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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

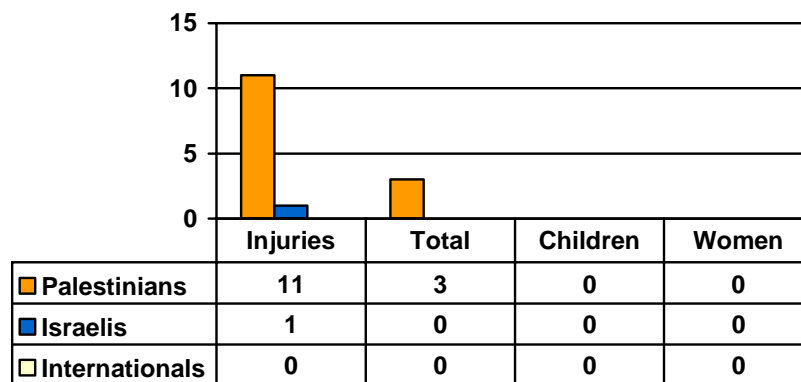
16 – 22 November 2005

Of note this week

- Over 20 Palestinian structures were demolished by the IDF in Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley this week.
- External closure was lifted throughout the West Bank (previously access for Palestinian workers and traders to Israel was only resumed for residents of the southern West Bank from 14 November).

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



- **17 November:** The IDF assaulted and injured a 55-year-old Palestinian from Jamma'in (Nablus) while working his farm land.
- **17 November:** Israeli settlers from Itamar injured a 85-year-old Palestinian from 'Awarta village (Nablus) who was picking olives in his field.
- **17 November:** One Palestinian was injured near Huwwara (Nablus) after being run over by vehicle driven by an Israeli setter on Road No. 60.
- **17 November:** During an operation by an Israeli under cover unit two Palestinians (19 and 21 years old) were killed on Haifa road near Al Yamun village (Jenin) after the Unit opened fire at their vehicle.
- **18 November:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an IDF jeep patrolling in Nablus city injuring one IDF soldier.
- **18 November:** The IDF responded to Palestinian stone throwing in Sabastiya village (Nablus) with tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. One Palestinian was injured.
- **18 November:** The IDF shot a 14- year old Palestinian from Silwad (Ramallah) near Road No. 60. The child was hospitalized in Israel and is reported to have been semi-paralysed.
- **18 November:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man from Hebron city was killed by the IDF near the Palestinian village of Beit Kahil (Hebron). According to the IDF, the Palestinian was involved in an explosion that took place near Road No. 35.
- **19 November:** The IDF shot a 16-year-old Palestinian from Silwad (Ramallah) in the leg. The youth was later detained by the IDF.
- **19 November:** Four Palestinians were injured during a demonstration organised by Palestinians, international and Israeli activists against the construction of the Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah). Three Israeli activists were detained.
- **19 November:** One Palestinian was injured during a demonstration organised by Palestinians, international and Israeli activists against the implementation of the "special security arrangements" around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements (Ramallah).

2. Shelter and Property:

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
This week	Bir Nabala, 'Anata, Beit Hanina, At Tur, Wadi al Joz and Silwan/ Jerusalem	14	0	85
This week	Al Jiftlik, Marj Naja/Jericho	8	0	11
Total Week		22	0	96

- **15 – 22 November:** 14 houses were demolished at various locations in Jerusalem governorate for reportedly being built without permits. A further eight structures were demolished in the Jordan Valley.

Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **16 November:** An appeal submitted to the IDF by Palestinians to stop demolition of four animal barracks in the Palestinian village of Tuqu (Bethlehem) was denied. The demolition orders were issued to local residents for building the structures in Area C. Two of the structures have been demolished by the Palestinian owners.

3. Natural Resources:

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land along side Road No. 505 near Jamma'in village to install a security fence.

Jenin Governorate:

20 November: The IDF issued a military order (T/184/05) requisitioning land for 9.5 dunums (10 hectares) in Ya'bad (Jenin) to build an observation tower.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

16 November: Israeli contractors began levelling land from Jayyus village (Qalqiliya) in the closed areas to expand Zfim settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli contractors continues 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 and Deir Ballut villages for the construction of the Barrier.
- The IDF continues levelling land alongside Road No. 505 near Marda and Haris villages to install a security fence.

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

19 November: The IDF issued a military order for a Palestinian farmer from Shuqba to stop work on his land and to return the land to its original state.

11 November: The IDF uprooted at least 35 olive trees belonging to Beit Liqya village in order to build a new road between Beit Liqya (Ramallah) and Beit Anan (Jerusalem).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land leveling for construction of the Barrier is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line. The contractors are paving the security road running along the Barrier to the south of Shani settlement. In the western section the Barrier has reached Ar Ramadin, as well as along the western side of Idhna. Israeli contractors are also levelling land for a new terminal along the last section of Road No. 60 before crossing into Israel.

Bethlehem Governorate:

17 November: The IDF issued two amendments to military orders:

- T/136/05 requisitioning Palestinian land south-east of Efrata settlement for the construction of the Barrier. The new military order revises the route of the Barrier near the Palestinian village of Wadi Rahhal and reduces the amount of land requisitioned from 155 to 115 dunums (15.5 to 11.5 hectares).
- T/32/04 requisitioning Palestinian land north-west of Beit Jala town for the construction of the Barrier. The new military order revises the route of the Barrier near the Cremisan monastery and reduces the amount of land requisitioned from 175 to 119 dunums (17.5 to 11.9 hectares).

17 November: The IDF issued a military order (T/201/05) requisitioning 94 dunums (9.4 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the town of Al Khadr. The requisitioned land will be used to construct the Barrier on the section of Road No. 60 (from Al Khadr junction to the southern entrance of Bethlehem city).

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 with high presence of the IDF in the area. The local community is facing problems in accessing the main internal road on wet days as the quality of the road has deteriorated during the construction of the Barrier.
- Land levelling and new housing construction is ongoing 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 around Rachel's Tomb north of the building hosting the Al Waqf.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is ongoing 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.
- The IDF closed the road from Qalandiya checkpoint towards Atarot Checkpoint; construction is taking place in the area to continue the part of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram area for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The borders are also being enforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.

- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military zone.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.

4. Access for Medical Assistance:

Date	Location / Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
13 November	Nablus city, Nablus	PRCS	2	-	Warning shots
Total Week Incidents			2	0	Warning shots

- **13 November** (previously not reported): A PRCS ambulance was denied access to transport a wounded Palestinian from Nablus to Jenin. When the ambulance arrived at the scene IDF soldiers fired warning shots and ordered the PRCS team to leave. The team returned to the scene two hours later and were again denied access by the IDF. The injured Palestinian later died and the PRCS ambulance was called to transport the body.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians:

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
16 Nov	Madama, Nablus	10 hours
16 Nov	Al 'Auja, Jericho	24 hours
18 Nov	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	16 hours
21 Nov	Beit Liqya, Ramallah	14 hours
Total Week Incidents		64 hours

Curfew Incidents:

- **16 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Madama village (Nablus) after Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles travelling on Road No. 60.
- **16 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Al 'Auja (Jericho) for one day.
- **18 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Al Funduq village (Qalqiliya) after Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles travelling on Road No. 55.
- **21 November:** At approximately midnight, the IDF imposed a curfew on Beit Liqya. Throughout the night and early hours of the morning, construction equipment was brought in to start levelling land for a new road between the village and Beit Anan in Jerusalem governorate.

b) Access to Education

West Bank:

Jericho:

16 November: School students from Al 'Auja could not attend their schools on this day due to the imposition of curfew by the IDF.

Hebron:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - 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 Ibrahimiyeh primary school in the H2 area of Hebron city who approach it from the south continue to have to pass through metal detector gates set up by the IDF north of the Abu Rish Mosque.
 - The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron governorate. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.

c) Access to Employment

The IDF announced on 13 November that general closure imposed on the oPt since 24 September was lifted. From 14 November external movement of was again observed in southern governorates of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Palestinian workers from the six northern governorates in the West Bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and Salfit) were allowed entry to Israel from 16 November.

West Bank: November

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	361	605
Jenin	46	36
Tubas	0	77
Tulkarm	71	450
Qalqiliya	541	370
Salfit	0	200
Ramallah and Al Bireh	1,332	700
Jericho	36	n/a
Jerusalem	241	n/a
Bethlehem	648	n/a
Hebron	1,089	n/a
Total Permits Issued West Bank	4,365	2,438+

The Gaza Strip:

As of 22 November the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is 3,488. All workers must over 35 years old and married with children.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel
16 November	580	90
17 November	CLOSED	CLOSED
18 November		
19 November		
20 November	1,555	263
21 November	1,560	250
22 November	1,832	175

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

16 November: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours in the afternoon after arresting one Palestinian in possession of an explosive belt.

16 November: The IDF reopened Beit Furik checkpoint for male residents of Beit Furik village age under 30 years old.

19 November: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours after arresting three Palestinian in possession of rifle bullets.

20 November: The IDF opened the entrance of Jamma'in which connects the village with Road No. 505.

21 November: Palestinians opened Beita - Aqraba road at the junction with Road No. 505 which had been closed since 12 November.

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked with earth mounds.
- Hamra checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan Valley. Medical personal and teachers are allowed through.
- The dirt road connecting Tulkarm with Road No. 60 near Sabastiya (at the junction with Road No. 57) continues to be blocked with earth mounds.
- Except for the main entrance, all entrances from Beita to Road No. 60 remain closed with earth mounds.

Jenin Governorate:

16 November: The IDF restricted commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave to 35 trucks a day carrying food products.

18 – 22 November: The IDF closed all agricultural Barrier gates and prevented farmers from reaching their land.

Ongoing incidents:

- All entrances to Ya'bad village remain closed by the IDF with road blocks and barbed wire. Only one alternative road towards Jenin city is open through Kufeir it village.
- Road No. 585 from Mevo Dotan settlement entrance to Kharmesh settlement entrance remains closed with two checkpoints.
- 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 movement in the area. Palestinians are using dirt roads to reach their charcoal factories and olive groves in the area.

Tubas Governorate:

16 November: The IDF closed Bisan checkpoint for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks transporting vegetables from Jordan Valley into Israel. The trucks had to go to Al Jalama crossing via Al Hamra checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- Tayasir checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan Valley. Medical personal and teachers are allowed through.

Tulkarm Governorate:

16 – 22 November: The IDF opened 'Anabta gate for vehicular movement and established a daily flying checkpoint at the junction to Tulkarm.

16 November: The IDF opened the checkpoint west of 'Anabta village at the junction to Bizzariya village.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF continues to close a road connecting Dihinnaba with Kafr Al Labad villages by earth mounds.
- The IDF continues to close the roads between Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba, Bal'a and Tulkarm by earth mounds.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

20– 22 November: The IDF at Jayyus Barrier gate prevented farmers to use their unlicensed tractors to reach their land in the closed areas.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF at Zfim Barrier gate prevented Palestinian farmers to use carriages to reach their lands in the closed areas.

Salfit Governorates:

18 November: The IDF closed the western entrance of Deir Istiya with an earth mound.

19 November: The IDF opened the main road (No. 446) between Rafat and Deir Ballut.

21 November: The IDF opened the closure of Qarawat Bani Hassaan on Road No. 505.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

The Israeli authorities have issued permits for 14 Palestinian taxis to allow them to drive on Road No. 443 during certain restricted hours during the day (between Qalandiya and Makkabim checkpoints). These taxis are only permitted to take people going in/out of At Tira village.

The IDF is opening the gate at the entrance to At Tira village for two and a half hours every day to enable people to travel to Qalandiya via Road No. 443. The opening hours are between 7 - 8:00am; 2 - 2:30pm and 6 - 7:00pm. However, the opening hours are not uniform and depend on the IDF soldiers at the gate.

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 on Road No. 60 continued to be enforced throughout the reporting period; only taxis and buses were allowed to move

between Zif junction (Road No. 317) and Al Khadr (Road No. 60), with entrance into Bethlehem possible through the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint.

Hebron

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Zif gate from Road No. 317.
- The IDF continues to close Yatta gate with earth mounds from Road No. 60.
- No access is possible along the original road to the village of Imneizil as construction for the Barrier in the area is being completed. Local Palestinian residents are increasingly discouraged from moving in a vehicle to and from the village along the path of the Barrier by the security guards hired to protect the contractors. Palestinians from Imneizil often resort to walking on foot to reach the nearest urban area as movement is also restricted by the presence of an IDF checkpoint (Beit Yatir) and along Road No. 317.
- The IDF continues to patrol the area of H1 area of Hebron city and to perform random checks on Palestinians in violation of the Hebron Protocol.

Bethlehem

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed with road blocks.
- The new checkpoint at Gilo is reported to be creating delays of up to 30 minutes for people crossing out of Bethlehem and into Jerusalem by foot.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF closed the road from Qalandiya checkpoint towards Atarot checkpoint; construction of the Barrier is taking place for the part of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram area for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Entrance off; #57 Tulkarm/Qalqiliya Junction (2). Al Badhan road. #60 near; Huwwara.	4
Jenin	Entrance off; Jenin (south), Jannata park. Near; Yamun.	3
Tubas	Entrance off; Al 'Aqaba, Tammun.	2
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Deir al Ghusun (2), Far'un, Bal'a (2), Iktaba.	6
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Hajja, Ras 'Atiya, Azzun, DCO, Jit junction.	5
Salfit	Entrance off; Salfit (north).	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Surda.	1
Jerusalem	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya, Za'tara, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr (4), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawra, Husan, Beit Sahur.	13
Hebron	Zif gate (3), As Samu, Yatta (3), Beit Ummar (2), Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (4), Surif, Idhna.	20
Total West Bank		55

6. The Olive Harvest:

- **16 and 18 November:** Israeli settlers from Itamar physically assaulted a Palestinian farmer from 'Awarta and tried to prevent other farmers to pick their olives on land near the settlement (Nablus). The IDF later forced the settlers to leave.

7. Additional Protection Issues:

- **19 November:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba stoned and harassed Palestinian families living in the area of Wadi Al Husain (H2 area Hebron city).

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Al Lubban ash Sharqiyya (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Furik CP, Nablus (1).	2	8
Jenin	Jenin city (2), Salem CP.	2	3
Tubas	Tammun (1), Flying CP Tammun.	1	1
Tulkarm	'Illar (2), Flying CP Deir al Ghusun, Tulkarm city (1).	3	7
Qalqiliya	Hajja (1), Jit (1), Jenin camp (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), 'Azzun (1).	5	6
Salfit	Kifl Haris (1).	1	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Arura (1), Al Bireh (1).	2	3
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (2), Beit Jala (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (5), Tuqu (1), Dar Salah (1), Ash Shawawra (1).	17	18
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (1), Yatta (3), Dura (3), H1 (6), Halhul (4), Al Arrub camp (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (1).	22	10
Total Week West Bank		55	58
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		55	58

Appendix: Checkpoints 16 – 22 November 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 16 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
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 16 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
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 No. 57 was opened reducing the need to use the checkpoint.
'Anabta	This gate was reestablished on 14 July 2005. Since 16 November opened for Palestinian vehicles to cross in and out of Tulkarm.
Qalqiliya:	
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned.
Jaljoula	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 16 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
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 16 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
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. Movement is allowed from 4:30 am to 8 pm.
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. Open between 6 am and 8 pm.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally given access.
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 checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and open between 6am and 6pm.
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. IDF bulldozing land near the checkpoint to expand it.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Vehicular movement for residents of northern west bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) is prohibited unless they have a special permit.
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. Since 16 November Palestinian worker and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint for all Palestinians non residents of the Jordan Valley with the exception of doctors and teachers.
Ramallah/AI 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 6 am to 10 pm. 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 Road No. 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Palestinians from the West Bank are not allowed to use Road No. 443 except those with valid 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 No. 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'ayem North eastern entrance on Road No. 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 No. 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 No. 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	The old checkpoint has been replaced by the new terminal-like crossing. Heavy delays for Palestinian with permits were reported during the week. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Since 14 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Manned by IDF, movement is allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. Open from 6 am to 10 pm.
Tunnels Road No. 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations Palestinians with valid permits and Jerusalem ID are allowed to cross.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road No. 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Following the 16 October attack by Palestinian militants, IDF soldiers are checking vehicles in both directions; not always manned
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road No. 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Ein Gedi On Road No. 90, along Dead Sea.	On Road No. 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 14 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
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 districts	Open from 5 am-7 pm. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross. Prisoners' families' visits took place this week.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli Border Police. It was moved 200 meters to the south. Since 14 November Palestinian worker and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
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 repeatedly being denied access
Prayers Road, H2	Closed to Palestinians.

Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	
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.
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. On November the IDF installed new gate.
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 Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting the 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 extremely problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road No. 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.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on Road No. 60	New permanent checkpoint established in October 2005, manned by IDF soldiers who check Palestinian taxis and buses travelling on road 60 or across the checkpoint toward Halhul or Sa'ir.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road No. 60	New permanent checkpoint established in October 2005, manned by IDF soldiers. Palestinian taxis, buses and private vehicles are allowed to cross the junction between Dura and Al Fawwar.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez Crossing	On 17 Nov, at 9.30pm, Erez was announced closed. Entry from Israel to Gaza was only permitted for internationals. On 18 and 19 Nov, IDF allowed diplomats to cross in and out and other internationals to enter. Other internationals had to obtain special permission from the IDF Liaison Officer to exit. On 20 Nov, Erez was reopened as normal, including for Palestinian workers and traders.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Closed all the week.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30 am to 5 pm except on Saturday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6 am to 6 pm. Sunday to Friday
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 7 am to 5 pm Sunday to Thursday, 7 am to 1 pm 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 6 am to 8 pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	This week, Karni commercial crossing was partially open.
Sufa	This week, Sufa crossing was partially open for construction materials only.

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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.