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# Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

## 27 September – 3 October 2006

### Of note this week

- Six Palestinians killed throughout the oPt – four of them children killed in air strikes in the Gaza Strip. 16 Palestinians and three Israelis were also injured.
- PA employees including teachers and health care workers continued a general open ended strike against the non-payment of their monthly salaries since March 2006. The impact of the strike is being felt greater in the West Bank than in the Gaza Strip.
- The strike continues to worsen conditions in the health sector; the majority of the hospitals in the West Bank have stopped most of their medical interventions.
- Violent demonstrations and heavy Palestinian-Palestinian internal clashes occurred in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip between Fatah and Hamas supporters.

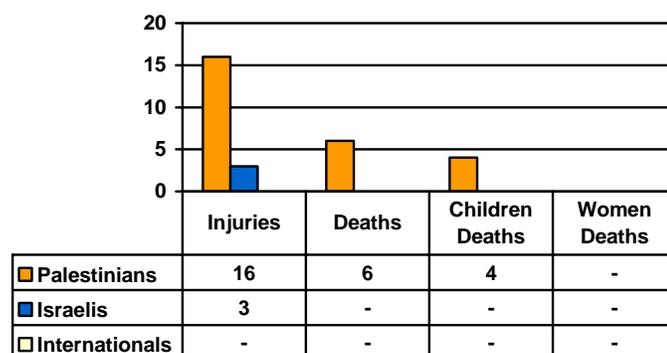
### **In the Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF conducted eight incursions into various locations in the Gaza Strip. At the end of the reporting period, IDF soldiers remain present inside the Gaza Strip at the Gaza international airport, east of Rafah
- At least six homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from inside the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel injuring two Israelis. This week more than 48 artillery shells were fired by the IDF, mainly into northern Gaza. The IAF conducted 10 air strikes – in three incidents houses were demolished after the family was warned to leave the house.
- 12 Palestinians were killed and 164 injured, as a result of internal armed feuds. A further eight Palestinians were killed and 87 injured in armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah supporters. Several demonstrations were held throughout the Gaza Strip by members of the security forces who have not received their salaries.

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

- Between 1 – 2 October, the IDF prevented all West Bank Palestinians with valid permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel over the Jewish holiday. Exceptions applied to urgent medical cases.
- An additional 131 random or ‘flying’ checkpoints were observed throughout the West Bank further disrupting Palestinian movement.
- On 2 October a general commercial strike was held in Nablus, Jenin, Ramallah and Jericho cities protesting over the internal fighting between Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip. Violent demonstrations targeting public institutions and clashes were reported throughout the West Bank between Fatah and Hamas supporters.

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



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

**Gaza Strip:**

- **28 September:** A 45 year-old Palestinian man was injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of northwest Beit Lahia.
- **29 September:** Two Palestinian brothers, aged 13 and 16 years, were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile near the southern main entrance of Beit Hanoun.
- **30 September:** Two Israelis were injured when three homemade rocket fired from Beit Hanoun impacted in the western Negev town of Sderot
- **30 September:** Two Palestinian militants, aged 22 and 33 years, were killed, and two bystanders were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile towards them in Al Salam quarter in Rafah.
- **30 September:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile towards a group of militants near the Beit Hanoun entrance. The rocket missed the target and the militants fled the scene unharmed. No injuries were reported.
- **2 October:** A 27 year-old Palestinian fisherman was killed when the IDF coast guard opened fire in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Deir El Balah camp.
- **3 October:** A Palestinian boy, aged 15 years, was killed, and another 13 year-old boy was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a metal workshop in Block G, Khan Younis.

**West Bank:**

- **27 September:** A Palestinian man was 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).
- **27 September:** Four Palestinian men were injured (one by live ammunition and three by rubber-coated metal bullets) during a search and arrest campaign carried out by the IDF in Al Amari refugee camp (Ramallah). An IDF soldier was injured during stone throwing. Two Palestinians were arrested in connection with the incident.
- **27 September:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Qabatiya (Jenin) when an exchange of fire took place between Palestinian gunmen and the IDF during a search and arrest campaign. Eight Palestinians were arrested.
- **27 September:** A group of Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli vehicle in Hizma (Jerusalem). No injuries were reported.
- **28 September:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Silat al Harithiya (Jenin). The IDF opened fire at the man when he tried to escape during an arrest operation.
- **29 September:** A 13 year-old Palestinian boy from the Jabal Johar neighbourhood, H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured by shrapnel to his arms when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **29 September:** An 8 year-old Palestinian boy from the Jabal Johar neighbourhood, H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured when the IDF threw a sound bomb at him while trying to disperse Palestinian stone throwers.
- **30 September:** At group of Palestinians threw Molotov cocktails at IDF troops during a search and arrest campaign in Abu Dis (Jerusalem). One Palestinian was detained, but no injuries were reported.
- **30 September:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Tubas city (Tubas) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **30 September:** A 45 year-old Palestinian man from the Tel Rumeida neighbourhood, H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured in the face when he was struck by a rock thrown by Israeli settlers from the Tel Rumeida settlement.
- **1 October:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man from Áqqaba was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet 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

[Casualties recorded here relate 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 (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not reported in the total in Section 1.]

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **27 September:** A 7 months old baby girl was killed, and another 5-year old boy was injured when their 11-year old brother opened fire while playing with his father's rifle in Beit Lahia.
- **28 September:** A 45 year-old man died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas dominated Executive Support Force (ESF) on 23 September.
- **29 September:** One Palestinian militant was injured while attempting to launch a homemade rocket towards Israel.
- **29 September:** Eight Palestinians were injured when an armed clash between two gunmen from the PA Preventive Security and the Popular Resistance Committees took place in Al Maghazi.
- **30 September:** Three Palestinians were injured when an ESF member threw a hand grenade in the direction of PA security forces in Deir Al Balah.
- **1 October:** Four Palestinians men, aged 15, 23, 29 and 35 years, were killed, and 61 were injured during armed clashes between the ESF and divisions of the PA security forces in Gaza City.
- **1 October:** 26 Palestinians were injured in an exchange of fire between PA security forces and the ESF in Khan Younis.
- **1 October:** A 22 year-old PA security member was killed during armed clashes between PA security forces and ESF in Gaza City.
- **1 October:** Two Palestinians, aged 24 and 27 years, were killed during an armed family feud in Sabra quarter in Gaza City.
- **1 October:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man was killed and 37 others were injured during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas members in Al Buraij camp.
- **2 October:** Two Palestinians were injured during exchange of fire between ESF members and unknown gunmen who tried to enter Shifa Hospital in Gaza City.
- **2 October:** Two Palestinians, aged 24 and 28 years, were killed and 25 others were injured during armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah members in Rafah.

### **West Bank:**

- **1 October:** Following the violent internal clashes between Palestinian militant groups in Gaza, militants from Al Aqsa Martyrs brigades demonstrated against Hamas in the centre of Ramallah (Ramallah). They proceeded to Al Masyoun neighbourhood and set the Council of Ministers on fire and called for destroying any installations belonging to Hamas. The same day the Palestinian Deputy Minister of Finance was kidnapped. He was released after three hours after his car was put on fire.
- **1 October:** Two Palestinian men, aged 45 and 55 years, were injured by live ammunition in Nablus city (Nablus) when masked men attacked an Islamic private school in the city.
- **1 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Áskar camp (Nablus) when an exchange of fire erupted between supporters of Fatah and Hamas.
- **1 October:** Fatah-affiliated protesters attacked the offices of PLC members in Ein Sara street, H1/Hebron (Hebron). Contents of the offices were thrown out of the windows and were later set ablaze.
- **1 October:** Masked men set fire to a women's centre, and broke into and caused damage to Al Qastal scout centre in Balata (Nablus).
- **1 October:** Masked men set fire to the Islamic school and caused some damage to one vehicle in As Safa dairy factory in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **1 October:** Masked men opened fire at the house of an Al Jazeera TV reporter and damaged his vehicle in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **1 October:** Masked men set fire to the An Nahda association in Salfit city (Salfit), causing damage to the furniture.
- **2 October:** Masked men set fire to the Prisoners' friend association, a lawyer's office and a car in Jenin city (Jenin),
- **2 October:** Masked men set fire to an Islamic centre in Qabatiya (Jenin).
- **2 October:** Masked men set fire to four minibuses belonging to an Islamic school and kindergarten (Nablus).

- **2 October:** A general strike was called in Ramallah following the Gaza incidents. All PA institutions, markets, private businesses and private schools were included in the strike. The militants called the Paltrade (USAID) funded project and GTZ, and requested them to close down their offices. Militants close to the UNDP/LRDP office and NGO offices shot in the air
- **2 October:** Fatah activists shut down the Ministries of interior, agriculture and local governance in Bethlehem city (Bethlehem). They also set fire to the offices of Hamas PLC members.
- **2 October:** Five Palestinians, aged 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27 years, were injured when an exchange of fire erupted between armed supporters of Fatah and Hamas in Nablus city (Nablus). The incident occurred after gunmen opened fire at the car of the Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister. One of the Minister's bodyguards was seriously injured.
- **2 October:** Masked men abducted a Palestinian man affiliated with Hamas from his house in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **2 October:** A Palestinian man, aged 37 years, working at a restaurant in Jericho (Jericho) was shot in the head after when a gunman opened fire at him when he refused to close his restaurant during the strike in the town. The man was hospitalized in Jericho in a critical situation and later died as a result of his injuries.

### 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
27 September	Rafah	4	N/A	N/A
28 September	Rafah	1	N/A (several)	N/A
29 September	Khan Younis	1	N/A (several)	N/A
3 October	Khan Younis	1	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

- **27 September:** A one-storey house was demolished when it was hit by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft in the Brazil quarter, Rafah. In a continuing pattern, the family was warned by the IDF to leave the house before the air strike was launched.
- **27 September:** One house and two greenhouses were demolished by IDF bulldozers south of Sufa crossing in Rafah.
- **28 September:** One house was demolished when it was hit by two missiles fired by an IAF aircraft in Rafah. The family was warned to leave the house 30 minutes prior the air-strike. Several houses nearby were damaged.
- **29 September:** A two-storey house was demolished when it was hit by two IAF rockets in Khan Younis. The family was warned to leave the house 20 minutes prior the air-strike. Several houses nearby were damaged.
- **3 October:** One house was demolished when it was hit by an IAF missile targeting a nearby workshop in Khan Younis. The metal workshop was destroyed in the attack.

#### Other related incidents:

- **28 September:** The IDF forcibly entered Qarawat Bani Hassan charitable association (Salfit), causing damage to the main door and windows, confiscating computers and files.

### 4. Natural Resources

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

##### Nablus Governorate:

**30 September to date:** The IDF are erecting a road fence north of Road 505, west of Zaatara checkpoint. Since 17 September the IDF have been levelling land and installing a road fence to the east of the checkpoint along the same road.

##### 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:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues to land levelling and construction work 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:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue land levelling and construction work north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement.

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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.
  - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is completed between the Beit Sira village and Makkabim settlement. A short section (400 metres) between the village and Beit Nuba is still under construction where a gate is being installed.
  - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court that approved a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction of the Barrier resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud, and Ofarim and Beit Arye 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. Slabs of the concrete wall have been set up on the main road completely obstructing access unless the narrow streets of the residential neighbourhood are used.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. 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.

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#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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#### **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).
  - Land levelling continued for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.
- 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.

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#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**27 September:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba plowed 15 dunums of land belonging to Palestinian farmers in the neighbourhood of Al Bweira.

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.

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#### **Gaza Strip:**

**27 September:** five dunums of olive and almond trees were levelled by IDF bulldozers south of Sufa crossing in Rafah.

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

### **a) Curfew**

No incidents to report.

### **b) Access to education**

**During the reporting period:** Employees of PA ministries including teachers and health care workers continued an open strike against the non-payment of their monthly salaries since March 2006. The strike started on 2 September and 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. A partial strike continued in Bethlehem and Hebron governorates. The

recent payment of salaries by the PA led teachers to go back and give three lectures per day to the students.

### **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 file. 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.

As of 14 September the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank.

**29 September – 2 October:** Palestinian workers holding valid working permits were denied access to their work places inside of Israel as general external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

### **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:**

**27 September and 2 October:** The IDF denied access of Muslim worshippers to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 section of Hebron. Both sections of the mosque were kept open only for Jewish worshippers celebrating Yom Kippur. During the reporting period, IDF soldiers manning Al Kasaba checkpoint delayed Muslim worshippers trying to access the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 section of the city of Hebron. Moreover, extensive IDF activities in the H2 section of the city has been reported – including house searches and house occupations, in addition to ID checks and frequent flying checkpoints.

**29 September:** The Israeli Border Police manning the Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem), denied access to East Jerusalem for Muslim worshippers who wanted to attend Friday Prayers at Al Aqsa. This occurred after the IDF eased restrictions earlier the same day. On 30 September, the IDF closed the entrance to the Gilo checkpoint for several hours hampering the access to the Al-Aqsa mosque on the first Friday of Ramadan.

**30 September:** Numerous flying checkpoints were deployed in and around the Jerusalem area due to the Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa mosque.

**1-2 October:** The Israeli security forces imposed a complete closure for the duration of the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday. Closure in and around Jerusalem was particularly tight.

**2 October:** The IDF imposed a strict closure bringing all traffic to a halt, closing several main roads with earth mounds and concrete blocks and deploying mobile checkpoints at the entrances to the City because of Yom Kippur.

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<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.

**Nablus Governorate:**

**27 September:** The IDF lifted the age restriction on Palestinian residents of Nablus city. Males have to go under a full body search at checkpoints around Nablus before leaving the city. The age restrictions are still in place for males from Nablus aged 18 - 25 heading south through Zaatara checkpoint.

**2 October:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint and prevented access for all Palestinians. As a result, some Palestinians threw stones at the IDF. The IDF responded by opening fire. No injuries reported

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 26 consecutive weeks.

**Jenin Governorate:**

**27 September:** The IDF lifted the age restriction on Palestinian residents of Jenin districts heading south through Zaatara and Deir Ballut checkpoints.

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:**

**27 September:** The IDF lifted the age restriction on Palestinian residents of Tulkarm districts heading south through Zaatara and Deir Ballut checkpoints.

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 through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**27 September:** The IDF closed Habla tunnel for several hours preventing Palestinian access in and out of Qalqiliya city.

**29, 30 September and 1 October:** The IDF closed the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya (DCO) with a flying checkpoint and prevented Arab Israeli citizens from entering the city.

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:**

No incidents to report.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

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## 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 and gas trucks) to the village. This happened despite prior coordination with the Israeli DCL. Harassment and delays for the Palestinians residents has also continued. International organization national staff are required to show their national IDs along with their organization ID.

**Hebron Governorate:**

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**27 September – 3 October:** During the reporting period, a significant increase in the number of soldiers in the H2 section of Hebron was observed. Increased IDF activity in the Old City of Hebron (including house searches, house occupation and foot-patrols, in addition to an increase of stop-and-search campaigns – especially during the prayers of *Al taraweeh*) was witnessed.

**27 September:** The IDF denied Muslim worshippers access to the Ibrahim Mosque in the H2 section of Hebron. Both sections of the mosque were kept open only for Jewish worshippers celebrating Yom Kippur.

**2 October:** The IDF denied Muslim worshippers access to the Ibrahim Mosque in the H2 section of Hebron. Both sections of the mosque were kept open only for Jewish worshippers celebrating the Yom Kippur.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

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No incidents to report.

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

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## Ongoing incidents:

- As of 14 September the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank.

**Gaza Strip**

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## During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open for five out of the seven days during the reporting period. Aside from the scheduled closure day on Saturday (weekend), the crossing was closed for Yom Kippur.
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was closed all 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).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for the import of fuel supplies except on Shabbat and Yom Kippur.
- Sufa crossing was open on three out of the seven days for the import of construction materials.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on five out of the seven days for the import of humanitarian aid 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 Siifa, 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**

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets</b>	<b>Total # of flying checkpoints</b>
Nablus	Bar El (7)	7
Jenin	Sanur (4), 'Arraba (3), Az Zababida (4), Al Kufeir (1), Qabatiya (1)	13
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (7), El Fará camp (1), Wadi al Fará (1)	10
Tulkarm	-	0
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun tunnel (1), Ázzun (4), Wadi Qana (7), An Nabi Elyas (7), Izbat at Tabib (1), Ras Átiya (1), Kafr Thulth (3), Jinsafut (4), Habla tunnel (7), Sir (1), Hajja (1), Kafr Laqif (2)	46
Salfit	Farkha (1), Marda (2), Kifl Haris (1), Deir Istiya (1), Haris(1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2)	8
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Jericho	Road 1 ( 7)	7
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refugee camp (1), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (1), Batir (1), Husan (1)	19
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (2), Hebron city - H1 (3), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (1), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (1)	21
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>131</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 (4), Balata RC (4), Camp No.1 (3), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP	12	7
Jenin	Jenin city (3), Jenin RC (2), Silat al Harithiya (1), Az Zababida (2), Al Yamun (2), Deir Abu Daif (1), Qabatiya (1), Rummana (1),	13	15
Tubas	Tubas (4), Tammun (4), Aqqaba (1), Al Aqaba (1),	10	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Shuweika (1), Dhinnaba (1)	3	0
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (7), 'Azzun (3), Kafr Qaddum (2), Hajja (2)	14	0
Salfit	Farkha (1), Iskaka (1), Marda (1), Deir Istiya (1), Kifl Haris (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	6	1
Nablus	Nablus city (4), Balata RC (4), Camp No.1 (3), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP	12	7
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (1)	1	1
Jericho Jordan Valley	Aqbat Jaber (1)	1	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Za'atara (3), Bethlehem (1), Ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (1), Ad Doha (2), Batir (2), Husan (2), Al Fureidis (1)	27	3
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Idhna (2), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (2), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (1), Surif (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1)	25	6
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>41</b>
Gaza Strip	Sufa crossing	-	15 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>56</b>

## 7. [Olive Harvest](#)

No incidents to report

<sup>4</sup> **27 September:** IDF asked males aged between 16 and 60 years to gather in a nearby in an area near Sufa crossing and then arrested 15 Palestinians.

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 27 September – 3 October 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. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations. On 1 and 2 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).
<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 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. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations. On 1 and 2 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations. On 1 and 2 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).
<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. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations. On 1 and 2 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).
<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>	Open from 6am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and

Western entrance, mainly for trade	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 between 18 and 25 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. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations.
<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. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations.
<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/Al 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 20 minutes. Some delays were reported.
<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 settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 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'ayem</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. Entrance into the West Bank area through this checkpoint now involves a Police check.
<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>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 of 14 August, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. Palestinian teachers, student and staff of health are permitted through without permits.
<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>	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al

North Jericho	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. However, in the period between 1 - 2 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. On 29 September, Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint allowed the entry of Muslims to East Jerusalem to go to Al Aqsa Mosque without any permits or age restrictions. However, by 11am the Border Police started asking for permits and denied the entry of many Muslim worshippers.
<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. 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. During the reporting period, harassment of Palestinians trying to enter and exit the checkpoint continued.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through. In the period between 1 – 2 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory.
<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. In the period between 1 – 2 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory.
<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. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. During the reporting period, Palestinian plated cars were allowed to go through the checkpoint. No clear opening and 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. 22 – 25 September Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory. In the period between 1 – 2 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory.
<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. In the period between 1 – 2 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory.
<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> Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. 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.
<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. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque.
<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. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were formed as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
<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.

**Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints**

<b>Erez crossing</b>	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases. <b>2 October:</b> Erez crossing was closed (Yom Kippur holiday).
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Closed all the week

**Commercial checkpoints:**

<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. On 1 and 2 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).
<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. UN staff is allowed through with prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	<b>27 and 28 September:</b> Sufa was open from 0730am to 15pm for construction materials. <b>29 September – 2 October,</b> Sufa Crossing was closed for the Jewish holidays of Yom Kippur. <b>3 October:</b> Sufa crossing was reopened for construction materials.
<b>Karni</b>	<b>27 – 30 September and 1 October:</b> Karni crossing was open in both directions, but closed for containers due to construction work on the Israeli side of the crossing. <b>2 October:</b> Karni crossing was closed (Yom Kippur holiday). <b>3 October:</b> Karni crossing was open for one hour for imports only. Reported that it was disrupted due to PA employees strike for non-payment of salaries.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	<b>27 and 28 September:</b> Kerem Shalom was open for the entry of electrical equipment for Gaza power plant. <b>29 September and 1 October:</b> Kerem Shalom was closed. <b>30 September:</b> Kerem Shalom was open. 2 October: Kerem Shalom was closed (Yom Kippur holiday). <b>3 October:</b> Kerem Shalom was open.
<b>Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines</b>	Open all the week except on 30 September (scheduled closure day, Saturday)

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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.