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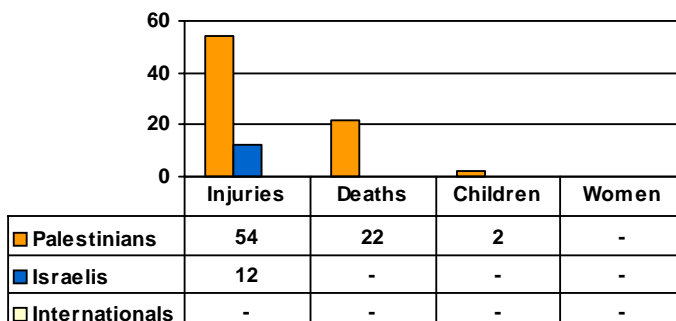
Of note this week

Gaza Strip:

- 19 Palestinians were killed: eight by an IDF tank shell (including a ten-year-old boy), seven by IAF air strikes, three during armed clashes with IDF soldiers, and one of wounds sustained earlier. In addition, 43 Palestinians were injured during IDF military operations and one ten-year-old Palestinian boy was injured as a result of the explosion of a mortar fired by Palestinians which landed on the Palestinian side of Erez crossing.
- A total of 31 homemade rockets and 27 mortar shells were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel, of which at least six rockets and at least 2 shells landed in the Palestinian area. At least three mortar shells reportedly landed on the Israeli side of Erez crossing. On 30 June, Israeli media reported one Israeli lightly wounded in Sderot and damage to one home and two other buildings.
- Thousands of Palestinians travellers remain stranded in Egypt and are unable to return to their homes in Gaza since Rafah crossing last opened on 9 June. Seven Palestinians have reportedly died, some from illness, and some in a car accident between Cairo and Rafah.
- Karni crossing was open for a single basic commodity this week (wheat grain) and humanitarian assistance continues to enter Gaza through Kerem Shalom and Sufa. Some critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements exited through Erez.
- IDF continued to conduct levelling and excavating operations in the Gaza Strip: near the former Palestinian DCL, northeast of Beit Hanoun, east of Deir El Balah, east of Karni crossing, and east of Khan Younis.
- Two Palestinians were killed and one was injured due to the reckless use of weapons. One Palestinian was killed and five injured during family feuds.
- The BBC's Gaza based correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for 114 days after being abducted on 12 March 2007.

West Bank:

- Three Palestinians were killed: two in an exchange of fire with the IDF (Nablus City and Jenin Camp); and one during an IDF incursion (Hebron/H1). Eight Palestinians were injured during IDF military operations, one during a Barrier demonstration, and one by an Israeli female settler in the H2 area of Hebron City.
- **3 July:** An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents (both male and female) of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35 years that prevents people in this age group from travelling southwards; the new restriction policy applies to the following eight checkpoints: 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel / Ar Ras checkpoints in Tulkarm; Huwwara, 'Awarta and Yitzhar checkpoints in Nablus; Jit checkpoint in Qalqiliya; and Za'atara and Deir Ballut checkpoints in Salfit.
- There were two structures demolished by the Israeli authorities (North Gaza and Nablus), 38 hours of curfew (Nablus), and 71 flying checkpoints. A total of 91 IDF searches were conducted and 113 Palestinians were arrested/detained by the IDF.
- **Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:**¹



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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **27 June:** A 28-year-old Palestinian died of wounds sustained when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying armed Islamic Jihad members. It was travelling on Nasar Street near Al-Karama towers in Jabalia Camp on 24 June (North Gaza).
- **27 June:** Eight Palestinians (aged 10, 18(2), 20, 22, 27, 28, and 30) were killed, six of whom were armed and two were family members, when an IDF tank shell hit their house. In addition, 27 Palestinians were injured by live ammunition when approximately 15 IDF armoured vehicles, supported by IAF helicopter gun-ships, moved from the border fence into the Palestinian area east of the Shujayeh neighbourhood of Gaza City and opened fire. IDF soldiers took sniper positions on the roofs of several buildings in the area. Palestinian militants from all factions rushed to the area and armed clashes erupted. Militants fired RPGs and detonated road side bombs. The IDF responded with tank shells and Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire. According to Israeli media reports, two IDF soldiers were lightly wounded in the operation when their tank was hit by an anti-tank rocket. At 1400 hours, IDF soldiers began withdrawing to the border fence (Gaza).
- **27 June:** Three Palestinians (aged 22, 23 and 27) were killed and four others were injured during armed clashes that erupted between armed Palestinians and IDF soldiers when ten IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered into the Palestinian territory southeast of Khuza'a (located east of Khan Younis). IDF armoured vehicles were deployed in the area. Anti-tank rockets were fired at IDF armoured vehicles and the IDF responded with shells and HMG fire. At 1100 hours, the IDF ordered all males to gather in an open area for interrogation. At 1200 hours, the situation calmed down and the armed clashes ceased (Khan Younis).
- **27 June:** Five mortar shells were fired from the area north of Beit Hanoun towards Erez crossing, three of which landed on the Israeli side of the crossing and two landed on the Palestinian side. A ten-year-old Palestinian boy was reportedly injured as a result of the explosion of a mortar that landed on the Palestinian side. The IDF responded with heavy shooting. No additional injuries were reported. Hamas claimed responsibility (North Gaza).
- **30 June:** Four Palestinians (aged 19, 24, 24(2)) were killed and five others were injured during two IAF strikes targeting a metal workshop allegedly owned by members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and located at the main entrance of Al Maghazi Camp. The workshop and several nearby houses were damaged (Central Gaza).
- **30 June:** Three Palestinians (aged 24, 38 and 40) were killed and six bystanders were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a vehicle carrying Islamic Jihad members in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **2 July:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured when IDF soldiers stationed on the Israeli side of the border southeast of Beit Hanoun opened fire in the direction of a group of Palestinian bystanders (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **26 June:** IDF vessels fired machineguns for 15 minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Gaza City. The fishing boats returned to shore. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **27 June:** IDF tanks crossed to the Palestinian side of Karni commercial crossing and were stationed at the entrance to the Karni industrial zone until 1500 hours before they withdrew. At 1000 hours, UNRWA staff working at the warehouse and packing centre at the Karni industrial zone were evacuated as a precautionary measure (Gaza).
- **27 June:** IDF vessels fired machineguns for 15 minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Gaza City. The fishing boats returned to shore. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **29 June:** Seven mortar shells were fired from the area north of Beit Hanoun towards IDF soldiers stationed northeast of Beit Hanoun. The IDF responded with heavy shooting. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **29 June:** At 2250 hours, four homemade rockets were fired from the area north of Beit Hanoun towards Sderot. The IDF responded with one surface-to-surface missile. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **1 July:** Three IDF tanks and one bulldozer entered 800 meters into Palestinian territory and moved to the former Palestinian DCL at Erez crossing (known as Khamsa Khamsa) to remove cement blocks (North Gaza).
- **1 July:** Three mortar shells were fired from the area north of Beit Hanoun towards Erez crossing but landed on Palestinian territory. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **27 June:** Two Palestinian men (both aged 22 years) were injured in Birqin village (Jenin) by live ammunition during an exchange of fire with the IDF during an IDF military operation in the village.
- **27, 28, and 29 February:** The IDF conducted a military operation in Nablus City, mainly in the Old City. During the operation, the IDF imposed a curfew on the Old City and conducted a house-to-house search campaign. The IDF also surrounded two local hospitals (Al Watani and Rafidiya) with jeeps, checked IDs, searched vehicles, and conducted personal checks of patients entering and leaving the hospital. The IDF took over the local radio frequencies to announce the curfew and to inform residents of the operation's objective. During confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers on **28 June**, five Palestinians were injured, including one child and four men (aged 14, 18, 28 and 40 years). The four men were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets. In addition, one Palestinian suffered from tear gas inhalation.
- **28 June:** Ten IDF soldiers were injured in the Old City of Nablus by a roadside bomb during an IDF military operation in the city.
- **29 June:** A 28-year-old Palestinian man was shot dead by the IDF during an exchange of fire in Nablus city.
- **29 June:** One Palestinian was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the Israeli Border Police during a demonstration held by Palestinian, international and Israeli protestors against the Barrier constructed in Bil'in village (Ramallah).
- **30 June:** A 55-year-old Palestinian woman from the village of Tuqu' was lightly injured during an IDF incursion into the village (Bethlehem).
- **2 July:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was killed by IDF fire in Jenin refugee camp (Jenin) during an exchange of fire.
- **2 July:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron) was injured when an Israeli female settler from Tel Rumeida physically assaulted him after he refused to give her his puppy. The injured boy was later arrested by the IDF.
- **3 July:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy from the H1 area of Hebron City (Hebron) was killed when IDF soldiers opened fire at him during an incursion into Eisa neighbourhood. Palestinian medical sources report that the boy's body was severely bitten by trained IDF dogs.

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **29 June:** Palestinians threw stones at IDF soldiers who responded with tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. No injuries were reported but fire erupted among trees when several tear gas canisters landed in the yard of the UNRWA Qalandiya Training Centre.

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²**Gaza Strip:**

- **27 June:** A 32-year-old Palestinian man was killed and three others were injured when a car exploded while he was walking near the car in the Shuja'yeh area of Gaza City. There are conflicting reports as to whether the explosion took place as a result of an IAF air strike or the presence of a car bomb that was detonated when the man passed by (Gaza).
- **27 June:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man was killed while he was handling an explosive device in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **27 June:** It was reported by a Gaza-based human rights organisation that there are 5,000-6,000 Palestinians waiting to cross Rafah crossing to enter Gaza, including women and children. Seven Palestinians (aged 21(2), 53, 63 and 57(2)) have reportedly died of sickness and in a car accident between Rafah and Cairo (Rafah).
- **28 June:** A 19-year-old Palestinian bystander was injured during an armed family feud in Rafah. The ESF arrested the gunmen and confiscated their weapons (Rafah).
- **30 June:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man was found dead in Al Zaitoun Quarter of Gaza City. The cause of his death is unknown (Gaza).
- **30 June:** A 30-year-old Palestinian (a Hamas member) was injured while he was preparing an explosive device in his home in Bureij Camp (Central 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.

- **30 June:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was killed while he was cleaning his weapon in Rafah (Rafah).
- **1 July:** Two Palestinian men (aged 42 and 54 years) were injured during an armed family feud in Gaza City. Local dignitaries intervened to bring the situation under control (Gaza).
- **2 July:** Two Palestinian females (aged 18 and 20 years) were injured during an armed family feud in Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).
- **3 July:** A 15-year-old Palestinian girl was injured during armed clashes between a local family and ESF members in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **3 July:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man was found killed near Rafah crossing. The motive was reportedly taking revenge for an internal dispute that took place earlier (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **29 June:** A middle-aged Palestinian man from the village of Za'tara (Bethlehem) died in a serious car accident on Umm Salamona junction. IDF soldiers manning the Tunnel checkpoint denied access to Magin David ambulance to carry him to an Israeli hospital in Jerusalem.
- **3 July:** A 45-year-old Palestinian man from the village of Beit Fajjar (Bethlehem) was killed on the spot when a settler bus ran him over near the Umm Salamona village.

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **27 June:** At around 1000 hours, unidentified gunmen opened fire at the residence of Hani El Hasan, a senior Fatah official, in Ramallah City. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **3 July:** A 25-year-old Palestinian bystander was injured when ESF members opened fire at a vehicle driven by a member of the Doghmosh family who refused to stop at a Hamas checkpoint in Gaza City (Gaza). People in the vehicle returned gunfire. No additional injuries were reported.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **2 July:** One of the Army of Islam group leaders was reportedly abducted by armed Hamas members. The Army of Islam responded by abducting ten Hamas members in Gaza City (Gaza). On **3 July**, it was reported that all persons abducted by the Army of Islam were released.

West Bank:

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **27 June:** A group of unidentified individuals opened fire at the house of the Director of Hebron General Intelligence in the H1 area of Hebron City (Hebron). According to Palestinian security sources, the incident was related to the extension of the arrest of a person suspected of selling property to Jewish settlers.
- **30 June:** Members of the Hamas-affiliated Islamic Block in Hebron University (Hebron) put up homemade posters that defame Palestinian security forces.

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
27 June 07	Shuja'iya, North Gaza	1	-	N/A	N/A
27 June 07	Jaba', Bethlehem	-	1	N/A	N/A
28 June 07	Old City, Nablus	1	6	N/A	N/A
30 June 07	Al Maghazi RC, Central Gaza	-	4	N/A	N/A
Total		2	11	N/A	N/A

- **27 June:** During the IDF incursion into the area east of the Shejayah neighbourhood of Gaza City, the IDF bulldozed and demolished one house (Gaza).
- **27 June:** The village of Jaba' (Bethlehem) was left without water for two days as a result of damage to the water pipeline caused by an IDF bulldozer while it was adding more dirt to the earthmound blocking the road connecting Jaba' to Surif (Hebron).

- Despite placing several calls to ask the Israeli DCL to fix the problem, the residents ended up fixing the damage themselves.
- **28 June:** The IDF used explosives during a military operation in the Old City of Nablus that resulted in the destruction of one uninhabited house and the partial damage of four other inhabited houses. According to the Nablus municipality, there was also some minor damage to other buildings in the area. The value of the damage was estimated at US \$16,000, excluding the building that was totally destroyed.
 - **30 June:** A metal workshop allegedly owned by members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and several nearby houses located at the main entrance of Al Maghazi Camp were damaged during two IAF strikes targeting the metal workshop. Four Palestinians were killed and five others were injured as a result. (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **27-29 June:** At least seven houses in Nablus City were occupied by the IDF and used as observation posts during an IDF military operation. The residents of each house were held in one room until the occupation of their homes ended.

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

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

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

No Incidents to report.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

28 June: After settlers from the outpost near Shilo settlement uprooted 300 olive trees belonging to a farmer from Qaryut (Nablus), the IDF and the Israeli police investigated the incident and found 140 trees in the settlement outpost. According to the IDF, the 140 trees were replanted in their original place by the IDF and the search for the remaining trees is still ongoing.

Ongoing incident:

- **15 January to date:** The IDF continues to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was requisitioned on 10 July 2005 (Military Order T/106/05).

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:

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

- Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
- Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has been planned but is pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction continues on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction is taking place around the two settlements and parallel to bypass Road 564. The Barrier will isolate 3,800 dunums of the village land.
- Construction of three "fabric of life" roads, which is part of an Israeli plan to build alternative roads for Palestinians *in lieu* of the main roads that have become closed due to closure and Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443.

Jerusalem Governorate:

2 July: At 1530 hours, the IDF bulldozed 180 dunums of Palestinian land in the village of al Jib allegedly for construction of a new settler road.

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 continues along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the West Bank. This week, the gate was open on most days and additional construction and infrastructure work was carried out on other parts of the Barrier in Dahiyet al Bareed. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two buildings) in E1, or East 1, an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
 - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City). Additional sections of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
 - Land levelling continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and near the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.
 - Sections of the Barrier have been placed in the vicinity of Har Gilo settlement.

- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the junction with Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khadr village has been accelerated. Land levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60 leading to the western villages.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khourmy School. A one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land levelling is on-going east of the Gush Etzion checkpoint.
- The initial construction of Al Khader underpass is complete. Land levelling is currently carried out to construct the underpass lanes.

Hebron Governorate:

27 June: The IDF levelled a 16-m² piece of land in Beit Kahel village (Hebron) that overlooks Road 35 for the purpose of establishing a military tower.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land levelling, including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.

Gaza Strip:

- **28 June:** Four IDF tanks and four bulldozers entered 800 meters into Palestinian territory and moved to the former Palestinian DCL (known as Khamsa Khamsa) at Erez crossing. The IDF began conducting a levelling and excavation operation and at 1500 hours they withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **27 June:** During the IDF incursion into the area of north of Karni crossing and Karni industrial zone, IDF bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation (Gaza).
- **27 June:** During the IDF incursion into the area southeast of Khuza'a (located east of Khan Younis), ten IDF tanks, two bulldozers and armoured vehicles were deployed in the area. Bulldozers carried out a levelling operation while the IDF conducted a house-search operation (Khan Younis).
- **29 June:** Four Israeli Armoured Personal Carriers (APCs) entered 100 meters into the Palestinian area north of Karni Industrial Zone to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. On 30 June at 0630 hours, IDF soldiers withdrew to the border fence (Gaza).
- **29 June:** Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence 800 meters into the Palestinian area northeast of Beit Hanoun to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. On 1 July at 1000 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **1 July:** One bulldozer and two Israeli APCs entered Karni commercial crossing. The IDF began conducting a levelling and excavation operation. At 1500 hours, the operation was still underway (Gaza).
- **1 July:** Two IDF tanks and one bulldozer entered 300 meters into the Palestinian area east of the Abu Al Ajeen area, east of Deir El Balah, and conducted a levelling and excavation operation (Central Gaza).
- **2 July:** Eight IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered into the Palestinian territory near the former Palestinian DCL (known as Khamsa Khamsa) and began conducting a levelling and excavation operation (North Gaza).
- **3 July:** Five IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered into Palestinian territory east of the former Palestinian DCL (known as Khamsa Khamsa) in Beit Hanoun to conduct a levelling and excavation operation (North Gaza).

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

a) *Incidents of curfews*

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
27,28, & 29 June	Nablus Old City, Nablus	34 hours
29 June 2007	Balata Camp, Nablus	4 hours
Total Week		38 hours

27-29 June: The IDF imposed a curfew on the old city of Nablus from 2300 hours on 27 June until 0900 hours on 29 June during an IDF military operation in the city. Approximately 20,000 Palestinians living in the old city were confined to their homes for 34 hours during the curfew.

29 June: The IDF entered Balata Camp (Nablus) and announced a curfew for four hours during a search and arrest campaign.

Ongoing incidents:

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

b) Access to education

- **27 June:** Two UNRWA schools (To'ama Elementary School and Khuza'a Elementary School) were forced to close as a result of IDF military operations (southeast of Khuza'a and east of Khan Younis) that interrupted the Summer Learning and Summer Games programmes.
- **28 June:** During a military operation in the old city of Nablus, seven students were not able to attend their final high school exams (*Tawjih*) because of the curfew imposed on the city. The ministry of education decided to postpone their exams to a later date.
- **28 June:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters at Al Kindi secondary school (Nablus) while students were taking their final high school exams (*Tawjih*).
- **29 June:** Three young men threw a homemade bomb – apparently by mistake – into the yard of an UNRWA school (Shuja'yeh Boys School). No injuries were reported and the young men later apologized (Gaza).
- **29 June:** 20 armed Islamic Jihad members entered an UNRWA school (Bani Suheila Boys School) to gather prior to attending a prayer ceremony in honor of the Islamic Jihad member killed during the IDF incursion into the area east of Khuza'a. The guards asked them to leave and they complied. No damage was reported (Khan Younis).

c) Access to employment

- **Throughout the week,** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were obliged to stay overnight in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their workplaces inside Israel. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Military Police and checks are conducted using palm identification.

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 directly to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years of age, married with a child, and with no security file.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

27 June: Major delays were reported at Al Badhan and Za'atara checkpoints.

27 June: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for three hours due to the presence of an allegedly suspicious vehicle.

28 June: A PRCS ambulance was delayed for 90 minutes in the Old City of Nablus by the IDF during an IDF military operation. The ambulance paramedics were not able to reach the patient and drove back to their base.

3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank aged between 16 and 35 years that prevents, among others, Nablus residents from travelling southwards through Huwwara, 'Awarta and Yitzhar checkpoints.

3 July: Major delays were reported at Yitzhar, Al Badhan and Za'atara checkpoints (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35 years; the new restriction policy prevents them from travelling southwards through the following checkpoints: 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel / Ar Ras checkpoints in Tulkarm; Huwwara, 'Awarta and Yitzhar checkpoints in Nablus; Jit checkpoint in Qalqiliya; and Za'atara and Deir Ballut checkpoints in Salfit.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank aged between 16 and 35 years that prevents, among others, Tubas residents from travelling southwards through Huwwara, 'Awarta and Za'atara checkpoints.

Tulkarm Governorate:

2 July: Major delays were reported at Kafriat tunnel / Ar Ras checkpoint.

3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank aged between 16 and 35 years that prevents, among others, Tulkarm residents from travelling southwards through 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel / Ar Ras checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- **26 June to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Deir al Ghusun with the garbage dump site with an earthmound.
- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank aged between 16 and 35 years that prevents, among others, Qalqiliya residents from travelling southwards through Jit and Za'atara checkpoints.

3 July: Major delays were reported at Jit checkpoint.

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.
- **15 June to date:** The IDF continues to close the main entrance of 'Azzun village with road blocks.

Salfit Governorate:

3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank aged between 16 and 35 years that prevents, among others, Salfit residents from travelling southwards through Za'atara and Deir Ballut checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

As of 1 July: The IDF announced that Beituniya commercial checkpoint (Ramallah) will be closed for all passenger movement (including diplomats and UN vehicles) but will continue to be opened for the movement of goods.

As of 1 July: At Tayba partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint. It 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.

1 July: The Israeli High Court of Justice made a decision stipulating that the IDF open the road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate will be used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis were permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

Jerusalem Governorate:

During the reporting period: Delays at Qalandiya, Jaba' and Al Ram checkpoints were reported, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **9 January to date:** Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- **26 April to date:** Access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley improved. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. However, a 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.
- **10 May to date:** The IDF have erected a daily flying checkpoint along the Dead Sea road to prevent all Palestinian vehicular and pedestrian movements into the Dead Sea area. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are not allowed into the area except with permits to work inside settlements. On **1 July**, The IDF placed cement blocks and a soldiers' booth at the checkpoint site and made it permanently manned, thereby indicating that the checkpoint has become a permanent one.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Despite an Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 stipulating the dismantling of the Road Barrier along Road 317, the Road Barrier is still present and no attempts to remove it have been made. The Israeli High Court has recently granted the IDF an additional period of time to reach a solution that would enable pedestrians and sheep to cross but not vehicles (a solution deemed acceptable by the court).
- A main Palestinian road (parallel to Road 35) connecting Hebron City to the towns of Idhna and Tarqumiya via Beit Kahil village remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was closed all week for Palestinian traders but open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. The crossing remains closed for all Palestinian workers. Since 12 March, Erez crossing has been partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian traders throughout the week (see appendix for daily log of movement).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing was open for four days this week for the crossing of one commercial commodity (wheat grain). Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
- Sufa crossing was open all week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid.
- Kerem Shalom was open all week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by WFP, WHO and ICRC.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open normally for all scheduled operating days. On Saturday 29 June, they were closed for the weekend.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Talluza (3), Asira Ash Shamaliya (1), Bizzariya (1)	5
Jenin	Sanur(3), Arraba (3), Jenin entrance(1), Rummana (1)	8
Tubas	Al Far'a (3)	3
Tulkarm	Deir Al Ghusun (1), Al Jarushiya (2)	3
Qalqiliya	Habla Tunnel (6), DCO (6), Sanniriya (1), Jayyus (5), Wadi Qana (3), Izbat At Tabib (2), Al Nabi Elias (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Ras Atyia (1)	27
Salfit	Salfit entrance (1), Khirbet Qeis (1), Burqin (1)	3
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina (2)	2
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Bethlehem City (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (1), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	8
Hebron	Yatta (1), Dura (1), Hebron City – H1(3), Al Arrub RC (1), Sa'ir (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (2)	12
Total West Bank		71

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	Balata RC (3), Nablus City (4), 'Askar RC (3) , Al Badhan (2), Kafr Qalil (1)	13	21
Jenin	Birqin (1), Ash Shuhada (2), Sanur CP, Ya'abad (1) , Qabatyia (2) Az Zababida (2), Jenin City (1), As Suweitat (1), Jenin RC (1)	11	9
Tubas	Tubas(3), Al Far'a village (2), Al Far'a RC (1), 'Aqqaba (1), Tammun (2), Tayasir (1)	10	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1), Tulkarm RC, Zeita (1), Shuweika (1)	3	0
Qalqiliya	Sanniriya (1), Qalqiliya City (3), Baqat Al Hatab (1), Jit (1), Ras 'Atiya (1), Ras Tira (1), Sanniriya FCP, Kafr Qaddum (3), Habla (1) , 'Asla (1), Jayyus (1), Hajja (1)	15	4
Salfit	Salfit City (2), Deir Ballut (1), Marda (1) , Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Deir Istiya (1)	6	3
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2), Rantis (1)	3	5
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza RC (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda RC (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (2), Beit Fajjar (2), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	17	6
Hebron	Hebron City (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (1), Dura (2), Beit Awwa, Yatta (1), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (1), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1), Nuba, Qilqis (1) ¹	13	62
Total Week West Bank		91	113
Gaza Strip			
Gaza	Shuja'yeh neighbourhood of Gaza City (1) ²	1	6
Khan Younis	Southeast of Khuza'a (located east of Khan Younis) ³	N/A	100
Total Gaza Strip		1	106
Total oPt		92	219

¹ In Qilqis, the IDF detained 50 Palestinians of different ages from their homes at 1000 hours (Hebron) and released them at 1700 hours.

² **27 June:** During the IDF incursion into the area east of the Shuja'yeh neighbourhood of Gaza City, the IDF demanded that males aged between 16 and 45 years gather in an open area. Six Palestinians were arrested (Gaza).

³ **27 June:** During the IDF incursion into the areas southeast of Khuza'a (located east of Khan Younis), bulldozers carried out a levelling operation while IDF soldiers conducted a house-search operation. The IDF arrested 100 Palestinians, including two high-ranking NSF officers. On **28 June** at 0930 hours, 95 persons were released by the IDF while five remain in custody.

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by PA security forces, (number of searches, number of arrests per location)	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (1,3)	1	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1,3)	1	3
Hebron	Hebron City – H1 (1,3)	1	3
Total Week West Bank		3	9
Gaza Strip¹			
North Gaza	Jabalia (1, 20)	1	20
Central Gaza	Bureij Camp (1, 5)	1	5
Khan Younis	Khan Younis (1, 10)	1	10
Rafah	Rafah (1, N/A)	1	N/A
Total Gaza Strip		4	35
Total oPt		7	44

¹ All were carried out by ESF members. In each of North Gaza, Central Gaza, and Rafah, the context was a family feud in which the ESF intervened and confiscated weapons. In Khan Younis, ESF members forcibly entered into a Fatah office and arrested ten Fatah members.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 27 June – 3 July 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 0500 to 0630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0500 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
'Anabta	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
Jit Junction Partial Checkpoint	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Kafr Qasem On Road 5.	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 0600 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues were reported this week. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 0500 to 1930 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
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 <i>Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley</i>	Open 0530 to 2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Zaatara (Tappouah) <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Only open for humanitarian organizations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar Partial Checkpoint	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Aqraba Partial Checkpoint	Located on the intersection between 'Aqraba village junction and Road 505.
Al Badhan Partial Checkpoint	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours. On 26 June, major delays were reported.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama	Is the main entrance to Israel. Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2100 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave, UN and international organisations. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas:	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. However, some delays were reported during the reporting period.
Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. However, some delays were reported during the reporting period.

Ramallah/AI Bireh:

Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Some delays were reported during the morning and evening rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate Partial Checkpoint	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 On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

Jerusalem:

Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
Az Za'ayem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.

Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Open 24 hours. Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and valid permits, Internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians) can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
Jaba' <i>On the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Main checkpoint off Road 1. 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 and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira village and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh Partial Checkpoint <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajjat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint.
An Nu'man <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
Ein Yalow <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Partial Checkpoint <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.

Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the IDF. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local ID with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 1100 and 1600 hours.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata <i>Southern entrance to settlement</i>	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with no ID checks performed.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Military Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. However, during the current reporting period, it was reported that Palestinian workers holding valid permits to work in Israel were camping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel</i>	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.

Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. During the reporting period the IDF manned the checkpoint. All Palestinians with a Ramadeen address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. However, during the reporting period, Palestinians crossed the checkpoint after having had minimal ID checks and delays.
Halhul – Sa'ir Partial Checkpoint <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' checkpoint)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Partial Checkpoint <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road 60</i>	Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna Partial Checkpoint <i>The junction between the two towns on Road 35</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Partial Checkpoint <i>Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was closed all week for Palestinian traders but open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was closed all week.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 0800 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint. 3 July: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian residents of the Northern West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and the northern parts of Salfit) aged between 16 and 35, preventing them from travelling southwards through the CP.
Qusin Checkpoint (closed)	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus. Since 10 March 2007 to date, it has been closed and commercial trucks diverted to Beit Iba checkpoint.
Jenin	
Al Jalama <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this

checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are no longer allowed through the checkpoint as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.

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Karni	Karni crossing was open on 28 and 29 June and 2 and 3 July for the crossing of wheat grain.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open all week for the crossing of commercial commodities and humanitarian aid.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open all week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by WFP, WHO and ICRC.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for six scheduled operating days. On Saturday 29 June, 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.