



OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

P.O. Box 38712, East Jerusalem, Phone: (+972) 2-582 9962 / 582 5853, Fax: (+972) 2-582 5841 ochaopt@un.org, www.ochaopt.org

Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

11 – 17 October 2006

Of note this week

- 25 Palestinians were killed throughout the oPt. 52 Palestinians, two Israelis and two internationals were injured.

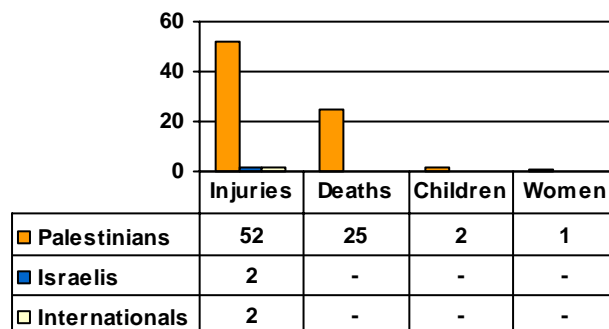
In the Gaza Strip:

- 20 Palestinians, among them 2 children, were killed in the Gaza Strip.
- IDF soldiers conducted 13 operations into various locations in the Gaza Strip. IDF soldiers remain present inside the Gaza Strip around the airport, east of Rafah.
- At least 20 homemade rockets and 5 mortar shells were fired by Palestinian militants from inside the Gaza Strip into Israel. This week, more than 26 artillery shells were fired by the IDF, mainly into northern Gaza. The IAF conducted 23 air strikes.
- Palestinian on Palestinian violence continued in the Gaza Strip. Seven Palestinians, including 2 children, were killed, and 33 others were injured in armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas and armed family feuds.
- Shortages of electricity in the Gaza Strip following the IAF bombing the electricity plant has affected services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps. Electricity continues to enter the Gaza Strip from Israel and has been rationed.
- Four houses were demolished by IAF air strikes after the residents had received calls warning them to leave their houses as little as 30 minutes before the strikes.

In the West Bank:

- An American man was kidnapped in Nablus by a previously unknown Palestinian group called Ansar Al Sunnah. The abductors demanded the release of Palestinian prisoners in Israel. The American man was released unharmed after some hours in captivity.
- Tight restrictions continued for Palestinian worshippers attempting to attend prayers during the third Friday of Ramadan. Though the Israeli DCO had provided the general regulations, it was clear that the actual implementation of the regulations was at the discretion of the Commander in Chief of each particular checkpoint/terminal.
- **11– 14 October:** The IDF continued the closure due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.

1. Physical Protection¹



¹ Note that this excludes Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence.

Gaza Strip:

- **11 October:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was injured when IDF opened fire, east of Beit Hanoun.
- **11 October:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man was killed when IDF troops opened fire, Beit Lahia.
- **12 October:** One Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a house in Jabalia Refugee Camp.
- **12 October:** Five Palestinians (aged 25 (3), 27 and 41 years), and a 13 year-old boy were killed, and 6 other Palestinians were injured in armed clashes between Palestinian militants and IDF troops in Abbasan area, east of Khan Younis.
- **12 October:** Three Palestinians, including a father and daughter, aged 10, 25 and 30 years, were killed, and nine others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a house in the Sheijaya neighborhood of Gaza City. Nine other Palestinians were wounded by shrapnel.
- **12 October:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a workshop located in Zaitoun, Gaza City. The workshop was destroyed and one Palestinian was wounded by shrapnel.
- **12 October:** A 29 year-old Palestinian woman was killed and seven other were injured when IDF troops opened fire in Abbasan area east of Khan Younis.
- **13 October:** Two Palestinian, aged 25 and 35 years, were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at their car in Beit Lahia.
- **13 October:** One Israeli was injured when two homemade rockets fired from Beit Lahia impacted in the southern Israeli town of Sderot.
- **14 October:** Six Palestinian men, aged 19 (2), 21, 23, 29 and 33 years, were killed, and eight others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired four missiles east of Jabalia camp.
- **14 October:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was killed and four others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket towards a car in the Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City.
- **15 October:** One Palestinian was injured when the IDF opened fire in direction of Al Shouka area southeast of Rafah.
- **15 October:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of a landfill east of Johr Ed-Dik.
- **16 October:** One Israeli man was injured when two homemade rockets fired from south of Beit Hanoun impacted near a house in the Israeli town of Sderot,

West Bank:

- **11 October:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man from Jericho was shot dead, and one Palestinian aged 20 years was injured by live ammunition in camp No. 1 (Nablus) when an exchange of fire erupted between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen during a search and arrest operation.
- **11 October:** Two Palestinian men, aged 27 and 40 years, were injured by live ammunition in Jenin camp (Jenin) during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen during a search and arrest operation.
- **11 October:** A Palestinian man was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Ramallah (Ramallah). Another seven Palestinians were arrested.
- **11 October:** A 29-year old Palestinian man from Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when a group of Israeli soldiers manning the Gush Etzion checkpoint beat him.
- **11 October:** Two internationals, aged 22 and 25 years, were beaten by Israeli settlers near Beit Hadassa settlement, H2/Hebron (Hebron), while filming a settler incursion into a Palestinian house.
- **12 October:** Three Palestinians, aged 15 (2) and 35, were injured by rubber coated metal bullets in Tubas city (Tubas) when the IDF fired at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **12 October:** A 47 year-old Palestinian woman was injured in Yarza (Tubas) by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire in a Palestinian neighbourhood during an IDF exercise.
- **13 October:** Four Palestinian worshippers were injured when IDF soldiers at Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem) threw sound bombs and physically pushed back Palestinians en route to Al Aqsa Mosque.
- **14 October:** Three Palestinian boys, aged 11 and 15 (2) years, were injured in Tubas city (Tubas) by live ammunition when the IDF fired at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **14 October:** A 27 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Qabatiya (Jenin) in an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen.
- **16 October:** A 18 year-old Palestinian man was killed, and five Palestinians, aged 19, 20, 22 (2) and 23 years, were injured in Qabatiya (Jenin) in an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen. Four of the injured persons were arrested.

- **16 October:** Four Palestinian men, aged 15, 24, 27 and 45 years, were injured by rubber coated metal bullets in Tubas city (Tubas) when the IDF fired at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **17 October:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was killed, and a Palestinian boy aged 17 years was injured in Qabatiya (Jenin) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **17 October:** Two Palestinian men, aged 21 and 24 years, were killed by the IDF inside their car in Camp No. 1 (Nablus).

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:

- **11 October:** A 38 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Khan Younis in August.
- **11 October:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man was found dead in Beach camp after being shot in the head.
- **12 October:** Armed masked men broke into the office of the Labourers' Radio Station west of Jabalia camp, destroying radio equipment with gunfire and homemade bombs.
- **12 October:** Three Palestinians were injured in an armed family feud in Deir Al Balah.
- **12 October:** A PA intelligence service officer was shot dead by a group of unknown armed men in Gaza City. Clashes between members of the Executive Support Force (ESF) and Fatah gunmen led to two more injuries.
- **12 October:** A 47 year-old Hamas member was killed and his wife was injured when a group of armed masked men stormed their house in Beit Lahia. Further clashes between the ESF and Fatah gunmen resulted in 15 additional injuries.
- **13 October:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and 19 others were injured in clashes between the ESF and Fatah gunmen in Beit Hanoun.
- **15 October:** One Palestinian was injured during clashes between the ESF and gunmen from a local family.
- **15 October:** Three Palestinians were injured during an armed family feud in Al Zaitoun area in Gaza city.
- **15 October:** A 13 year-old boy was killed in a family feud in Khan Younis. A two-storey house, including a shop, was damaged during the clashes.
- **15 October:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was killed during a bomb-making accident in Khan Younis.
- **16 October:** Three Palestinians were injured during clashes between the ESF and Fatah gunmen in Beit Lahia.
- **16 October:** One Palestinian was injured during an armed family feud in Al Sheijaya neighborhood in Gaza City.

West Bank:

- **12 October:** A 52-year old man affiliated with Hamas from the town of Beit Ummar, (Hebron) was injured when a group of unknown gunmen opened fire on him.

Other incidents:

- **11 October:** An American citizen was kidnapped in Nablus (Nablus) by a previously unknown Palestinian group called Ansar Al Sunnah. The abductors demanded the release of Palestinian prisoners in Israel. A few hours later the man was released.
- **12 October:** A 42-year old man affiliated with Hamas from the town of Adh Dhahiriya, (Hebron) was fired at by unknown perpetrators. No injuries were reported.
- **12 – 15 October:** IDF armoured vehicles remained in the former northern settlement bloc and around the Al Seafa area (Gaza Strip).
- **13 October:** Israeli Border Police at the Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem) used sound bombs to control the crowd. Access of Muslim worshippers to East Jerusalem to attend Friday Prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque was hindered and at least four injuries were reported. Age restriction were applied to Palestinian men. A pre-screening process was carried out before men were allowed to enter through two openings in the Barrier. Another screening took place inside the terminal. Those rejected were escorted by IDF soldiers outside the terminal. Women were allowed to entry without ID checks.

- **15 October:** The director of the Education Directorate in Bethlehem was transferred to Ramallah. The move prompted protests and a sit-in in front of the Directorate of Education (Bethlehem).
- **16 October:** The headquarters of the Joint Services Committee (Bethlehem), headed by Fatah, was stoned. Damage to the property was reported.
- **17 October:** A group of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement captured two Palestinian workers from Huwwara village (Nablus) who were working in the village cemetery near the settlement. The workers were released after one hour following talks between the Palestinian DCO and the Israeli DCL.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
11 October	Al Sheijaya, Gaza Strip	1	N/A (several)	N/A
11 October	Jabalia camp, Gaza Strip	1	N/A (several)	N/A
12 October	Jabalia camp, Gaza Strip	1	N/A (several)	N/A
12 October	Al Sheijaya, Gaza Strip	1	N/A (several)	N/A
12 October	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-	N/A
14 October	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	1	-	N/A
14 October	Rafah, Gaza Strip	1	N/A (several)	N/A
14 October	Jabalia camp, Gaza Strip	1	2	N/A
15 October	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	-	1	N/A
16 October	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	-	1	N/A
Total		8	4+	N/A

- **11 October:** A Palestinian three-storey house of a Hamas legislator was demolished when it was hit by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft in Al Sheijaya (Gaza Strip). The IDF telephoned the family 30 minutes prior to the attack. Several nearby houses were damaged.
- **11 October:** A PA military base was demolished by an IAF missile east of Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip). The IDF telephoned the a warning 30 minutes prior to the attack. Several nearby houses were damaged.
- **12 October:** A Palestinian house was demolished hit by an IAF missile in Jabalia refugee camp (Gaza Strip). Several near-by houses were damaged. The IDF telephoned the family 30 minutes prior to the attack. Several nearby houses were damaged.
- **12 October:** A Palestinian house was demolished by an IAF aircraft missile in Al Sheijaya neighborhood of Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The IDF telephoned the family 30 minutes prior to the attack. Several nearby houses were damaged.
- **12 October:** A metals workshop was demolished by an IAF missile in the Al Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **14 October:** A Palestinian house was demolished by bulldozers during an IDF operation south of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **14 October:** A Palestinian four-storey house was demolished by two IAF missiles in Al Salam quarter in Rafah (Gaza Strip). Several nearby houses were damaged. The IDF telephoned the family 30 minutes prior to the attack. Several nearby houses were damaged.
- **14 October:** One house and the boundary walls of two factories were demolished during an IDF operation east of Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip).
- **15 October:** An electricity transformer was damaged, cutting off the power supply to Beit Hanoun, by a missile targeting home made rocket launchers near the main entrance of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **16 October:** The IAF dropped a bomb near the main road entrance to Beit Hanoun damaging the side of the road.

Other incidents:

- **17 October:** The IDF issued demolition orders for ten houses in Farún village (Tulkarm) due to lack of construction permits. The owners of these houses previously received demolition orders in 2004 but these were suspended by a court decision.
- **17 October:** The IDF issued a military order to a Palestinian farmer from Deir Istiya (Salfit) to cut his olive trees.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June, the IDF have levelled land north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus), to install a fence around the settlement.
- Since 8 June, the IDF have installed a fence at the northern side of Shave Shomeron settlement.
- Since 17 September, the IDF have levelled land and installing a road barrier north of Road 505, east of Zaatara checkpoint

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues land levelling and construction work near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

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.

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, Barrier construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud, and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
 - The IDF continues Barrier construction 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.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Work continues along the projected route of the Barrier in the Jerusalem governorate. Construction along a 3 km stretch south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar has been stopped since 3 March pending a court case.

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

- 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 obstructing access.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayyem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayyem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 is ongoing.
- Road 70 between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction. Road 80 is being planned, linking 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 in the section of Road 60 between Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem).
 - Land levelling continued near Har Gilo settlement.
- 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 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. New land levelling took place along the southern side of Road 60.
- Land levelling continued for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continued near Tarqumiya checkpoint west of Ashkalot settlement.
- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving continued and new structures were installed.
- Construction is ongoing at the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to Imneizil hamlet.

Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

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

a) Curfew

b)

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
11 October	Beit Ur at Tahta	3 hours
Total Week		3 hours

- **11 October:** At 9pm, the IDF imposed a 3-hour curfew in Beit Ur at Tahta (Ramallah) and conducted a house-to-house search.

c) Access to education

Employees of PA ministries, including teachers and health care workers, continued an open-ended strike in protest against the non-payment of 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 after some of the salaries

have been received. In some schools three classes a day are being taught whilst other schools are still completely closed.

d) Access to employment/permits

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

The criteria for eligibility for an Israeli permit are: a Palestinian should be above 35 years old, married with children and with no security file. To apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone, a person should be above 21 years old, and married with children.

As of 14 September, the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, and Jerusalem ID holders, would be able to exit Jericho 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.

6 – 15 October: West Bank Palestinian workers holding valid work permits were denied access to their work places inside Israel due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Palestinians with valid agricultural work permits were allowed to enter, as well as Palestinian worshippers visiting Al Aqsa Mosque.

e) 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:

6 – 15 October: The IDF imposed a general closure and restricted Palestinian access to Jerusalem due to the week-long Jewish holiday of Sukkot.

Nablus Governorate:

11 October to date: Age restrictions on Palestinian men from Nablus city aged 18 – 25 at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.

12 October: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours.

14 October: The IDF closed Beit Iba and Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoints for several hours.

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 29 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:

16 October: The IDF opened the exit from the Kafriat checkpoint leading to the road to Tulkarm, and closed the Kafriat tunnel road for construction. Residents of Tulkarm district use Kafriat checkpoint and the Barrier security road near Khirbet Jbara to cross between north and south of the governorate.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The gate remains closed at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiyah remains shut.
- The road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan industrial area and Road 5 is blocked by three earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from northern West Bank towards the south.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

12 October: Long traffic jams were reported at the Asara checkpoint. Delays up to three hours were experienced.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Israeli Border Police at the entrance Khallet Nu'man continued to deny access of essential services such as dump trucks and gas trucks. National staff of international organizations are required to show their national IDs along with their organization ID to enter the village.

Hebron Governorate:

11 - 17 October: IDF presence in the H2/Hebron was kept at high levels due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. There was increased IDF activity in the Old City of Hebron (including house searches and foot patrols coupled with an increase of the stop-and-search campaign especially during the Muslim prayers of *Al taraweeh*). Settler marches and group celebrations near the settlements.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

No incidents to report.

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open except on 14 October. The container bays were closed for construction all week until 17 October when they were reopened.
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for one of seven days.
- 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 for six days.
- Sufa crossing was open on five days for the import of construction materials.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open five days for the import of humanitarian aid.
- Gaza fishermen continued to be prevented from accessing the sea since 25 June.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that eastern Beit Hanoun (approximately one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) was a closed military area.
- Palestinians have been told by the IDF to 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 (1)	1
Jenin	Sanur (1), 'Arraba (5), Az Zababida (4), Qabatiya (1), Al Mansura (1), Ájja (1)	13
Tubas	Tammun (2), El Fará camp (2), Tubas (1), Áqqaba (1)	6
Tulkarm	-	-
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun tunnel (2), Ázzun (3), Wadi Qana (3), An Nabi Elyas (3), Izbat at Tabib (3), Ras Átiya (3), Kafr Thulth (1), Jinsafut (1), Habla tunnel (2), Immatin (2), Jayyus (2)	32
Salfit	Salfit (2), Deir Istiya (1), Kifl Haris(1), Bruqin (1)	5
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 (5)	5
Jericho	Road 1 (3)	3
Jerusalem	-	-
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (3), Za'tara (3), Bethlehem city (4), 'Ayda refugee camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2), Batir (1), Husan (2)	32
Hebron	Yatta (4), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (4), Hebron city - H1(4), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (1), Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (1), Hebron City – H2 (5)	33
Total West Bank		130

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), Camp No.1 (2), Áskar RC (3), Beit Furik (2), Burin (1)	20	12
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (4), Kafr Raí (1), Al Yamun (2), Qabatiya (4), Birqin (1)	16	9
Tubas	Tubas (1), El Fará RC (1)	2	-
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm RC (2), Ánabta (1), Dhinnaba (1)	7	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (5), 'Azzun (2), Kafr Qaddum (1), Hajja (1)	9	2
Salfit	Marda (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	2	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (5), Al Amari refugee camp (1)	6	26
Jericho	-	-	-
Jordan Valley	-	-	-
Jerusalem	-	-	-
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (1), Za'atara (2), Bethlehem (2), Ad Duheisha Camp (1), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2), Ad Doha (2), Batir (2), Husan (2)	29	8
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (2), Dura (4), Tarqumiya (2), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (2), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (2), Khursa (2)	33	10
Total Week West Bank		124	70
Gaza Strip		-	-
Total Week oPt		124	70

- **12 October:** During a military operation in Abassan, Khan Younis (Gaza Strip), the IDF called all males aged 16 - 45 to gather in the yard of the Abbasan governmental health centre, where they were detained for several hours for questioning. Three Palestinians were arrested.
- **13 October:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters at Palestinians crossing the checkpoints to go to the Aqsa mosque for Friday Ramadan prayers (Jerusalem). As a response, Palestinians threw stones at the IDF troops.

- **13 October:** At the Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem), the IDF fired tear gas canisters and sound bombs as Palestinians tried to enter Jerusalem for Friday Ramadan prayers.
- **13 October:** The IDF arrested two Palestinians when troops entered about 300 metres into the east of Abu El Ajeen (Gaza Strip). Both were released after some hours.
- **16 October:** IDF gunboats fired in the direction of the former Atzmona settlement in the former Gush Qatif settlement bloc of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **16 October:** Two IAF helicopters opened fire in the direction of the Philadelphia route south of Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **17 October:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at IDF troops in Qalandiya camp (Jerusalem).

7. Olive Harvest

- **Nablus:** The IDF obstructed Palestinians from Kafr Qalil (Nablus) picking olives near Bracha settlement. The Israeli DCL intervened, allowing the farmers to pick the olives.
- **Jenin:** The IDF closed the agricultural gates of the Barrier in Jenin governorate until the end of Ramadan. According to the IDF, only a few farmers use these gates.
- **Hebron:** Israeli settlers from the Tel Rumeida settlement, H2/Hebron, picked the olive trees belonging to Palestinians living close to the settlement.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 11 – 17 October 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5.30am to 12 am on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
Efrayim	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. 6 - 15 October closed due to Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 May, the IDF closed the part leading to the road into Tulkarm so residents of Jubara have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	Check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. On 31 July to date, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for UN organizations critical medical conditions. 6 - 15 October closed due to Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. 6 - 15 October closed due to Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	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.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organizations and Palestinians with permits. 6 - 15 October closed due to Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
Nablus:	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 23pm 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 between 18 and 25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint unless they have special permits.
Beit Iba 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 between 18 and 25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint unless they have special permits.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. 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 25 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.

Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint unless they have special permits.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya 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, Ijninya, 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.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) 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. 6 - 15 October closed due to Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan 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.
Tayasir 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.
Maale Efrayim 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.
Hamra 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.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	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
Bet El/DCO	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.
Atara Bridge	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.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	The checkpoint was manned. Severe delays were reported on 5 and 7 October.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim 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.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards 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.
Az Za'ayem 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.
Ar Ram 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 involved a Police check for a few weeks but the Israeli Police were not seen this week.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Rafat 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.
Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO 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.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other 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.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for 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, However, in the period 10 – 15 October, Palestinians holding valid permits were not

	allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to reach their work places. 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 13 October, Israeli Border Police, Israeli Police, and Israeli undercover units manning the checkpoint used sound bombs and tear gas to delay the entry of Muslims to East Jerusalem to go to Al Aqsa Mosque. Physical abuse of worshippers was reported. At least four injuries were documented. Women were allowed access with no ID check while men were checked for both ID and permits. A pre-screening of men was taking place.
Khallet an Nu'man 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.
Ein Yalow 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 10 - 17 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels 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.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
Al Jab'a 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 10 - 17 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa 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. On 10 October the checkpoint denied access to Palestinians between 7am and 12pm.
Tarqumiya 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 10 - 17 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
Meitar 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 10 - 17 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
Shani 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.
Beit Yatir 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.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 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.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 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 Ibrahimi Mosque.
Qarantina, H2 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.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement. 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.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting 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 Ibrahimi Mosque for prayers were formed as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organizations into the Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin 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.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Near the junction between	Partial checkpoint; Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.

Road 35 and Road 60

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	11 October: Rafah terminal was open from 8am to 4pm. 336 arrivals and 1,130 have departures were reported. 12 – 17 October: The terminal was closed.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9 am to 6:30 pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 35 are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays. On 1 and 2 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff is allowed through with prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open the week except on 13 October. 14 October: Closed for the weekend.
Karni	Open all the week except on 14 October for the weekend. The container bays were closed all week except on 17 October when they were reopened.
Kerem Shalom	Open all the week except on 13 October. 14 October: Closed for the weekend.
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	Open all week except on 14 October when it was closed for the weekend.

– End –

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.