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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

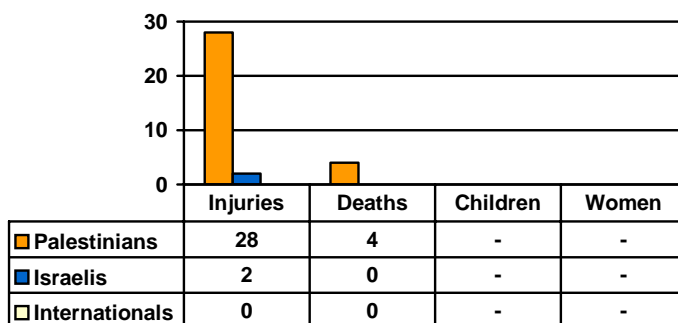
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed three Palestinians and injured 12 others including, two Palestinian children (aged 14 and 15 years) who were shot and injured while approaching the Gaza border fence. They were shot at by IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post east of Karni (Gaza).
- A 22-year-old Palestinian bystander was killed when ten IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 2 km east of Al Fukhari area and levelled and excavated agricultural land (Khan Yunis).
- Five Palestinians were injured in factional violence.
- 13 Qassam rockets and 25 mortars were fired towards Israel, two of which landed in Palestinian areas. In addition, 5 mortars were fired towards IDF soldiers in the Gaza Strip.
- The IAF carried out three air strikes during the reporting period.
- 30 Palestinians stranded on the Egyptian side of the Gaza Strip border (due to the closure of Rafah crossing since 9 June) returned to Gaza. According to Palestinian and Israeli media sources, the people returned through Rafah crossing with the consent and cooperation of the Egyptian authorities.
- The Gaza Municipality employees have been on strike since 4 October to protest the non-payment of their salaries.

West Bank:

- 16 Palestinians and two IDF soldiers were injured. In addition, one Palestinian died of injuries sustained on 25 August in Jenin City.
- **8 October:** On the Muslim holiday of Lailat al Qadr when increasing numbers of Muslim worshippers wish to pray in Al Aqsa Mosque and Al Haram Al-Sharif, there were restrictions on access to Jerusalem similar to other Fridays during the month of Ramadan. Only women over 40 and men over 50 years of age were allowed entry. All vehicular traffic at Qalandiya checkpoint was stopped from 1330 hours onwards.
- **3 – 6 October:** Israel continued to impose a general closure on the West Bank due the Jewish holiday Sukkot. All Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were prevented from entering Israel and Jerusalem through all the checkpoints and were denied access to their work places inside Israel.
- **4 October:** A 25-year-old Palestinian taxi driver was physically assaulted by Israeli settlers near An Nabi Elyas (Qalqiliya).
- 102 flying checkpoints, 93 search and arrest campaigns, and 49 arrests were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **3 October:** A 22-year-old Palestinian bystander was killed when ten IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 2 km east of Al Fukhari area and levelled and excavated agricultural land (Khan Yunis).
- **3 October:** A 25-year-old Palestinian (Hamas member) was killed and two others (aged 25 and 53 years) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket towards a group of armed Hamas members near the borderline opposite As Salam quarter (Rafah).
- **4 October:** Three Palestinian bystanders were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a vehicle carrying Islamic Jihad members in Rafah. The rocket missed the vehicle and the armed men escaped unharmed (Rafah).
- **5 October:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the border line east of Al Maghazi Camp opened fire in his direction while he was approaching the fence in a suspected attempt to cross into Israel (Central Gaza).
- **7 October:** Two Palestinian children (aged 14 and 15 years) were shot and injured while approaching the fence by IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post east of Karni (Gaza).
- **8 October:** Five Palestinians (Hamas members) were injured by shrapnel when an IAF helicopter fired three rockets targeting a group of Hamas members situated in the Shuija'iya quarter in Gaza City (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **3 October:** Armed clashes erupted between armed Palestinian men and IDF soldiers after five IDF tanks and one bulldozer entered 1km into Palestinian territory northeast of Rafah. The IDF conducted a house-search and tunnel-search operation under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. Palestinians fired an anti-tank missile at the IDF tanks. No injuries were reported. At 1200 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Rafah).
- **3 October:** IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Hanoun fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of armed Palestinian men west of Beit Hanoun. The armed men escaped unharmed (North Gaza).
- **4 October:** Two IAF helicopters hovered over the north of Gaza area after one Qassam rocket was fired from east of Jabaliya towards the green line. The IAF helicopters withdrew without firing any rockets (North Gaza).
- **4 October:** Three IDF tanks and one bulldozer entered approximately 1,000 metres into the Philadelphia corridor south of Rafah and bulldozed an ESF base in the area. At 1340 hours, the IDF soldiers withdrew to the border fence (Rafah).
- **5 October:** Armed Palestinians fired five mortar rounds and machine guns at an Israeli undercover unit attempting to enter Gaza east of Maghazi Camp. The unit returned to the border line (Central Gaza).
- **6 October:** Ten IDF armoured vehicles entered the Karni Industrial Zone. During the incursion, armed Palestinian men fired anti-tank shells at the IDF and the IDF responded with heavy gunfire. IDF bulldozers erected sand barriers and an IAF helicopter hovered overhead to support the ground soldiers. At 1630 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Gaza).
- **6 October:** Three mortar rounds were fired from the area east of Al Maghazi Camp towards the Green Line. The IDF retaliated with heavy gunfire towards Palestinian houses east of the camp (Central Gaza).
- **6 October:** An IDF foot patrol moved from Kissufim military base approximately 1km into the Palestinian area of Al Qarara northeast of Khan Younis. Armed Palestinians opened fire at the IDF who responded with machine guns. At 2200 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Khan Younis).
- **9 October:** IDF soldiers fired warning shots to stop an Italian NGO staff member from taking pictures of IDF soldiers at Erez. He eventually crossed the border but was initially held for several hours and the film was confiscated (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **3 October:** A 50-year-old Palestinian was physically assaulted by the IDF at the flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO), after he did not stop at the checkpoint (Qalqiliya).
- **3 October:** Two children (a boy and a girl, both aged 16 years) from the H2 area of Hebron City were injured when the Israeli Border Police stationed at the entrance of the Ibrahimi Mosque fired live bullets toward them. The IDF soldiers opened fire suspecting that the boy was carrying a rifle whereas in fact the boy was playing with a plastic toy (Hebron).

- **4 October:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in 'Azzun village by rubber-coated metal bullets during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers (Qalqiliya).
- **4 October:** A 25-year-old Palestinian taxi driver was physically assaulted by Israeli settlers near An Nabi Elyas (Qalqiliya).
- **5 October:** Three Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration against the Barrier construction in Bil'in village. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported. The Palestinian, Israeli and international activists continue to demonstrate against the non-implementation of the Israeli High Court decision to remove/change sections of the Barrier in the village (Ramallah).
- **6 October:** Two Palestinian men, a 45-year-old Palestinian from Ash Shuhada village (Jenin) and a Palestinian driver with Israeli citizenship, were injured at Deir Ballut checkpoint after IDF soldiers opened fire at an Israeli vehicle transporting Palestinian workers (Salfit).
- **6 October:** An IDF soldier was injured in Balata Camp when Palestinian gunmen detonated an explosive device near the IDF jeep during a search campaign (Nablus).
- **7 October:** A 45-year-old Palestinian man from Jenin Camp died of injuries sustained on 25 August 2007 in Jenin City (Jenin).
- **8 October:** An IDF soldier was injured in Balata Camp during an exchange of fire between Palestinian gunmen and the IDF during a search campaign (Nablus).
- **8 October:** One Palestinian was injured when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers at Qalandiya checkpoint. In addition, five Palestinians were shot and injured while attempting to climb the Barrier in the area (Jerusalem).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **8 October:** During the night of Lailat Al Qadr, the IDF fired sound bombs close to Palestinian worshippers in the yards of the Ibrahim mosque located in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- **8 October:** Israeli settlers from settlements in the Old City of Hebron threw garbage and dirty water toward Palestinian worshippers who were trying to reach the Ibrahim Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **3 October:** Three Palestinian men were injured during an armed family feud involving the exchange of homemade bombs. The ESF arrived and made several arrests (Central Gaza).
- **4 October:** One Palestinian was injured when a family feud erupted between two local family members in Deir El Balah. The conflict began with clubs and batons but escalated to the use of light arms. The ESF arrived and made several arrests (Central Gaza).
- **5 October:** Approximately 7,000 Islamic Jihad members organised a demonstration to commemorate the World Jerusalem Day commencing at Al Qassam mosque and proceeding to Jabaliya Camp. At 1400 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- **5 October:** Approximately 300 people attended a rally in Deir al Balah to commemorate the second anniversary of the assassination of PRC leader Jamal Abu Samhadana. The rally ended peacefully at 2130 hours (Central Gaza).
- **7 October:** A 19-year-old Palestinian female was injured when one Qassam rocket exploded prematurely. The rocket was apparently fired from north of Beit Hanoun towards Sderot (North Gaza).
- **7 October:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man was found dead in Al Zaitoun quarter of Gaza City. The motive behind the shooting is unknown. An unknown assailant had previously taken him to an unknown destination (Gaza).
- **7 October:** A 35-year-old Palestinian (Hamas member) accidentally shot and injured himself while he was cleaning his weapon in Rafah (Rafah).
- **8 October:** An 11-year-old boy was killed and his father and brother were injured in an explosion that took place in their house in Al Fukhari area southeast of Khan Younis.

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.

Local reports indicated that he was playing with an UXO (anti-tank shell) that he found outside (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **8 October:** The Popular Resistance Committees organised a rally in An Nusirat Camp to highlight their recent activities and commemorate a previous leader, who was assassinated by the IDF. At 2300 hours, the rally ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **9 October:** 30 Palestinians from Islamic Jihad and civilians who had been stranded in Egypt due to the closure of Rafah terminal returned to the Gaza Strip. According to Palestinian and Israeli media sources, the people returned through Rafah crossing with the consent and cooperation of the Egyptian authorities (Rafah).
- **9 October:** ESF forces guarding the separation wall between Rafah and Egypt created a new opening by removing 6 metres of the concrete wall opposite Block J. The same group opened another passage through the metal separation wall opposite Al Barahma area (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **4 October:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was injured in 'Einabus due to family dispute (Nablus).
- **5 October:** One Palestinian (a member of the Palestinian Security Forces) was injured with a live bullet by an armed Palestinian from Al Ama'ari Camp. The policeman was shot when a clash erupted after the police confiscated a stolen vehicle from the armed person. The armed person was arrested (Ramallah).
- **6 October:** A 32-year-old Palestinian man from Karf Qalil was shot dead in Nablus City by unknown gunmen due to a family dispute between families from Huwwara and Kafr Qalil villages. In response, a 33-year-old man from Huwwara was shot and injured and five houses and five vehicles belonging to Palestinians from Huwwara were burnt in Nablus City (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

No incidents to report.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **4 October:** Three Palestinians (ESF members) were injured when an explosive device was detonated by remote control near an ESF anti-riot police patrol parked next to the main road in Al Shouka area of Gaza City (Gaza).
- **4 October:** Two Palestinian bystanders were injured after a homemade bomb was thrown and exploded at the Fatah Al-Yaser movement's office in Khan Younis. No damage was reported (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **5 October:** A bomb was detonated near a house owned by a Hamas leader in the Al Amal quarter in Khan Younis. No damage was reported (Khan Younis).
- **5 October:** A homemade bomb was hurled at the house of a Hamas activist in Abbasan east of Khan Younis. Local reports stated that the ESF identified the attacker who reportedly escaped to the Israeli border fence and surrendered himself to the IDF (Khan Younis).
- **7 October:** The ESF discovered and detonated a tunnel belonging to a local family located under the border between Egypt and Gaza (Rafah).

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
8 October	Road 55, Qalqiliya	-	2	-	2
Total		-	2	-	2

8 October: Settlers stoned Palestinian vehicles travelling on Road 55 and damaged the windshields of two vehicles after the IDF evacuated them from the new outpost near Qedumim settlement (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **3 October:** Five IDF tanks and one bulldozer entered 1km into Palestinian territory northeast of Rafah. The IDF conducted a house-search and a tunnel-search operation under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. At 1200 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Rafah).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

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

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **3 October:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of Rafah municipality resulting in some damage. The motive behind the incident is unknown (Rafah).
- **5 October:** An explosive device was detonated near a house belonging to a member of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in the Nasser quarter of Gaza City. The boundary wall of the house was damaged (Gaza).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

7 October: The IDF handed out 12 military orders issued between 24 September and 15 December that designate lands located near the settlements around Nablus (planted with olive trees) as closed military areas. To access these areas, Palestinian individuals now need permits and prior coordination with the IDF.

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:

3 October: The IDF issued an amendment to requisition order 05/07 confiscating 390 meters square of land belonging to a farmer from 'Azzun village near the military tower for military purposes. The order was dated 6 August 2007.

Ongoing incident:

- **13 August to date:** The IDF continues to carry out land leveling to build a military road connecting Qedumim settlement to road 55, in accordance with military requisition order T/15/07. The land belongs to farmers from Kafr Qaddum village.
- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between 'Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the West Bank. The iron gate between Ar Ram and 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 this gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- 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:

4 and 6 October: Agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from Wadi Fukin was damaged when Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beitar Ellit opened their sewage pipes for two hours on 4 October and for at least 14 hours on 6 October letting the sewage flow onto Palestinian land.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - The placement of 12-meter-high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 south of the Tunnels checkpoint continues.
 - The placement of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City) continues.
 - Land levelling and asphaltting continues for the construction of a section of the Barrier east of Efrat settlement.

- Land levelling and the placement of 12-meters-high concrete blocks continue in the Barrier section between the two Tunnels.
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continues around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel continues. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Etzion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for the new terminal continues next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal continue.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings continue in Beitar Elit, Elizar, and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

4 October: Settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' threw stones at people, and then picked and damaged grapes belonging to a Palestinian farmer living in the vicinity of the settlement in the H2 area of Hebron City.

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues next to Beit Yatirt checkpoint.
- Paving of roads and construction of new buildings continues west of Tarqumiya checkpoint.
- Construction of new buildings continues in Karmil, Susyia, Kiryat Arba' and Shahni settlements.
- Land leveling continues for building a new road parallel to Road 60 (between Shim'a settlement and Meitar checkpoint).

Gaza Strip:

- **6 October:** Three IDF tanks and one bulldozer entered approximately 200 metres into the Palestinian area southeast of Bureij Camp to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 1900 hours, they withdrew to the border fence (Central Gaza).
- **8 October:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered the Palestinian territory between Khamsa Khamsa and Erez checkpoint to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 2000 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (North Gaza).
- **8 October:** One APC and two bulldozers entered approximately 50 meters into the Palestinian area southeast of Karni Industrial Zone. The IDF carried out a levelling and excavation operation. At 1500 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Incidents of curfews

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
3 and 4 October	Ras at Tira, Qalqiliya	8
7 October	Ras at Tira, Qalqiliya	2
8 October	Deir Istiya, Salfit	2
Total Week		12

Ongoing incidents:

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

b) Access to education

- **3 October:** Schools in Al Bureij Camp were interrupted when students were either prevented from entering the school or forced to leave by masked men. On 4 October, the situation improved with a number of schools resuming their operations. (Central Gaza).
- **3 October:** Half of the schools in An Nuseirat Camp were interrupted when students were forced to leave their schools either by masked men or by other students. However, most of the elementary boys, elementary girls, preparatory girls, and co-educational schools were able to operate without significant disruption. On 4 October, the situation improved with a number of preparatory boys schools resuming operation (Central Gaza).

- **3 October:** The majority of schools in Al Maghazi Camp operated as normal. On 4 October, masked men carrying sticks prevented the operation of all but one school (Central Gaza).
- **3 October:** Masked men at the main gates prevented staff and students from entering UNRWA schools in Deir El Balah. Only two schools operated as normal. On 04 October, staff and students were again prevented from entering the UNRWA schools. No schools were able to operate (Central Gaza).
- **4 October:** Unknown gunmen threw two homemade bombs into the schoolyard of An Nuseirat Elementary school. No injuries or damage were reported (Central Gaza).
- **4 October:** Classes at Burqa Secondary School were disrupted and students left the school at 0900 hours after the IDF entered the school and fired gas canisters and arrested a teacher and the school attendant. The IDF entered the school allegedly because students had thrown fire bombs at IDF jeeps patrolling the village (Ramallah).
- During the reporting period, the IDF escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Maghayir Al Abeed 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 nearby Ma'on settlement (Hebron).

c) Access to employment

- **3 – 6 October:** Israel continued to impose a general closure on the West Bank due the Jewish holiday Sukkot. All Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were prevented from entering Israel and Jerusalem through all the checkpoints and were denied access to their work places inside Israel.
- **7 – 8 October,** 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 governorate in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel on time.. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits were obliged to arrive at Gilo checkpoint at 0300 in the morning in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel on time.
- **8 October:** Staff at Palestinian universities in the Hebron and Bethlehem governorates went on a one day warning strike to demand an increase in their salaries.

Ongoing incidents:

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

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

3 October: The IDF detained 15 Palestinians for six hours at 'Awarta checkpoint after they tried to pass through the fields between 'Awarta and Huwwara checkpoints.

7 October: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for 30 minutes after locating a suspicious object near the bus stop in the vicinity of the checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

4 - 8 October: The IDF closed Wadi ar Rasha road with an earth mound. Palestinian residents living in the Alfe Menashe enclave use the road to reach Jaljuliya checkpoint and were forced to take long detour routes to access the enclave with their vehicles.

7 October: The IDF closed the Barrier gate on the road between Ras 'Atiya and the Palestinian villages inside the Alfe Menashe enclave for four hours.

7 October: The IDF prevented farmers from 'Asla to access their land behind the Barrier.

7 October: Israeli settlers from Jil'ad outpost (Nablus) prevented farmers from Jit and Immatin villages (Qalqiliya) to access their land near the outpost.

Ongoing incidents:

- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** The IDF soldiers positioned at the flying checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Arab Israelis from entering Qalqiliya City.

Salfit Governorate:

4 October: The IDF closed the metal gate at the entrance of Marda village for two hours. The gate had been opened following coordination between the Palestinian and Israeli DCLs.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

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'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **9 January to date:** Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- **26 April to date:** Access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley continued at the improved level previously reported. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efrain and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was closed on one day this week for the Jewish holidays and was open on 3, 8 and 9 October for internationals with special coordination arrangements. Between 5 and 7 October, it was open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were not allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at present).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated on two days (8 and 9 October) to transfer grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports. Karni has been closed since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing was open on one out of the three scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid. However, the crossing remains closed for all construction materials.
- Kerem Shalom was open on two days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Tell (1), Al Badhan village (1), Jamma'in (1)	3
Jenin	'Arraba (3), Al Kufeir (1), Sanur (4), Az Zababida (1), Silat adh Dhahr (2), Zbuba (1), Ti'nnik (2), Jalqamus (1)	15
Tubas	Al Far'a village (2)	2
Tulkarm	Iktaba (1), Kafr Sur (2), Bal'a (1), 'Attil (1), Al Jarushiya (2)	7
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya entrance (DCO) (7), Izbat Jalu'd (7), 'Azzun (3), 'Azzun tunnel (2), Jayyus (2), Wadi ar Rash (1), An Nabi Elyas (2), Wadi Qana (2), 'Izbat at Tabib (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Kafr Laqif (1)	30
Salfit	Iskaka (2), Salfit (1), Yasuf (1)	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Birzeit (1)	1
Jericho	Road 90 (1)	1
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina/Al Ram (5)	5
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (4), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah (2), Tuqu' (1), Beit Sahur (2), Zatra (2), Al Khadr (1)	16
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Sa'ir (1), Dura (2), Yatta (2), Samu' (2), Ar Ramadin (2), Al Burj (1), Idhna (1), Bani Na'im (1), Beit Kahil (1)	18
Total West Bank		102

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (4), Balata RC (3), Camp No.1 (2), 'Askar RC (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Burqa (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP	13	13
Jenin	Jenin City (1), Jenin RC (2), Qabatiya (2), Al Yamun (1), Kafr Ra'i (1), Bir al Basha (1), Al Hashimiya (1), Al Jalama (1), Silat al Harithiya (1)	11	3
Tubas	Tubas (3), Al Far'a village (1)	4	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1), Tulkarm RC (1), Nur Shams (1)	3	11
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (4), 'Azzun (3), Habla (2), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Jit (2), Hajja (1), Kafr Laqif (2)	20	4
Salfit	Deir Istiya (2), Marda (1), Salfit (1), Masha Barrier gate	4	1
Ramallah	Ramallah (2), 'Atara CP (1), Beituniya (1)	4	7
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (3), Beit Jala (1), Al Azza RC (1), Ad Doha (1), Ubeidiya (2), Beit Sahur (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	11	6
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), H2 Area of Hebron City (3) Dura (3), Yatta (2), Kharas (1), Sa'ir (1), Surif (1) Adh Dahariya (2), Bani Na'im (1), Beit Kahil (1), Idhna (1), Nuba (1), Beit Ummar (2)	23	4
Total Week West Bank		93	49
Gaza Strip			
Central Gaza ¹	East of Al Maghazi Camp	0	2
Total Gaza Strip		0	2
Total oPt		93	51

¹ 3 October: IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Al Maghazi Camp arrested two Palestinian farmers who were working on lands close to the border fence (Central Gaza).

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), 'Askar camp (1,3), Kafr Qalil (1,1)	3	6
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (1,1)	1	1
Ramallah	Ramallah (1, 2), Jifna (1, 1)	2	3
Jerusalem	Qatanna (1, 1)—affiliated with Hamas	1	1
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Qatanna (1, 1) – affiliated with Hamas	1	1
Hebron	Palestinian police checkpoint in Halhul (0, 5) -- affiliated with Hamas; Preventive Security checkpoint in Hebron City (0, 2) – two Hamas-affiliated teachers	0	7
Total Week West Bank		8	19
Gaza Strip¹			
North Gaza ²	Jabaliya (1, 3)	1	3
Total Gaza Strip		1	3
Total oPt		9	22

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

² On 6 October, the ESF discovered and dismantled a road-side bomb planted in the Jabaliya market. It was reported that the ESF arrested three Palestinians suspected of planting the bomb (North Gaza).

Appendix: Checkpoints: 3 – 9 October 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Ephraim	Open from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel. On 3 and 4 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jbara. On 3 and 4 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks. On 3 and 4 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel. On 3 and 4 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem <i>On Road 5.</i>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. On 3 and 4 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Nablus:	
Huwwara <i>Southern main entrance</i>	Open from 0600 to 2400 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 2300 until 2400 hours. Delays were reported during the week.
Beit Iba <i>Western entrance, mainly for trade</i>	Open from 0500 to 2400 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 1930 until 2400 hours. Delays were reported during the week.
Al Tur <i>Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik <i>Eastern gate and checkpoint.</i>	One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Open 0530 to 2400 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 2100 until 2400 hours.
Shave Shomeron <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Za'atara (Tappouah) <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.

Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama	Is an entrance to Israel. Crossing for commercial goods and workers into Israel. Open between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays. On 3 and 4 October, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas:	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported during the evening hours.
Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians. Access is only permitted to commercial trucks and people traveling in public transportation. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays were reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers.
'Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays continue to be reported during the evening hours.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Open.
At Tayba	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits

	for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint, in addition to the IDF for extra random security checks.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Az Za'ayyem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and internationals. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Open 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	This checkpoint has been moved further north on the new Israeli-built Rafat road and is closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion.
Jaba' <i>Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. During the reporting period, delays were reported by Palestinians entering Ramallah, which made them late for <i>Iftar</i> (breaking of fast).
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu

	Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint.
Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. Open 24 hours daily for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within the Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint.
	3-6 October , Palestinian workers from the governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. On all other days, the general closure was lifted but Palestinian workers were obliged to stay overnight at the checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel on time. For the fourth Ramadan Friday prayers (on 5 October), Palestinian men and women over the age of 50 and 40 respectively were allowed entry into Jerusalem without a permit.
An Nu'man <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. As of 31 August, the checkpoint is open to settlers between 0600 hours and 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion Highway.
Ein Yalow <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local IDs with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 1100 and 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send Palestinian patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel. Currently, there are six lanes leading to the Tunnels Terminal, four of which lead north from Road 60 into Jerusalem while the other two lead from Jerusalem to the south.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.

Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line

Al Jab'a Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.

Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line

Ein Gedi Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.

On Road 90, along Dead Sea

Hebron :

Beit Awwa, Partial CP

At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354

Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with occasional ID checks. However, it has been reported by MSF (Médecins Sans Frontiers/Doctors Without Borders) that thorough checks and maltreatment have been experienced by staff especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.

Tarqumiya

Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates

The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.

Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. However, between 3 and 6 October, Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. On all other days, the general closure was lifted but Palestinian workers were obliged to stay overnight at the checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel on time.

Meitar

Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line

Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. However, between 3 and 6 October, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. On all other days, the general closure was lifted but Palestinian workers were obliged to stay overnight at the checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel on time.

Shani

At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317

Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.

Beit Yatir

On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel

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

Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque

Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.

Shohada street, H2

Western entrance to Shohada street

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

Access to the Mosque

Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes. On 3 October, IDF soldiers opened fire and injured two Palestinian children.

Bab Al Baladiyye , H2

Next to settlement of Beit Romano

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

Junction with Shohada Street

Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH (Temporary International Presence in Hebron) have reported being able to use it.

Bab Al-Khan, H2

Entrance to Avraham Avinu

Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.

Tel Rumeida, H2

Beginning of street leading to settlement

Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those with an IDF-issued permit.

Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians with Ar Ramadin address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	<p>Erez was open on four days this week for Palestinian traders as well as for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time:</p> <p>Erez was open on 3, 8, and 9 for internationals with special coordination arrangements. Between 5 and 7 October, it was open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements.</p> <p>8 October: 5 businessmen crossed into Israel during the day. 9 October: 13 businessmen crossed into Israel during the day.</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was closed all week. It was last open on 9 June.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays. On 3 October, it was open until 1400 and on 4 October it was closed all day due to the Jewish holiday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to pass the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system).
Jenin	
Al Jalama <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. On 3 October, it was open until 1400 and on 4 October it was closed all the day due to the Jewish holiday.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.

Hebron	
Tarqumiya	Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates .The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on 8 and 9 October for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained generally closed for all other items and for exports.
Sufa	This week, Sufa crossing was open on three out of the five scheduled operating days for the import of non-aggregate materials. On 3 and 4 October, it was closed. On 5 and 6 October, it was closed for the weekend.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on two days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 October, the crossing was closed.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five days. On 4 October, they were closed and on 6 October 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.