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# Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

13 - 19 September 2006

## Of note this week

All employees of PA ministries including teachers and health care workers continued an open strike against the non-payment of their monthly salaries over the last six months. The only group of employees to have temporarily lifted the strike are teachers in the Gaza Strip.

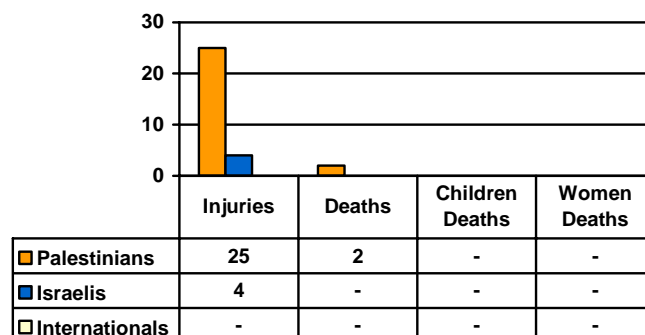
### **In the Gaza Strip:**

- IDF soldiers conducted six incursions into various locations in the Gaza Strip. IDF soldiers remain present inside the Gaza Strip around the airport, east of Rafah.
- At least 24 homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from inside the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel, mainly Sederot, Ashkelon and Western Negev injuring one Israeli. This week more than 330 shells were fired by the IDF, mainly into northern Gaza. The IAF conducted four air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip.
- One Palestinian was killed and two others injured by IDF artillery shells and two houses demolished by IAF air strikes after the residents had received calls warning them to leave their houses as little as 30 minutes before air strikes were carried out.
- Gaza Strip essential services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps – continues to operate but at a reduced capacity.
- Rafah crossing was closed all week for passengers wanting to enter or leave the Gaza Strip. Palestinians also continued to be prevented from fishing off the Gaza Strip. The fishing industry is estimated to support 35,000 Palestinians.
- Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence continued in the Gaza Strip leaving eight Palestinians dead and 15 injured.

### **In the West Bank:**

- Settler violence throughout the West Bank: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Susiya, south of Yatta (Hebron), placed caltrops (metal spike devices) on the road, causing the tires of an OXFAM water truck to puncture. Settlers from the same settlement also injured a 79 year-old man from a nearby community.
- Israeli soldiers raided the Governmental Hospital in Hebron searching the Emergency Unit for wanted Palestinians. The soldiers left without any arrests being made.
- Masked Palestinian men set fire to the only church in Tulkarm, causing severe damage to the interior of the church. In addition, masked men threw fire bombs at four churches in Nablus city, one church in Jenin and one church in Tubas although no damage to the churches were reported. The incidents are thought to be in reaction to comments made by the Pope Benedict XVI last week.
- 135 flying checkpoints observed by OCHA field staff. 127 IDF search and arrest campaigns were conducted by the IDF. 92 Palestinians were arrested.

## **1. Physical Protection<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Note that this excludes Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence.

**Gaza Strip:**

- **13 September:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was injured when the IDF fired five artillery shells at the Khuza' area east of Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.
- **14 September:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man was killed when several artillery shells were fired by IDF towards an area west of Sufa crossing, Khan Younis.
- **15 September:** Two Palestinian men were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles towards a house located in the Brazil Quarter of Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.
- **16 September:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers opened fire in the direction of Al Shouka area southeast of Rafah.
- **17 September:** An Israeli was injured when two homemade rockets fired from Beit Hanoun landed in the southern Israeli town of Western Negev.
- **17 September:** A 20 year-old Palestinian woman was injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed close to her north of Beit Lahia, northern Gaza Strip.

**West Bank:**

- **13 September:** An 18 year-old Palestinian woman and her 13 year-old brother from the Tel Rumeida in the H2 area of Hebron city(Hebron) were injured when a group of Israeli settlers who beat them on the steps of their home.
- **15 September:** A 46 year-old Palestinian man from the Wadi Al Hussein neighbourhood, H2 are of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when a group of IDF soldiers beat him while searching his house.
- **15 September:** Five Palestinians and three Israeli activists were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration organized by Palestinian, international and Israeli activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Many other cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported.
- **16 September:** Three Palestinian boys aged 15 (2) and 16 years were injured in Tammun (Tubas) by rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **16 September:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was injured when he was physically assaulted by IDF soldiers in Balata camp (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign.
- **17 September:** Two Palestinian men, aged 17 and 27 years, were injured by live ammunition in Tulkarm camp (Tulkarm) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **18 September:** Three Palestinian boys, aged 14 (2) and 15 years, were injured in El Fará camp (Tubas). Two of them were injured by live ammunition and the other 14 year-old was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **18 September:** A 79 year-old Palestinian man from Susiya community, south of Yatta (Hebron), was injured when a group of masked Israeli settlers from the nearby settlement of Susiya beat him while he was in his tent.
- **19 September:** A 26 year-old Palestinian man from Beit Furik (Nablus) was shot dead in Sanur village (Jenin) when the IDF surrounded a house and opened fire during a military operation. The owner of the house and three of his children were also arrested.
- **19 September:** A 52 year-old Palestinian man was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in Tubas city (Tubas) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.

**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 in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving unexploded ordnance (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.]

- **13 September:** Two Palestinian lawyers were wounded when a group of armed and masked men opened fire at them in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **13 September:** A 50 year-old Palestinian man was accidentally killed and 13 a year-old boy injured during a wedding party in Bureij camp (Gaza Strip) when gunmen fired into the air to celebrate the wedding.
- **13 September:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man was killed in Nablus old city (Nablus) when an explosive devise detonated while he was planting it.
- **15 September:** Five Palestinians (a Palestinian high ranking officer and his four bodyguards), aged 22, 23, 24 (2) and 56 years, were killed, and a 13 year-old bystander

was injured when a group of masked armed men opened fire at their car in Beach camp of Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

- **16 September:** A homemade rocket missed its target and landed in a street in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip) injuring two Palestinian girls.
- **16 and 17 September:** Masked men threw fire bombs at four churches in Nablus city, one church in Jenin and one church in Tubas, no damage to the churches were reported.
- **17 September:** Masked men set fire to the only church in Tulkarm, causing severe damage to the interior of the church.
- **18 September:** Six Palestinians were injured during an armed family feud, northern Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **19 September:** Two Palestinian men were killed and five others were injured in an armed family feud, Al Sheijaya neighbourhood of Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

### 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
13 September	Deir Al Balah, Gaza Strip	4	3	N/A
15 September	Rafah, Gaza Strip	1	N/A (several)	N/A
16 September	Erez Industrial Zone, Gaza Strip	N/A (several)	-	N/A
18 September	Rafah Gaza Strip	1	4	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>6+</b>	<b>7+</b>	-

- **13 September:** A chicken farm and three water wells were demolished and three Palestinian houses partially damaged by IDF bulldozers in Abu El Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah.
- **15 September:** A four-storey Palestinian house was demolished when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles towards it in Al Brazil Quarter of Rafah. The family living in the house was warned by the IDF to evacuate 30 minutes prior to the air strike. Several near-by houses were partially damaged.
- **16 September:** IDF tanks and bulldozers entered the former Erez Industrial Zone and demolished several abandoned factories along the boundary wall near Salah Ed-Din road.
- **18 September:** A three-storey Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by an IAF F-16 missile in Rafah. The family was warned by the IDF to evacuate prior to the strike. Four nearby houses were damaged.

#### Other related incidents:

- **16 September:** A group of settlers from the settlement of Susiya, south of Yatta (Hebron), erected tents south of the settlement on Palestinian land. Similar tents were erected in the same place in the past by the Israeli settlers, and later removed by the IDF.
- **17 September:** Approximately 100 olive trees were burnt north of Huwwara village (Nablus) when a fire was set in unclear circumstances. The Palestinian and Yitzhar settlement fire brigades worked together to put out the fire.
- **17 September:** A group of Israeli settlers from Qedumim settlement entered a Palestinian house in Kafr Qaddum village (Qalqiliya) and prevented the only residents at the time (a group of children) from leaving for 20 minutes.

### 4. Natural Resources

#### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>2</sup>

##### **Nablus Governorate:**

**17 September:** The IDF started levelling land and installing a road fence north of Road 505, east of Zaatara checkpoint

##### 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.

<sup>2</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

- Since 8 June, the IDF have been installing a fence at the northern side of Shave Shomeron settlement.

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**Jenin Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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**Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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**Tulkarm Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

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

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**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**13 September:** The IDF issued military order No. T/78/06 requisitioning 16.5 dunums of Palestinian land belonging to Sanniriya (Qalqiliya) to build a temporary wall and a gate south of Azzun Átma

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues to level land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif for the construction of the Barrier.

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**Salfit Governorate:**

**19 September:** The IDF issued military order No. T/76/06 requisitioning 1.2 dunums of land belonging to Deir Istiya to build a shooting range near Yaqir settlement

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.

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**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 the 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 was earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.

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**Jerusalem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- 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 stretch 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'ayem 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:**

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 and a telecommunication tower was 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.
- Land levelling continued during the reporting period for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**14 September:** Land levelling took place in the vicinity of the Israeli settlement of Karmel, south of Yatta.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier continued in the vicinity of the Tarqumiya checkpoint.
- Land levelling 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 at 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.

#### **Gaza Strip:**

**13 September:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence approximately 400 metres into the Khuza' village east of Khan Younis. The bulldozers levelled an unknown amount of agricultural land.

**13 September:** 50 dunums of olive, citrus, palm and almond trees were destroyed by IDF bulldozers in Abu El Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah.

**14 September:** Three dunums of olive trees were destroyed by IDF bulldozers south of Sufa crossing in Rafah.

## **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

### **a) Curfew**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
13 September	Fasayel, north Jericho	14 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>14 hours</b>

**13 September:** At midnight the IDF imposed a curfew in Fasayel village and carried out a house search campaign. The IDF reported that the curfew was imposed after Palestinians

from the village threw stones at Israeli vehicles on Road 90. The curfew was lifted at 2pm after 14 hours.

## b) Access to education

**During the reporting period:** All employees of PA ministries including teachers and health care workers continued an open strike against the non-payment of their monthly salaries over the last six months. The strike started on 2 September. The only group of employees to have temporarily lifted the strike are teachers in the Gaza Strip after an agreement was reached suspending the strike for one month.

The general strike in the West Bank continues to impact upon the functioning of schools.

- Up to 90% of schools in Hebron (north) and Bethlehem governorates did not operate this week while an estimated 80% of schools were impacted in the remaining southern areas of Hebron. This week it was reported that some schools in these two southern governorates were giving regular lessons to Al Tawjihi students and up to three lessons per day in primary schools.
- Up to 80% of schools in the northern West Bank were on strike.
- In the central areas, all PA employees including teachers remained on strike and peaceful demonstrations were held on a daily basis.

## 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.<sup>3</sup>

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.

During the reporting period, 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.

### West Bank:

Since the 13 September, the IDF imposed a tight closure on the northern West Bank and enforced again age restrictions on Palestinians males from the governorates of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm which had been progressively lifted over the last two weeks. Males from the three governorates between the ages of 16 – 30 years are not permitted to head south through all permanent, semi-permanent and flying checkpoints in the northern West Bank. On 18 September, the age restrictions were lifted for males from Jenin and Tulkarm to enter Nablus city only. The restrictions on Nablus city residents to leave Nablus City remain in place.

### Nablus Governorate:

**13 September:** The IDF closed the checkpoints at Huwwara, Beit Iba, Zaatara, Asira ash Shamaliya, as well as Yitzhar partial checkpoint all day and denied Palestinians from other governorates to enter the city of Nablus. In addition, all Palestinians from the northern West Bank were prevented from heading south.

**14 September:** The IDF closed Zaatara and Yitzhar partial checkpoint preventing the movement of Palestinians from the northern West bank heading south.

**15 September:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour.

<sup>3</sup> 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, 698 workers and 507 traders from Nablus, 600 workers and 283 traders from Jenin, 70 workers and 118 traders from Tubas, 57 traders from Tulkarm, 1300 workers and 468 traders from Qalqiliya, and 434 workers and 165 traders from Salfit had permits in August.

**Ongoing incidents:**

- 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 24 consecutive weeks.

**Jenin Governorate:****Ongoing incidents:**

- Since 30 August, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with less than a two tonnes freightload) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

**Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

**13 September:** The IDF closed Kafriat tunnel and Anabta checkpoints and prevented Palestinian movement heading to Nablus and south bound.

**13 September:** The IDF closed the Barrier gates of Khirbet Jbara and Kafr Sur (gates T15 and T16) and denied access of farmers to their land at Kafr Sur gate and residents of Khirbet Jbara out of the Khirbet.

**Ongoing incidents:**

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- 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:**

**17 September:** The IDF closed the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city (DCOt) with a flying checkpoint for 11 hours, and denied access for all Palestinians except for residents of Qalqiliya.

**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:**

**17 September:** At 4pm, the IDF imposed a partial checkpoint at An Nabi. The IDF soldiers requested all Palestinian males to get out of the vehicles and take off their top clothes. The checkpoint was lifted at 9pm. Long delays were reported.

**17 September:** At 5pm, hundreds of Palestinians were stranded at Atara checkpoint as the Israeli Border Police stopped all movement going out of Bir Zeit through the checkpoint. Delays of up to two hours were experienced.

**Bethlehem Governorate:****Ongoing:**

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by road blocks and was reinforced after IDF soldiers added new cement blocks.

- During the reporting period, Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance of the Palestinian village Khamat Nu'man continued to deny the access of the essential services (such as dump trucks) to the village. Harassment of the Palestinians residents has also continued. International organization national staff are required to show their national IDs along with their organization ID.

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**Hebron Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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**Jerusalem Governorate:**

**19 September:** Checkpoints into Jerusalem were blocked for at least one hour causing long delays of up to two hours for people trying to enter Jerusalem. Numerous flying checkpoints were seen due to the high alert level the Israeli security forces had imposed. The high alert was based on warnings of two suicide bombers trying to enter Israel.

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**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

**Since 14 September:** All Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except Jericho residents, should be in possession of an Israeli permit to be able to leave Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Others will have to use al Mu'rrajat old road via Yitav checkpoint. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards are allowed in and out of Jericho.

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**Gaza Strip**

During the reporting period:

- Rafah Passengers' terminal (as EU Observers cannot reach the terminal due to the closure of Kerem Shalom crossing) was closed all the week.
- 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). On 19 September, two RPG missiles were fired by Palestinian militants from northern Beit Lahia in the direction of Erez Crossing. No injuries were reported.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for the import of fuel supplies.
- Kerem Shalom and Sufa crossings were open for the import of humanitarian supplies.
- Gaza fishermen continued to be prevented from 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. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Sifa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians. As a result of IDF artillery shelling, more than half the families in the area have relocated to surrounding localities outside the buffer zone. Entry into the area is only possible with prior coordination from the IDF.



**Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bar El (7), Jammaín (1), Bizzariya (1), Talluza (1), Al Badhan (1)	11
Jenin	Sanur (7), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (7), Al Mansura (1), Silat adh Dhaher (2), Qabatiya (1), Al Yamun (1), Kafr Dan (1), Al Kufeir (1), Fahma (4), Jaba (1) Meithalun (1), Mirka (1), Ájja (1)	36
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (7), Wadi Al Fará (1)	9
Tulkarm	Balá (1), Áttil (1), Farún (1), Bet. Kur – Beit Lid (1), Kafr Jammal- Fafr Sur (1), Kafr Jammal-Jayyus (1), Deir al Ghusun (1)	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun tunnel (2), Ázzun (2), Wadi Qana (6), An Nabi Elyas (4), Hajja (1), Ras Átiya (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Jinsafut (1), Habla tunnel (2)	27
Salfit	-	0
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (3), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (2), Batir (1), Husan (1)	23
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (1), 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)	22
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>135</b>

**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 (7), Balata RC (5), Jammaín (1), Áskar RC (2), Osarin (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Tell (1), Zaatara CP,	19	24
Jenin	Jenin city (3), Jenin RC (3), Qabatiya (1), Az Zababida (1), Sanur (4), Birqin (1)	13	9
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (2), El Fará camp (1), Tubas flying CP	4	5
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm RC (1), Irtah (1), Kafr al Labad (1), Kafriat tunnel CP, Ánabta CP	6	3
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (1), Qalqiliya city (7), Kafr Qaddum (2)	10	10
Salfit	Haris (1), Salfit city (1), Marda (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	4	-
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2), Beituniya (1), Al Amari refugee camp (1) Jiffna (1), Kafr Ni'ma (1)	6	11
Jerusalem	-	-	-
Jericho	Aqbat Jaber (1), Az Zubeidat (1)	2	-
Jordan Valley			
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (3), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (3), Bethlehem (3), ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (4), Ad Doha (2), Batir (2), Husan (2), Al Fureidis (3)	37	15
Hebron	Hebron City (5), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Idhna (2), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (2), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1)	26	15
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>127</b>	<b>92</b>
Gaza Strip	-	-	-
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>127</b>	<b>92</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 13 – 19 September 2006

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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 and from 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 through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Between 13 and 17 September, males from Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years were not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they had special permits.
<b>'Anabta</b>	Check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queues and delays were reported. Between 13 and 17 September, males from Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years were not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they had special permits.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	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 governorates aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN and international organizations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organizations 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 were reported.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 6am to 7.30pm 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.
<b>Al Tur</b> 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.

<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards. Male residents of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm 16 and 30 years are not allowed through the checkpoint without special permit.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open from 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organisations, ambulances and Palestinian from the villages of "Burqa, Sabastiya, Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid and Talluza". Taxis and Palestinian private vehicles are not allowed through unless the driver is in possession of a special permit. Long delays and queues are reported.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for Israeli ID card holders and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed access regardless having a permit to enter Israel and/or working with International organizations.
<b>Tayasir</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening peak travelling times
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	From 20 August the checkpoint will be in operation from 6 am to 8pm. Access in vehicles reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to one hour.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.

settlement	Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, with exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February all West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross including staff of international organisations.
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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 plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak traveling times, commuters report delays of up to 30 minutes.
<b>Jaba'</b> At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As off 14 August, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. From 20 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 to

	be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village are allowed through. Essential services (garbage collection and vegetable trucks) are not allowed into the village. Members of the extended family are not allowed to visit. Incidents of harassment and denial of access were reported during the reporting period. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Since 3 February, Palestinians are no longer allowed through. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits are being allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Since 3 February, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. UN staff are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Water tankers associated with Action Against Hunger stopped using the checkpoint to reach the targeted communities due to a number of physical abuse incidents by members of the Border Police manning it. During the reporting period, cars with Palestinian number plates cars were allowed through the checkpoint. There are no apparent opening or closing hours for the gate.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5 am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted. Such visits were denied between 25 June and 6 August. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through. Also, as of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were allowed to cross.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b>	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in

Western entrance to Shohada street	accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes. Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint denied access of a UN team to the Mosque.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> 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 of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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 Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint; Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	<p>Closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.</p> <p><b>15 September:</b> Erez Crossing was totally closed from at 7.40am till 3pm.</p> <p><b>17 September:</b> Erez Crossing was closed from 10.30am till 2pm. However it was only reopened for internationals entering Gaza only.</p> <p><b>18 and 19 September:</b> Erez checkpoint was closed for vehicles leaving Gaza for security reasons. Vehicles were allowed into the Gaza Strip between 1pm and 2pm only. The pedestrian tunnel was open in both directions for international passport holders and Palestinian hospital cases.</p>
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Closed all the week.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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	
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Open all week for imports (except on Saturday 16 September when it is scheduled to be closed) of food commodities and construction materials.
<b>Karni</b>	Open all week except on 16 September (except on Saturday 16 September when it is scheduled to be closed)
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	<b>13, 14 September:</b> Crossing was open. <b>15, 16, 17 September:</b> Crossing was closed. <b>18, 19 September:</b> Crossing was open.
<b>Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines</b>	Open all week except on 16 September (except on Saturday 16 September when it is scheduled to be 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 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.