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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

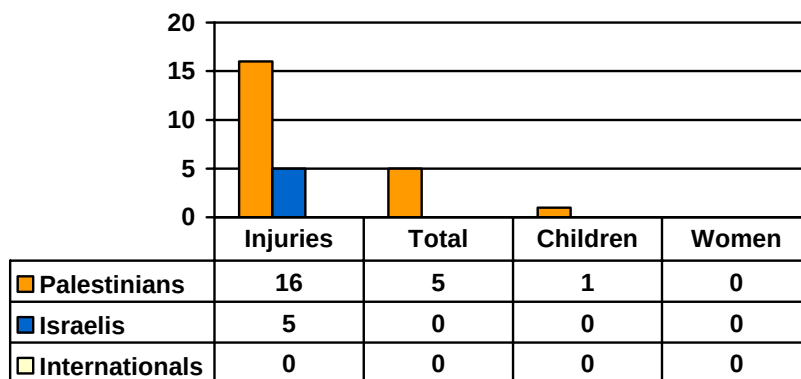
19 – 25 October 2005

Of note this week

- A series of 'sonic booms' resulting from IAF aircraft flying low over the Gaza Strip and breaking the sound barrier were once again reported. This occurred after an escalation in violence and rockets fired by Palestinian militants towards Israel from the Gaza Strip.

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



- 20 October:** A 17-year-old Palestinian from the town of Husan, Bethlehem, was shot and killed by the IDF while throwing Molotov cocktails onto Road No. 375. Two other Palestinians were also injured in the area by the IDF.
- 21 October:** Palestinians threw stones at the IDF during a search and arrest campaign in 'Anabta village, Tulkarm. The IDF responded with live fire killing one Palestinian aged 21-years-old.
- 21 October:** An exchange of fire took place in Balata refugee camp, Nablus, between the IDF and Palestinian militants during an IDF search and arrest campaign. Two Palestinians were injured.
- 21 October:** Four Palestinians were injured during a demonstration organised by Palestinians, International and Israeli activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in, Ramallah. The protesters stoned the IDF jeeps and IDF soldiers responded with firing rubber-coated bullets and tear gas canisters.
- 22 October:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Surif, Hebron, when the IDF responded to stone and bottle-throwing by firing live ammunition. He was transferred to an Israeli hospital by the IDF.
- 22 October:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man from Deir Nidham, Ramallah, was shot dead by an IDF patrol near the village on bypass Road No. 465. Another Palestinian was injured and a third detained during the incident.
- 23 October:** Three Israeli settlers were injured when their vehicle was stoned by Palestinians near Al Lubban al Gharbi, Ramallah.
- 24 October:** One Palestinian man was injured by a live bullet when the IDF opened fire towards houses in An Nabi Salih, Ramallah.
- 23 October:** Two Palestinians were killed in an exchange of fire during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Tulkarm camp. One IDF soldier was lightly injured.
- 24 October:** Palestinians stoned an Israeli settler vehicle at Jit junction, Qalqiliya, resulting in the injury of one Israeli settler.
- 25 October:** Five Palestinians were injured when an IAF air to ground missile was fired towards a building in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.

2. [Shelter and Property:](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
22 Oct	'Asira ash Shamaliya, Nablus	-	1	5
24 Oct	Khirbet 'Atuf, Tubas	2	0	0
25 Oct	Rafah, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
25 Oct	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
Total Week		2	3	5 +

- **22 October:** The IDF threw an explosive device into a house in 'Asira ash Shamalyia village, Nablus, during a search and arrest campaign. The one-storey building, sheltering five people, was damaged.
- **24 October:** The IDF demolished two animal barracks in Khirbet 'Atuf village, Tubas, after they stated they were built without permits.
- **25 October:** One building was severely damaged when it was hit by an IAF air to ground missile in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.
- **25 October:** One building was damaged when it was hit by an IAF helicopter missile in Beth Hanoun, the Gaza Strip. Several nearby buildings were damaged, including an UNRWA school.

Other shelter/property related incidents:

- No incidents to report.

3. [Natural Resources:](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus, Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continued levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.

Salfit Governorates:

19 October to date: The IDF levelled land along the side of Road No. 505 near Marda village and started to erect a security fence to prevent stone throwing in the area.

19 October: The IDF levelled 20 dunums (2 hectares) of land and uprooted approximately 180 olive trees belonging to a Palestinian farmer from Az Zawiya.

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli contractors continued levelling land north of Salfit city, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya village for the construction of the Barrier.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling for construction of the Barrier continues between Budrus to the south of al Midya, and between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah). Land levelling for Barrier construction also continues between Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu, south of Beit Liqya and north and south of Rantis checkpoint.

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

Hebron Governorate:

22 October: In area adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Shima'a the settlers erected new tents on land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the towns of As Samu' and Adh Dhahiriya. According to the land owners, no land requisition/confiscation orders had been previously issued.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land leveling for construction of the Barrier is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement and up to Ar Ramadin, as well as along the western side of Idhna. Israeli contractors are also leveling land for a new terminal along the last section of Road No. 60 before crossing into Israel.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Contractors for the construction of the Barrier fenced in the area around Khamat an Nu'man. The main road from Al Khas is open.
- Land levelling and new housing construction continues in the settlements of Efrat and its two northern outposts (Givat Hatamar and Givat Hadagan), as well as northeast of Neve Daniel, and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.
- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in the last section of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb north of the building hosting the Al Waqf.

Jerusalem Governorate:

18 October: The High Court of Justice approved the continuation of Barrier construction in the southern section between Dahiyat al Bareed and Ar Ram to be connected with the Barrier near Neve Ya'akove settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is taking place all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariyya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement and the Bir Nabala planned enclave.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 12 October, the IDF have continued constructing a security wall north of Beit Hanoun.

4. [Restrictions on Medical Assistance:](#)

No incidents to report.

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians:](#)**a) Curfew**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
23 October	Tulkarm city, Tulkarm camp, Nur Shams Camp/Tulkarm	5 hours
Total Week	4 Incidents	5 Hours

- **23 October:** The IDF imposed curfew on Tulkarm city, Tulkarm camp and Nur Shams camp for five hours after the killing of two Palestinians in Tulkarm camp by the IDF.

b) Access to Education**West Bank:****Tulkarm:**

- **23 October:** Classes were disrupted in the schools of Tulkarm city, Tulkarm camp and Nur Shams camp due to a five hour curfew being imposed.

Hebron:

- **20 October:** The IDF closed with barbed wire and road blocks the access road linking the schools of Al Khadr with Road No. 60. This closure affects in particular, students from southern neighbourhood of the town.
- **22 October:** Teachers and students from Cordoba elementary school in the H2 area of Hebron city were attacked by group of settlers from the Israeli settlement of Beit Hadassah. The settlers threw stones and empty bottles towards the Palestinian students.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The Israeli military escort for the Palestinian students who come from Tuba to attend their classes in At Tuwani School, south Hebron, continued to not take place. As an alternative the students are using donkeys to travel 10 km of rocky road to reach their school. The escort had been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.
 - Teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' are still facing problems in reaching Imneizil elementary school as IDF soldiers deny them access at Beit Yatir checkpoint.
 - Children attending the Al Ibrahimmiyye primary school in the Old City of Hebron (H2 area) who approach it from the south have to pass through new metal detector gates set up by the IDF north of the Abu Rish Mosque.
 - The IDF and Israeli border police continued and intensified their presence around Hebron University, H1 area Hebron city. The long checking system which the soldiers use disturbed the normal study day

c) Access to Employment

This week, the IDF and Border Police continued to impose external closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; workers and traders with valid permits were not allowed to enter Israel. This closure has been in place since 24 September.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

The closure imposed on the oPt since 24 September intensified over the Jewish holidays (24 – 25 October). Permits previously issued are no longer valid and only in some limited humanitarian cases was access facilitated to Israel.

Nablus Governorate:

17 October (previously not reported): The IDF closed the southern entrance of Yatma village with an earth mound.

19 October: The IDF prohibited Palestinian private vehicles from crossing Za'atara checkpoint in both directions. Only public transportation and commercial trucks are allowed through.

19 – 25 October: The IDF closed Hamra checkpoint for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan valley. Only medical personnel and teachers are allowed through.

24 – 25 October: At 2pm the IDF closed 'Awarta commercial checkpoint for Jewish holidays. The closure is reportedly to be in place until 26 October.

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked by earth mounds.

Jenin Governorate:

24 – 25 October: At 2pm the IDF closed Al Jalama commercial checkpoint for Jewish holidays. The closure is reportedly to be in place until 26 October.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue to restrict access to Road No. 585 from the entrance off Mevo Dotan settlement to the entrance off Kharmesh settlement.
- The metal gate at a road leading from Ya'bad town and the two checkpoints on Road No. 585 near Mevo Dotan and Kharmesh settlements entrances are hindering Palestinian movements in the area. Palestinian are using dirt roads to reach there charcoal factorises and olive groves in the area.
- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked by earth mounds.

Tubas Governorate:

19 October to date: The IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan valley. Only medical personnel and teachers are allowed through.

Tulkarm Governorate:

24 – 25 October: The IDF closed Taybeh commercial checkpoint due to the Jewish holidays.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The 'Anabta gate remained closed for Palestinian vehicular movement.
- The IDF is still manning a checkpoint west of 'Anabta village on the junction to Bizzariya village.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue closing the entrance of Deir Istiya with an earth mound and closed the gate at the entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

19 – 25 October: The IDF imposed a tight closure and restrictions on Palestinian movements around the district. The IDF continuously patrolled the roads around and inside Ramallah, Al Bireh, and Beituniya.

19 – 24 October: The IDF prohibited all movements of Palestinian plated vehicles on bypass Road No. 465. On 24 October, the IDF allowed only Palestinian plated taxis to drive on that bypass road.

19 – 25 October: During the reporting period, Palestinian staff working with International and medical organizations experienced access denial at the Ramallah DCO checkpoint.

19 – 25 October: The partial checkpoint at Atara was in operation on daily basis. On 23 October, the IDF closed the checkpoint between 6 pm until after midnight which resulted in Palestinian experiencing long delays.

19 October: The IDF erected an earth mound at the main entrance to Turmus'ayya; Palestinian vehicles are taking an impassable dirt track a few meters far from the main entrance and on bypass Road No. 60.

Ongoing incidents:

- Temporary vehicular and pedestrian arrangements are now in place at Qalandiya checkpoint while construction of the new checkpoint continues. The main road through the old checkpoint is now closed. Traffic is being rerouted to a new road to the east that joins the main road between Qalandiya and Jaba'. A temporary fenced walkway is in place for pedestrians.

Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates:

Movement restrictions on private Palestinian vehicles still apply for Road No. 60, following the killing of three Israeli settlers at the Gush 'Etzion junction on 16 October. Palestinian public transport is allowed to move between Zif junction and Al Khadr with entrance into Bethlehem via the Beit Jala DCO re-established during the reporting period. Total closure is still imposed around the city of Hebron and the area of Yatta and its surrounding villages within the area defined by bypass Roads No. 317 and 60. In Bethlehem, movement from the western villages is still restricted with most Palestinians crossing on foot Road No. 60 at the Al Khadr junction. The IDF is facilitating the movement of international humanitarian organisations albeit with an increase in the number of security checks. Critical service providers (garbage collection trucks and ambulances) are also being facilitated although due to the closure around Yatta, PRCS is resorting to the back-to-back transfer of patients at the Zif junction on Road No. 317.

Hebron:

19-25 October: The IDF continue to isolate the city of Hebron (population of 170,000) by restricting Palestinian movement and access from Roads No. 60 and 35. Entrances to Sa'ir and Halhul from Road No. 60 are still closed by earth mounds, while a new permanent checkpoint has been established on Road No. 60 at this crossing to all Palestinian vehicles travelling in both directions. The Dura-Al Fawwar junction is blocked with earth mounds, restricting the movement of another 100,000 Palestinians living in town of Yatta and its surrounding villages and cutting off further the 6,000 Palestinians living south of Road No. 317. The gates at the Idhna-Tarqumiya junction (across Road No. 35) and at Zif (from Road No. 317) are still closed. Palestinian public traffic is allowed south of the Halhul - Sa'ir junction.

19 and 20 October: The Israeli authorities denied the access of Palestinians to the Tomb of the Patriarchs (Al-Ibrahimi Mosque). It is currently the holy month of Ramadan for Muslims as well as an important holiday period for the Jewish population.

Ongoing incidents:

- In the village of Imneizil the construction of the Barrier continues to close the main road which leads to the village forcing residents to use a difficult and insecure road to enter the village from the nearby bypass road.

Bethlehem:

20 October: The IDF re-opened Beit Jala DCO for yellow plated cars in both directions. Palestinians' taxis and buses are only allowed to travel into Bethlehem but not from it. Palestinian ambulances are not allowed to cross.

21 October: At Gilo checkpoint, the Israeli Border Police allowed only Palestinians of 45 years or more to cross into Jerusalem to attend Friday Prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque in the Old City regardless of whether Palestinian held correct permits.

19 - 25 October: The IDF continued to close with road blocks the Al Khadr- Husan junction leaving all the western villages (16,000 people) with no access to Bethlehem but on foot; the road from Al Jab'a to Surif is still closed off with road blocks. No private cars are allowed to travel on any of the by pass roads but Palestinian public transportation is permitted to reach the Al Khadr without need for permits. The IDF re-established the Efrat checkpoint and reopened Beit Jala checkpoint for yellow plated cars and for Palestinian public vehicles travelling from the south toward the city of Bethlehem.

Jerusalem Governorate:

The IDF tightened the closure at the checkpoints around Jerusalem as part of the total closure on the West Bank. Frequent flying checkpoints were visible throughout East Jerusalem. All Palestinian males with West Bank IDs and between ages 16-45 were not granted access into Jerusalem even if they have an Israeli permit to enter Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Police deployed a number of additional forces around the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem and along the main roads now for the third Friday in Ramadan. Only people over the age of 45 were permitted to cross from the West Bank into Jerusalem for Friday prayers, this includes people with Jerusalem IDs. Israeli police prevented all males under the age of 45 from accessing the mosque by checking IDs at the 7 gates around the Al Aqsa.

19-25 October: The IDF set up a flying checkpoint at the Jaba' junction on a 24 hour on daily basis to check Palestinian cars. The IDF prohibited Palestinian private vehicles from driving on bypass Road No. 60. Only Palestinian taxis were allowed on that road after being checked.

Jericho Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinian West Bank residents from areas outside of the Jericho Governorate are denied access at Yitav checkpoint near Road No. 449, north of Jericho. Jericho residents can cross the checkpoint from south to north to go to Al Auja. Travel on Road No. 90 north of Al Auja is not allowed unless Palestinians have a special permit from the IDF. Residents from approximately five Palestinian villages in the north of Jericho District are allowed to travel on Road No. 90 north of Yitav checkpoint without a permit.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	# 57 near; Al Badhan(2). # 60 near; Yits'har.	3
Jenin	# 60 near; Arraba. # 588 near; Az Zababida.	2
Tubas	# 588 near; 'Aqqaba, Tubas city.	2
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Al Jarushiya, Deir al Ghusun, Bal'a.	3
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Jit junction(2), DCO(4), Kafr Laqif, 'Azzun, Habla. # 555 near; 'Izbat at Tabib.	10
Salfit	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Jerusalem	Jaba' junction(7).	7
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah(2), Al 'Ubeidiya, Za'tara, Beit Jala, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr(3), Ash Shawawra(2), Husan, Battir.	13
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya, Zif gate(4), As Samu'(2), Ar Ramadin, Khursa, Yatta(4), Beit Ummar, Dura(2), Beit Kahil, H1 area Hebron city(4), Halhul(2), Idhna, Surif(3), Tarqumiya, Al Fawwar(4).	32
Total West Bank		72

6. The Olive Harvest:

- **19 October:** A group of Israeli settlers from Kdumim settlement prevented Palestinian farmers from Kafr Qaddum village, Qalqiliya, from picking olives from their land.
- **22 October:** Israeli settlers from Elon More settlement harassed and threatened Palestinians from Salim village, Nablus, and prevented them from harvesting their olive groves near the settlement.
- **24 and 25 October:** No movement through the Barrier gates were granted due to the Jewish holidays. Palestinian farmers were not able to reach their olive groves.
- This week the IDF placed barbed wire 20-30 metres inside olive groves belonging to Palestinians from Al Mughayyir (parallel to bypass Road No. 458), Ramallah. Palestinians are still able to collect the olives by walking on the bypass road.

7. Additional Protection Issues:

- **19 and 22 October:** Settlers from the Israeli settlement of Beit Hadassah threw stones and empty bottles toward the houses of the Palestinians living along Shohada street, Hebron city.
- **24 October:** A settler from the newly constructed settlement south of Yitav, Jericho, stole two sheep from a Palestinian youth who was grazing his sheep in the area. The Palestinian DCL intervened with their Israeli counterpart but the problem has not yet been resolved.
- **24 October:** Eight home made rockets were fired from the Northern Gaza Strip towards the southern Israeli town of Sederot. No injuries were reported.
- **24 and 25 October:** The IDF and IAF conducted two air strikes and one artillery attack against targets in the Gaza strip. IAF F-16 fighter jets hovered over the Gaza Strip breaking the sound barrier five times at (6.45pm, 10.05pm, 10.50pm, 03.15am, and 07.15am).
- **25 October:** IAF F16 fighter jets fired two missiles at two open areas in Beit Hanoun, the Gaza Strip.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Beit Iba CP, Huwwara CP, 'Asira ash Shamaliya(1), Nablus city(1), Balata camp(1), Beit Furik(1).	4	11
Jenin	Jenin city(2), Jenin camp(1), Jaba'(2).	5	9
Tubas	Tayasir CP, 'Ein al Beida(1).	1	2
Tulkarm	'Attil(1), Al Jarushiya, Seida(1), Tulkarm camp(1), Nur Shams Camp(1).	4	9
Qalqiliya	'Azzun(1).	1	0
Salfit	Marda(2).	2	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah city(1), Kafr Ni'ma(1), Qalandiya CP, Ras Karkar(1), Al Bireh(1), Bir Zeit(1), Bil'in(2).	7	17
Jerusalem	Jaba'(1).	1	1
Jericho	An Nuwei'ma(1), Al Mu'arrajat, 'Ein el Beida(1).	2	3
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya(1), Za'tara(1), Bethlehem city(4), Beit Fajjar(1), Dar Salah(3), Beit Jala(3), 'Ayda camp(4), Al Khadr(4), Ash Shawawra(1), Husan(1), Artas(2), Battir(1).	26	9
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu'(2), Yatta(2), Beit Ummar(2), Dura(2), H(6), Halhul(3), Idhna(1), Ash Shuyukh(3), Beit Awa(1), Tarqumiya(1), Al Fawwar camp(2), Ar Rihya(1).	28	40
Total Week West Bank		81	102
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		81	102

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 19 – 25 October 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The closure intensified during the Jewish holidays.
Efrayim	The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. On 29 June the checkpoint became operational from 4am – 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The closure intensified during the Jewish holidays.
Kafriat	The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 August the Tunnel near the checkpoint under road 57 was opened reducing the need to use the checkpoint.
Qalqiliya:	
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned.
Jaljoulia	Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into 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 subjects for security checks. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The closure intensified during the Jewish holidays.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Kafr Qasem (Road No. 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The closure intensified during the Jewish holidays.
'Anabta Gate	Re-established 14 July 2005. Closed but Palestinians are allowed to use the back to back system to cross in and out of Tulkarm.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted. The checkpoint is open 24 hours.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. The checkpoint is open from 5 am to 11 pm.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya (Road No. 55)	On 5 October IDF closed Sarra village entrance with road blocks. The checkpoint and the section of Road No. 55 are used only by military vehicles.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and	Open for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. Open between 5 am to 9 pm.

checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley

Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed through.

Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.

Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin Closed for Palestinians unless having permits. Palestinians from Frush Beit Dajjan and Al Jiftlik villages are allowed to pass the checkpoint without permit. On 19 October IDF closed the checkpoint for all Palestinians non residence of the Jordan valley. Doctors and teachers are allowed through.

Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah Movement southwards is controlled by the checkpoint.

Jenin:

Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday

Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave Open between 7 am to 9 pm.

Tubas:

Bisan Main entrance to Israel Open 24 hours for permit holders.

Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley Closed for all Palestinians holders of permits for Jericho area. The checkpoint is open only for residence of Kardala and Bardala villages (Tubas) and holders of permits for the West Bank Area. Since 19 October IDF closed the checkpoint for all Palestinians non residence of the Jordan valley. Doctors and teachers are allowed through.

Ramallah/Al Bireh:

Qalandiya Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. Long delays now usual during rush hours due to new traffic arrangements because of ongoing construction for the new checkpoint. West Bank residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Jewish and Arab Israeli citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.

Bet El/DCO Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.

Atara Bridge (partial) Open.

An Nabi Salih gate (partial) Open.

At Tayba (partial) Open.

Makkabim On Highway No. 443 Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road No. 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.

Ni'lin Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

Rantis Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

Jerusalem:

Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.

Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road No. 60 north. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.

Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road No. 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits 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.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plate cars are not allowed to cross.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road No. 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road No. 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. On Friday, age restrictions were applied to Palestinian crossing.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Re-opened and manned by the IDF on 20 October for yellow-plated vehicles and trucks (including commercial) in both directions. Palestinian taxis and busses only allowed to enter Bethlehem, but not to exit. Palestinians can cross on foot.
Tunnels Road No. 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September, Palestinians with Jerusalem permits are not allowed to pass. Some delays experienced by UN national staff.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road No. 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Following the 16 October attack, IDF soldiers are restricting movement and are checking all vehicles coming from the direction of Hebron.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road No. 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Jerusalem.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Open 24 hours. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Jerusalem.
Ein Gedi On Road No. 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 90. Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road No. 354	Crossing along Road No. 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road No. 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem	Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. ICRC Prisoners' families' visit did not take place.

districts	
Meitar On Road No. 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. It was moved 200 meters to the south. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road No. 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.
Beit Yatir On Road No. 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits. Teachers going to Imneizil school are being denied access.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. The metal detector near the checkpoint is used to check all Palestinians including schoolchildren on their way to the Al Ibrahimmiyye school.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry. On 19 and 20 October Muslims were denied entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street. Soldiers on the checkpoint search all goods going toward the old city. Reports of IDF soldiers taking fingerprints of male Palestinians walking into the Kasabah area.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	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 it and the settlement.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed toward the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing traffic. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba area are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and extremely problematic during Friday prayers. On 19 and 20 October, Muslims were denied entry.
Ar Ramadin At entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	New permanent checkpoint established in September 2005, manned by IDF soldiers who check and search Palestinian civilians travelling to and from a cluster of Palestinian villages (4,000 people) around Ar Ramadin area. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on road 325.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Since 24 September; Erez has been closed for Palestinians, with a little exception for people with special humanitarian needs. On 24 October, around 6:00 pm Erez was announced closed for both Palestinians and internationals. On 25 October, Eez was reopened for internationals only.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 24 September; Rafah crossing was closed. On 23 October, Rafah terminal was temporarily opened till 24 October 11.00 pm. 3,158 were reported arriving and 1,212 were reported departing.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday. On 24 and 25 October was closed due to the Jewish holidays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm. Sunday to Friday. On 24 October IDF closed the checkpoint at 2pm for Jewish holidays until reportedly until 26 October.
Jenin	

Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday with 24 hours prior coordination through Palestinian DCL. On 24 October IDF closed the checkpoint at 2pm for Jewish holidays until reportedly until 26 October.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours are 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	On 24 October, Karni commercial crossing was functioning for half day only. On 19 and 25 October, Karni was totally closed.
Sufa	On 25 October, Sufa crossing was completely closed.

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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 DCL.
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison Office (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, UNICEF, UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Children's Fund (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: Source: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.