exit of an MSF (Doctors without Borders) jeep from the H2 area of Hebron City for more than 45 minutes. Soldiers asked the organisation about its identity and the method through which they managed to enter the H2 area. The jeep was allowed to proceed following coordination with the Israeli DCL.

**18 November:** IDF soldiers manning Al Shohada Street checkpoint, located in the H2 area of Hebron City delayed the access of a Palestinian man with a portable oxygen tank for more than two hours. He was eventually allowed to cross following ICRC intervention.

#### **Gaza Strip**

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez operated on six days for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on three days (14, 15, and 19 November) to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing continues to be generally closed since 28 October, following a Gol decision to close the crossing indefinitely. Subsequently, the Gol announced that the crossing will be re-opened on 25 November after some security arrangements are put in place. However, this week, shipments of lamb were exceptionally allowed entry into Gaza on 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 November. Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing since the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on four days this week (14, 15, 19 and 20 November) for the import of commercial and humanitarian goods. Upon the closure of Sufa on 28 October, Kerem Shalom is now effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be 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. 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 of Beit Hanun 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 (potatoes, watermelons and onions) are currently inaccessible due to regular IDF fire towards the area.

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Jama'in (2)	2
Jenin	Arraba (2), Sanur (1), Fahma (1), 'Arabuna (1), Qabatiya (1), Az Zababida (1), Kaf Dan (1), Bir al Basha(1), Ya'bad (1), Kafr Ra'i (1), South entrance Jenin (1), Zbuba (1), Ash Shuhada (1)	14
Tubas	Al Faf'a Camp (1), Tammun (1)	2
Tulkarm	Bala'a (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Tulkarm southern entrance (1), Kaf Sur (2)	6
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (4), Kafr Thulth (1), Immatin (1), Jayyus (1), 'Izbat at Tabib (4), Sanniriya (1), Jinsafut (1), Wadi Qana (4), An Nabi Elyas (1), Hajja (1), Kafr Qadum (1)	20
Salfit	Haris (2), Bidhya (1), Bruqin (1), Salfit City (1), Marda (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	7
Jerusalem	-	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Tequ' (2)	7
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (6), Sa'ir (2), Dura (3), Yatta (2), Surif (1)	14
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>72</b>

## 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 (7), Balata Camp (2), Camp # 1 (1), 'Askar Camp (2), Zawata (1), Sabastiya (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP	14	9
Jenin	Jenin City (4), Jenin Camp (3), Kafr Dan (3), Qabatiya (3), Siris (2), Rummana (1), Birqin (1)	17	4
Tubas	Tubas City (1), El Far'a Camp (3), 'Aqaba (2)	6	9
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), 'Illar (1), Far'un (1), Ar Ras/ Kafriat CP	5	3
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (7), Qalqiliya City (6), Jit (1), Hajja (2), Jayyus (2), 'Asla (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Habla (1), Kafr Qaddum (4), Immatin (1)	26	9
Salfit	Marda (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	2	1
Ramallah	Ramallah (3), Bil'in (during the demonstration)	3	7
Jericho	Jericho (1)	1	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	4	4
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), H2 Area of Hebron City (2), Dura (2), Yatta (2), Taffuh (1), Al 'Arrub RC (2)	13	7
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
-	-	0	0
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>53</b>

**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 (1, 2), Salem (1, 6), 'Asirs ash Shamaliya (1, 19), 'Askar (1, 2)	4	29
Jenin	Jenin City (2, 3)	2	3
Tubas	Tammun (1, 1), El Far'a Camp (1, 2)	2	3
Tulkarm	Kafr al Labad (1, 2)	1	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (1, 3), Jayyus (1, 2), Hajja (1, 1)	3	6
Bethlehem	Tequ' (2, 2), Beit Fajjar (1,1)	3	3
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (1,1), Beit Kahel (1,1), As 'Samu (1,1)	3	3
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Gaza Strip<sup>1</sup></b>			
Gaza <sup>2</sup>	Toufah quarter of Gaza City (0, 2)	0	2
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>51</b>

<sup>1</sup> Carried out by the Executive Support Force (ESF).

<sup>2</sup> On 17 November, the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government arrested two young men upon finding them planting a road side bomb near Al-Mahata mosque in Toufah quarter of Gaza City (Gaza).

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 14 – 20 November 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm :</b>	
<b>Ephraim (Green line CP)</b>	Operating 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.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Operating 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.
<b>Ar Ras/ Kafriat</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
<b>Jubara (new)</b>	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier
<b>Enav</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	Operating 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.
<b>Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)</b>	Operating 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.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP (New)</b>	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
<b>Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP (New)</b>	South of Habla village, control access to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
<b>Ras 'atiya (New)</b>	Barrier Checkpoint
<b>'Azzun Atme (new)</b>	Barrier Checkpoint
<b>Jit Junction, Partial CP</b>	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Kasem On Road 5.</b>	Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara Southern main entrance</b>	Operating from 0500 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	Operating from 0600 to 2100 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.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint.</b>	One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Operating 0600-2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
<b>Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin</b>	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
<b>Tappouah South, main road to Ramallah</b>	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's</b>	As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases.

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<b>Yizhar, Partial CP</b>	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP (New)</b>	Controls access to the northern areas from and to Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan, Partial CP</b>	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
<b>Jenin :</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b>	Is a crossing for workers into Israel. Operating between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Operating 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.
<b>Salim DCO (Green Line CP)</b>	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
<b>Mevo Dotan</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas :</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <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. 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.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially Operating 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.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <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.
<b>Hamra</b> <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.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>'Atara Bridge</b>	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. On 15 November, delays were encountered by Palestinian vehicles going out of Ramallah.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open.
<b>At Tayba</b>	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.
<b>Makkabim</b> <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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Operating 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.

<b>Rantis</b>	Operating 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.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating daily for 24 hours/day. No permits required for Jericho residents, holders of 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day 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 to pass though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <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.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <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.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became Permanent as of:</b> <b>1 July 2007</b>	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. As of 31 October 2007, the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Operating 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.
<b>Jerusalem :</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Operating 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 and vehicular lanes.
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Operating 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).
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Operating 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).
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Operating 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.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Operating for Israelis. Palestinians with East 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Operating for Israelis, Palestinians with East 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with East Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need

	a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to pass. 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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 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.
<b>Abu Dis</b> <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion</b> <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.
<b>Jaba'</b> <i>Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Daily delays of up to 30 minutes were reported by Palestinians entering Ramallah.
<b>Atarot junction-</b> <i>(At the roundabout leading to bypass Road 45)</i>	This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned by the Border Police. Checks for vehicles coming towards Qalandiya/Beit Hanina.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <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 reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <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.
<b>Ein Yallow/AI Walaja</b> <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 cross.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 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.
<b>Mizpe Shalem – Efrata Settlers' CP</b>	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.

<b>Al Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Betar Illit</b> <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs.
<b>Mitzpe Shalem</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa, Partial CP</b> <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.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <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. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.
<b>Meitar</b> <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 have also been reported.
<b>Shani</b> <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.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector. On 18 November, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed the access of a Palestinian man with a potable oxygen tank for more than two hours.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <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.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <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.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <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 to pass at a time, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.



<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector. On 13 November, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed an MSF jeep from exiting the H2 area for more than 45 minutes.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325. Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP</b> <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.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP</b>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura, Partial CP</b>	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	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. It was closed on 17 November. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information's provided by Palestinian civil affair office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time:  The number of Palestinian patients and BMC card holders who crossed Erez this week is currently unavailable.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh (Green line CP)</b>	An Israeli private company has the responsibility for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <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 through the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system).
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <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.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <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.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b>	Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on

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	Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours, Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the IDF Border Police and a container x-ray machine has been installed. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on three days this week (14, 15 and 19 November) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained generally closed for all other imports and all exports.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing continues to be closed since 28 October. This week, shipments of lamb were exceptionally allowed entry into Gaza on 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 November.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open on four days this week (14, 15, 19 and 20 November) for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 17 November, 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 Organisation (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.