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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

30 August - 5 September 2006

Of note this week

Palestinian casualties continued. Eighteen Palestinians were killed and 65 injured including two children. Four Israelis were injured. On 2 September, all employees of Palestinian Authority (PA) ministries including teachers and health workers started an open strike following six months of non-payment of salaries. The strike prevented the opening of the new school year in many parts of the oPt. In the northern West Bank, 80% of PA schools did not open; approximately 50% of PA schools in the Gaza Strip were disrupted. On 5 September, a commercial strike was effective in Ramallah including all shops and private businesses in support of the employees strike.

In the Gaza Strip:

- The IDF pulled out of eastern Gaza City following a five day incursion. Twenty (20)
 Palestinians, including three children, were reported killed during the five days, and more
 than 33 injured. Roads, external walls of several houses, and infrastructure in the area
 were damaged.
- Throughout the week, IDF soldiers entered the Gaza Strip on 13 different occasions, including five incursions into the Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip. Six Palestinian houses were destroyed during these incursions. In the area east of Jabalia (northern Gaza Strip), IDF bulldozers destroyed 50 dunums (5 hectares) of agricultural land.
- At least 14 homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from inside the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel. No injuries were reported. Three anti-tank missiles were also fired at the IDF from inside the Gaza Strip.
- The IDF fired 46 artillery shells into the Gaza Strip. The IAF also conducted at least five air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip. Two Palestinian families received telephone calls and were warned to leave their homes before they were demolished by the IAF this week.
- IDF gunboats repeatedly opened fire towards the Palestinian fishing boats across the Gaza Strip to prevent Palestinian fishing off the Gaza Strip. Karni, Kerem Shalom, Sufa and Erez crossing were all partially open for the import of humanitarian supplies and goods.

In the West Bank:

- The Barrier around Rachel's Tomb was completed during the reporting period. Rachel's Tomb is now completely closed off from the city of Bethlehem.
- 122 IDF search campaigns; 61 Palestinians arrested, mostly in the Jenin, Bethlehem and Hebron governorates.
- 99 flying checkpoints observed by OCHA this week.
- The Israeli Housing Ministry issued tenders calling for the construction of 690 new housing units in West Bank settlements, of which 342 units are slated to be built in the Israeli settlement of Betar Illit (Bethlehem).

1. Physical Protection

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	Injuries	Deaths	Children Deaths	Women Deaths
■ Palestinians	65	18	2	-
■Israelis	4	-	-	-
□Internationals	-	-	-	-

Gaza Strip:

- 30 August: Five Palestinians, aged 22 (2), 23, 25 and 27 years, were killed when IDF snipers opened fire in their direction in Al Shija'ia area east of Gaza City.
- **30 August:** Four Palestinians, aged 6, 14, 20 and 30 years, were killed, and another Palestinian injured during an IDF operation in Al Shija'ia area east of Gaza City.
- **2 September:** Two Palestinians (a father and his son), aged 28 and 55 years, were killed, and eight other Palestinians injured during an IDF operation in Beit Hanoun.
- 2 September: Three Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired five artillery shells towards a Palestinian area north of Beit Lahia, around the Bedouin village.
- **3 September:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of Palestinian farmers northeast of Al Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip.
- **2 September:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was killed when the IDF opened fire in his direction while approaching the border fence east of Al Qarara in Khan Younis.
- 5 September: Two Palestinian militants, aged 28 and 34 years, were killed, and 24
 Palestinians were injured when an IAF UAV fired two rockets targeting the militants' car
 in Rafah.
- **5 September:** Two Palestinian militants, aged 27 and 36 years, were killed when an IAF UAV fired one rocket targeting their car in Rafah.
- **5 September**: A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was injured when IDF troops opened fire in the direction of northeast Al Bureij camp.

West Bank:

- **30 August:** A 43 year-old Palestinian man from Jenin camp died in a Jordanian hospital from injuries sustained on 23 August when an IDF undercover unit opened fire at him.
- 30 August: Two Palestinian boys, aged 13 and 19 years, were injured in Tulkarm camp (Tulkarm) when an IDF undercover unit opened fire during a search and arrest campaign.
- 31 August: A 32 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead and four Palestinian men, aged 18, 20, 21 and 32 years, and a 40 year-old PRCS medic injured by live ammunition in Nablus city (Nablus). The incident took place when an exchange of erupted between Palestinian gunmen and the IDF during a military operation.
- **1 September:** Nine Palestinians and two Israeli activists were injured by sponge bullets during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, international and Israeli activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Many cases of tear gas inhalation were reported. Two Palestinians were detained.
- 1 September: Two Palestinian males were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when
 the IDF fired at a group of Palestinian youth throwing stones at an IDF patrol conducting
 a search and arrest campaign in Al Jalazun camp (Ramallah). Three Palestinians were
 arrested.
- 4 September: A 25 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Kafr Dan (Jenin) when an exchange of fire took place between Palestinian gunmen and the IDF during a search and arrest campaign.
- 4 September: Six Palestinian men were injured in Qabatiya (Jenin) when an exchange of
 fire took place between Palestinian gunmen and IDF during a military operation. Two of
 the Palestinians, aged 22 and 24 years, were injured by live ammunition and the other
 four (aged 18, 22, 24 and 27 years) were injured by shrapnel.
- **4 September:** A male Israeli settler was injured on Road 60 near Huwwara village (Nablus) when his vehicle was stoned while passing the Palestinian village.
- 4 September: A 38 year-old Palestinian woman from the H1 section of Hebron city was
 injured when a group of IDF soldiers beat her while searching her house in the Abu Ktaila
 neighbourhood of the city.
- 4 September: Three Palestinian men, aged 20, 23 and 26 years, from Ad Doha village (Bethlehem) were injured by live ammunition and a fourth Palestinian, aged 22 years, was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet. The Palestinians were injured when a group of IDF soldiers opened fire at a group of stone throwers.
- 5 September: A 60 year-old Israeli citizen was stabbed in the in Atarot industrial Zone (Jerusalem).

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents

[This includes, casualties related to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. Also reported here are casualties indirectly related to

¹ A sponge bullet is a new weapon used by the IDF. It is the size of a tear gas bomb. The front is made of a blue sponge (solid sponge) and the rear part is made from fibre glass.

the conflict such as incidents involving unexploded ordinances (UXOs), 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 incidents are not reported in the total in Section 1.]

- **30 August:** A Palestinian man was injured when a homemade rocket prematurely exploded in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- 31 August: A 28 year-old Popular Resistance Committee member was killed when a group of armed masked men opened fire at him in Beach camp in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The motive behind the killing is unknown.
- 31 August: A Palestinian man was injured during an armed family dispute in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- 2 August: A 25 year-old Executive Support Force (ESF) member was killed and 25 bystanders injured in an armed clash between a Palestinian family and the ESF in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **3 September:** Two Palestinian men were shot in their legs as a punishment for what has been reported as "immoral behavior" by the ESF in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- 3 September: A group of armed and masked men stole the car of a senior Palestinian legislator after beating the driver (Gaza Strip). The legislator was not present when the incident took place.
- **3 September:** Two bystanders were injured during an armed family dispute in Al Buraij camp in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **5 September:** Two bystanders were injured in an armed family dispute in Al Nuseirat camp (Gaza Strip)
- **5 September:** Four students at a PA school in Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip) were injured while playing with a homemade bomb they found in the schoolyard.
- 5 September: Two women were shot in the legs by unknown armed men in the former Netzarim settlement. The motive for the attack is unknown.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
2 September	Beit Hanoun	6	-	n/a
2 September	Jabalia Camp	1	2+	n/a
4 September	Qabatiya/ Jenin	-	1	n/a
4 September	Jabalia Camp	1	2+	n/a
Total		8	5+	

Gaza Strip:

- **2 September:** Six Palestinian houses were demolished during an IDF operation in the town of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- 2 September: A two-storey Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by an IAF rocket west of Jabalia camp. Several houses nearby were also damaged in the blast. The family was warned by the IDF to evacuate the house 30 minutes before the attack.
- 4 September: A Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by IAF aircraft
 rockets in Jabalia camp. Several nearby homes were also damaged. The family was
 warned by the IDF to evacuate the house 45 minutes before the attack.

West Bank:

• **4 September:** The IDF damaged a Palestinian house in Qabatiya (Jenin) when an exchange of fire took place during a military operation.

Other related incidents:

- **5 September:** The IDF forcibly entered Tubas Martyrs Boy Scout (Tubas) office after damaging the main door. The IDF searched the office and confiscated a computer.
- **5 September:** The IDF forcibly entered the Islamic Association for the Relief of Orphans and Needy in Tubas (Tubas) after damaging the main door, as well as internal doors,. The IDF searched the premises and confiscated a computer and some files.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June, the IDF have been levelling land north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus), to install a fence/wall around the settlement.
- Since 8 June, the IDF have been installing a fence at the northern side of Shave Shomeron settlement.

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **1 September:** 600 olive trees (covering 400 dunums/40 hectares of land) were burnt on the western side of the Barrier (in the 'closed areas'), when a fire began in unclear circumstances. The land belongs to the village of An Nabi Elyas (Qalqiliya).
- **1 September:** 250 olive trees (covering 120 dunums/12 hectares of land) were burnt north of Road 55, when a fire began in unclear circumstances. The land belongs to the village of Hajja (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues to level land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
- Since 9 August, the IDF continues levelling land belonging to the Palestinian communities of Kafr Laqif and Ázzun (Qalqiliya) for the construction of the Barrier.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

 Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue to level land north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement, and near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages.
 - Land levelling for the last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is continuing between the village and Makkabim settlement. The Israeli court has approved a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud to create "a special security arrangement" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements.
 - Barrier construction has resumed in Deir Qaddis between the village and Modi'in Ilit settlement. The construction was stopped for almost 1 ½ years due to technical problems related to building contractors.
 - The IDF continues with the construction of the Barrier near Umm Safa, parallel to bypass Road 465, to create a buffer zone around the settlement of Ateret. The land earlier requisitioned by the IDF belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

- Barrier construction:
 - Work continues all along the projected route of the Barrier in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3 km of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar, but has been stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
 - Barrier construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. New areas of concrete wall were set up on 25 August 2006 further exasperating the access of vehicles through the neighbourhood and beyond the Barrier.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayyem.
 Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayyem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 or East 1 (an area north of Ma'ale Adumim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank) is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is being planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 by encircling east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

During the reporting period: Paving of the Za'atar by-pass road section leading to the village of Khallet An Numan was finished.

During the reporting period: The Barrier around Rachel's Tomb was finished during the reporting period. A new gate in the Barrier was installed.

- **4 September:** The Israeli Housing Ministry issued tenders calling for the construction of 342 housing units in the Israeli settlement of Betar Illit, Bethlehem Governorate. Ongoing incidents:
 - Barrier construction: Land levelling continued for the construction of the Barrier in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem).
 - Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far. New structures were added during the reporting period.
 - Construction continued of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.
 - Land levelling and digging continued for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village. This week new land levelling took place along the southern side of Road 60 leading to the western villages of the Governorate.
 - Land levelling continued for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
 - Construction of the concrete Barrier continued near the Beit Jala junction from Road 60.
 - Land levelling continued during the reporting period for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing:

- Land leveling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving continued during the reporting period while new structures were installed.
- Construction is ongoing in the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. New structures were installed.
- Construction of the road barrier has reached the main entrance of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on along Road 317.
- Construction of the Road Barrier has been completed between the Metarim Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene along roads 60 and 325.

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- Construction is ongoing in the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. New structures were installed. Electrical posts were added.
- Construction of the Barrier continued in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Surif.

Gaza Strip:

- **3 September:** 50 dunums of citrus trees where destroyed when IDF armored vehicles entered 2.5km into a Palestinian area east of Jabalia camp.
- **3 September:** Several IDF armoured vehicles entered 700 metres into a Palestinian area southeast of Beit Hanoun. Bulldozers uprooted citrus trees and destroyed an unknown amount of agricultural land.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

No incidents to report.

b) Access to education

- **30 August 5 September**: As the main entry point to the Palestinian community of At Tuwani (Hebron) is blocked, Palestinian teachers travelling to Yatta (Hebron) and other areas are not able to reach the school in their vehicles. The teachers have to walk almost 1 km in order to reach the school.
- **2 September:** The IDF and the Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from the hamlet of Tuba to their school in At Tuwani (Hebron). The escort was not required for the rest of the week because of the general strike carried out by Palestinian teachers. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on.
- **5 September:** Access to the Rosary Sisters School in Dahiyat al Bareed (Jerusalem) was problematic and students arrived at school either on the designated school bus or through a rough dirt road to avoid the Al-Ram checkpoint (Jerusalem).

c) Access to employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities; Palestinian workers and traders are applying directly to the Israeli authorities for permits to enter Jerusalem and Israel.³

All Palestinians should directly apply to the Israeli authorities 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 old, married with children and with no security files. Criteria to apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone; a person should be above 21 years old, married with children.

30 August–5 September: Significant delays were reported by Palestinians trying to get magnetic cards from the Israeli DCL in both the governorates of Hebron and Bethlehem.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Gaza Strip:

The external closure of the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed to access Israel since 12 March.

³ OCHA has requested the number of permits issued for Palestinian worker and traders from the Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank but has not received a response. According to Palestinian Chamber of Commerce in the north, 159 workers and 355 traders from Nablus, 88 workers and 234 traders from Jenin, 4 workers and 121 traders, 129 workers and 57 traders, 500 workers and 488 traders and 268 workers and 152 traders from Salfit currently have permits.

West Bank:

Since 23 August, all Palestinians with valid permits including traders and workers are allowed access to Israel through all checkpoints in the West Bank after an external closure period that had been in place since 31 July.

Nablus Governorate:

- **2 September:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours Ongoing incidents:
 - Since 23 August, all Palestinians males from the northern West Bank between the ages of 16 – 30 years are prevented from heading south through all permanent, semi-permanent and flying checkpoints in the northern West Bank unless they have permits. Residents of villages around Nablus are allowed to travel south. Residents of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan villages have to enter Nablus city and travel south through Nablus checkpoints.
 - The IDF continues to close the road connecting Qaryut village with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point with a road block. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut), from their source of water.
 - The IDF continues to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.
 - The IDF has closed Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates for 22 consecutive weeks.

Jenin Governorate:

- **30 August:** The IDF lifted the age restrictions on Palestinian residents of Jenin district heading to Nablus and Tulkarm. The age restriction remains valid for heading south through Zaatara and Deir Ballut checkpoints.
- **30 August to date:** The IDF open the gate on the south west entrance of Ya'bad village (Jenin) between 7pm and 9pm after the closing time of the new Mevo Dotan checkpoint (7pm).
- **30 August to date:** The IDF allowed the crossing of 40 commercial trucks (with less than a two tonne load) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. The plate numbers of the trucks are listed at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **1 September:** The IDF prevented Jenin city residents to cross Ánabta checkpoint in the evening to go back to their homes. Residents were forced to use dirt roads with long detours to go back.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
 - The IDF continues to close the road between Bala' and Ánabta with an earth mound.
 - The IDF closed the exit from the Kafriat checkpoint leading to the road into Tulkarm, for construction. Residents of Jbarah now have to reach Tulkarm though Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF closed the main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village with an earth mound.
- The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Kafr Qaddum with Hajja, Kur and Beit Lid villages.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya and prevented farmers from accessing their land.

 The IDF continues to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan industrial area and Road 5 with three earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from northern West Bank towards south.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

30 August: At around 5:30 pm, the IDF set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Abud village. IDF soldiers checked ID cards and vehicles going into/out of 'Abud. Delays of 30 minutes were experienced.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by road blocks and was reinforced after IDF soldiers added cement blocks.
- During the reporting period, Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance of the Palestinian village Khallet Nu'man continued to deny access of essential services (such as refuse trucks) to the village. Harassment of the Palestinian residents has also continued. National staff of international organisations are also being forced to show secondary IDs. Further, the village has been without running water during the reporting period, as the Israeli contractor for the construction of the Barrier broke the main pipe supplying the village with water.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

 Since 13 July, the main entry point to the Palestinian community of At Tuwani has been blocked by four cement blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

5 September: The IDF and Border Police completely closed the checkpoints into Jerusalem after an Israeli man was stabbed in the Atarot Inudustrial zone. Al-Ram checkpoint was closed for a couple of hours while the search for the attacker was underway. Long delays were reported even for diplomats and staff from international organisations.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

24, 25, 28 August: The IDF at the Jericho DCO checkpoint prohibited Palestinians from access in/out of Jericho and told them to obtain Israeli permits. Palestinians used the Al Mu'rrajat road and then to At Taybe checkpoint to go to Jericho.

Gaza Strip

Following the attack on the IDF military post near Kerem Shalom on 25 June, the IDF closed all of Gaza's crossing points:

- Rafah Passengers' terminal (as EU Observers cannot reach the terminal due to the closure of Kerem Shalom crossing) was closed all the week.
- During the reporting period Kerem Shalom and Sufa crossings were partially open for the import of humanitarian supplies and food commodities.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis).
- Karni crossing was reopened on 3 September for imports.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were partially open for the import of fuel supplies.
- Gaza fishermen have been unable to access the sea since 25 June.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (approximately one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep at a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.
- The IDF declared parts of the northern Gaza Strip a "no-go" or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December 2005.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints - West Bank

Nablus	Bar El (1)	1
Jenin	Sanur (7), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (1), Qabatiya (1), Fahma (2), Yabad (1)	19
Tubas	Tammun (2) Áqqaba (1), Al Fará camp (1), Áqqaba (1)	5
Tulkarm	Faru'n (2), Deir al Ghusun (1)	3
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (1), An Nabi Elyas (1), Kur (1), Wadi Qana (7), Izbat at Tabib (5) Jayyus (1), Ras Átiya (3), Kafr Thulth (1), Jinsafut (1)	28
Salfit	Az Zawiya tunnel (1), Marda (1), Farkha (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	4
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jerusalem	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza camp (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (1)	16
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (2), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1 (2), Halhul (1), Al Arrub refugee camp (1), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (2)	23
Total West Bank		99

6. Additional Protection Issues

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (6), Balata RC (2), Asira ash Shamaliya (1) Áskar RC (1), Camp No. 1 (1), Tell (1) Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP,	12	15
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (6), Qabatiya (1), Arraba (1), Kafr Raí (2), Fahma (2), Ánin (1), Jalqamus (1), Kafr Dan (1), Misliya (1)	22	9
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (2)	4	-
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Tulkarm RC (1), Farún Flying CP, Zeita (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1) Shuweika (1)	8	6
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (3), Qalqiliya city (5), Kafr Qaddum (2), Habla (1)	11	1
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (4), Salfit city (1), Marda (1),	6	-
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (3), Al Jalazun refugee camp (2) , Shuqba (1)	6	10
Jerusalem	Hizma checkpoint (1)	1	0
Jericho Jordan Valley	Tayasir checkpoint (1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (2), Bethlehem (3), ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2), Ad Doha (2)	26	6
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (1), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (2), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (2), Beit Awwa (1), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1)	25	14
Total Week West Bank		122	61
Gaza Strip	No search and arrest campaigns or arrests	0	0
Total Week oPt		122	61

Appendix: Checkpoints: 30 August – 5 September 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5:30am to 12 am on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint. Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am to 12pm on
Efrayim	Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It 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 May, the IDF closed the part leading to the road into Tulkarm so residents of Jubara have to reach Tulkarm though Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queues and delays were reported. Males from Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years_are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits
'Anabta	Check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queues and delays were reported. Males from Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits. Since 30 July to date closed due to construction.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. 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. On 31 July to date, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for UN organizations critical medical conditions.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues reported.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 6am to 8pm 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. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.

Beit Furik	
Eastern gate and checkpoint.	Open 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Male
After the closure regime main	from Nablus city aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to
gateway between Nablus and	exit Nablus unless they have special permits. All residents heading
the Jordan Valley	south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed diffee 25 March for all trains.
Zaatara (Tappouah)	The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 6
South, main road to Ramallah	southwards. Male residents of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm 16 and 3
, ·····	years are not allowed through the checkpoint without special perm
	Long delays and queues.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya	Open from 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organisations
Road to the north villages of	ambulances and Palestinian from the villages of "Burqa, Sabastiya
Nablus	Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid an
	Talluza". Taxis and Palestinian private vehicles are not allowed
	through unless the driver is in possession of a special permit. Lor
	delays and queues are reported.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
(new)	
Jenin:	On an hature on Zons to Anna Cundou to Thursday, And Zons to 42 a
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12 are on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan)	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into Wes
Main gate to the Barta'a ash-	Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoir
Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan	are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the
enclave	Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
585 near Ya'bad Tubas:	
Bisan	Open 24 hours for Israeli ID card holders and international
Main entrance to Israel	Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed access
a oaoo to lorao.	regardless having a permit to enter Israel and/or working with
	International organizations.
Tayasir	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address of
Gate to the Tubas eastern	their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them
agricultural lands in the Jordan	be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Very long delays are reported
Valley.	on daily basis.
Maale Efrayim	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address of
Southeast connecting Jericho	their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them
and Nablus	be present in the Jordan Valley areas.
Hamra	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address of
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Jenin	commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a dai
	basis.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	O (to for all a little ID little ID late to
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians
	with West Bank IDs. Long delays are being reported particularly
Bet EI/DCO	during morning and evening peak travelling times From 20 August the checkpoint will be in operation from 6 am
Der EIIDCO	8pm. Access in vehicles reserved only for diplomats, foreign
	passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisation
	and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. Delays are experienced on daily basi
Auta Dilago	During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to or
	hour.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passpor
On Highway 443	holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except
3 - 7 - 1-5	those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders.
	Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed through
	regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
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Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards an internationals. Since 3 February all West Bank Palestinians with valipermits are not allowed to cross including staff of international organisations.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareer (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID number registered on a list held at the checkpoint.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	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 North western entrance on Road 436	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. Since February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
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 municipalit trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits no required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plated cars are no allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus As Sawahira ash Sharqiya Between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiye	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors. Open 24 hours for pedestrians with Jerusalem ID cards and school children.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jeriche to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone bu Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registration can pass without permits. Delays were reported during peak traveling times.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorate unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. The checkpoint has been moved to the junction south of the old location Long delays have been reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
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.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to a Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarial organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians wit valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in area falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. From 2 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were being given access to Israel through this checkpoint. The 45-year age restriction to Palestinians wishing to enter Israel through the checkpoint was lifted UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having the

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	Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada	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. Palestinians and internationals have to go
	Ibrahimi Mosque, H2	

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Access to the Mosque	the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the roablocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks ar ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of internation humanitarian organisations.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street ar 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. A military order was issued on 17 July that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israe Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
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 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 slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed aft an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearl observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Bord Police.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March. Open finternationals and humanitarian cases. In addition, a number of truck carrying food commodities (milk, meat, fruit etc.) were allowed through to Gaza.
	 30, 31 August and 1 September: Erez checkpoint was open (finternationals and Palestinian hospital cases) and limited amounts commercial commodities. 2, 3 4 and 5 September: Erez was open for internationals ar Palestinian hospital cases.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Closed all the week.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9 am to 6:30 pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 35 are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 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. As of 29 May 2006, ICRC and UN vehicles are not permitted to cross.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	 30, 31 August and 1 September: The crossing was open for palletized commodities and livestock (no construction materials). 2 September: The crossing was closed. 3 and 4 September: The crossing was open.
Karni	 30 August – 2 September: The crossing was closed. 3, 4 and 5 September: The crossing was open for import and limited amounts of exports at 1pm and closed at 5.30pm.
Kerem Shalom	 30 August: The crossing was open between 9am and 12pm for MoH commodities. 31 August: The crossing opened at 9:30am for food commodities; UNRWA also received a consignment of textbooks. 1-3 August: The crossing was closed. 4 and 5 September: The crossing was open.
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	30 August: The crossing was closed for security reasons according to the IDF.
	31 August – 5 September: The crossing was open.

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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.