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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

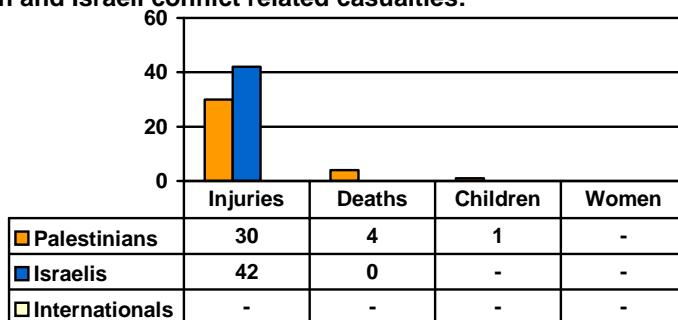
1 – 7 August 2007

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- Two Palestinians were killed and 11 others were injured during armed clashes between the IDF and Palestinians (North Gaza). Two Palestinians were killed and 11 injured by two rockets fired by an IAF helicopter.
- Three Palestinians were killed and eight were injured in factional clashes (Gaza).
- Five Palestinians were killed in internal violence, including two children who died when a Qassam rocket exploded prematurely.
- 26 Qassam rockets were fired towards Israel, two of which exploded at their launching sites. 17 Qassams targeted Sderot, one Erez crossing, and two the IDF Kissufim military base. Two mortars were fired towards Israel and one targeted IDF soldiers who took position in an UNRWA school in Rafah during an IDF incursion.
- 3 August:** Two IDF tanks entered the UNRWA Al Shouka Elementary Co-Ed School and damaged school facilities after breaking the main gate and demolishing part of the boundary wall. At 1555 hours, Islamic Jihad members fired a mortar shell at IDF soldiers inside the school, damaging part of the boundary wall (Rafah).
- The IDF arrested 74 Palestinians, 57 of whom were later released.
- Between 29 July and 7 August, 4,344 Palestinians out of the estimated 6000 people stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossing entered the Gaza Strip through Erez. The IDF arrested one Palestinian crossing from Egypt at Nitzana who was allegedly Hamas-affiliated.

**West Bank:**

- The IDF killed two Palestinians (Ramallah and Nablus) and injured 15 others. In addition, one IDF soldier and one Israeli security guard were injured (Nablus).
- The people of Al Hadidiya continued to receive IDF verbal warnings of the demolition of their makeshift houses (shacks and barracks) if they don't leave them. The IDF identifies the area as a closed military area (Jordan Valley).
- Verbal assaults against Palestinian commuters by the Israeli Border Police at Atara checkpoint were reported (Ramallah).
- 2 August:** Two Israeli settlers from Mitzpe Ya'ir outpost attacked a UN OCHA vehicle carrying three OCHA employees and two Israeli journalists. One settler broke the windshield of the vehicle, injuring one OCHA employee in the eye, while the other made the vehicle immobile by placing large rocks around its tires. The IDF and Israeli police intervened and detained the two settlers. They were later released on a NIS 3,000 bail.
- 7 August:** Approximately 3,000 members of the Israeli Border Police, Special Forces and the IDF used force to evict two Israeli settler families from the vegetable market in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron). **25 settler supporters and 15 Israeli Police officers** were lightly injured during the eviction.
- 84 flying checkpoints, 94 search campaigns, and 86 arrests were reported.

**Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **1 August:** Two Palestinians (aged 19 and 22 years), who were DFLP and Hamas members, were killed and another four were injured during armed clashes that erupted between Palestinians and IDF soldiers north of Beit Lahiya. This took place after an IDF undercover unit, backed by several tanks and bulldozers, entered the area north of Beit Lahiya, reached Al Shaima' government school under the cover of heavy shooting, and forced farmers to flee. On **3 August**, Palestinians fired anti-tank missiles at IDF soldiers and the IDF retaliated by firing tank shells. No injuries were reported. At 1800hours on 3 August, the IDF withdrew to the former northern settlement bloc (North Gaza).
- **4 August:** Two Palestinians (aged 28 and 30 years) were killed—one of whom was an Islamic Jihad member—and 11 others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting two vehicles east of Rafah. One was a recovery truck containing a hardened vehicle and the other was a pick-up truck carrying Islamic Jihad members. Local reports indicate that the trucks were used to transport weapons for carrying out an attack on the Kerem Shalom crossing (Rafah).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **1 August:** An IAF drone fired a rocket targeting a group of Islamic Jihad members who were suspected of having fired rockets from an area north of Beit Hanoun towards Sderot. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **3 August:** Ten IDF tanks and four bulldozers, backed by an IAF helicopter, moved from the border line and entered 1 km into the Palestinian area east of Rafah towards the Gaza International Airport under the cover of heavy shooting. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **5 August:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border line east of Abassan in Khan Younis discovered and detonated two roadside bombs. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **6 August:** An IAF helicopter fired one rocket towards a suspected rocket-launching site northwest of Beit Hanoun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).

### West Bank:

- **1 August:** At 0300 hours, five Palestinians were injured, including two elderly persons who were transported to Hadassah hospital, when Israeli settlers stoned a Palestinian house in Beit Safafa and physically assaulted its occupants (Jerusalem).
- **1 August:** The IDF injured two Palestinian boys (aged 16 and 17 years) in Tulkarm Camp during an IDF search campaign. The 16-year-old boy was injured by live ammunition and the other was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets (Tulkarm).
- **2 August:** The IDF injured a 35-year-old Palestinian man with live ammunition at Beit Iba checkpoint. The IDF opened fire at the man while he was approaching the checkpoint along with his wife and children. It remains unclear why the shooting took place. The IDF later transported the man to a hospital in Israel (Nablus).
- **2 August:** A 35-year-old Palestinian man from Al Burj south of Dura and working for the UN OCHA was injured in the eye when an Israeli settler from the outpost of Mitzpe Ya'ir broke the windshield of the UN vehicle (Hebron).
- **3 August:** One Palestinian man was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the Israeli Border Police during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, international and Israeli activists against the Barrier constructed in Bil'in village. Several cases of tear gas inhalations were also reported (Ramallah).
- **3 August:** A 28-year-old Palestinian man from Balata Camp was shot dead by an IDF undercover unit while he was inside his vehicle in Nablus City. In addition, a 42-year-old Palestinian man (a bystander) was injured as a result of the same shooting (Nablus).
- **3 August:** A 48-year-old Palestinian man from Jit (Qalqiliya) was physically assaulted and injured by Israeli settlers from Jil'ad outpost near Road 60 (Nablus).
- **4 August:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured at Kafriyat tunnel/Ar Ras checkpoint by the IDF and transported to a hospital in Tulkarm City (Tulkarm).
- **5 August:** A Palestinian male (aged 17 years) died of critical injuries sustained on 2 August when the Israeli Border Police at Atara checkpoint opened fire at him. The man was in the custody of Palestinian Police after being convicted of car theft. When the Palestinian Police vehicle stopped near Atara checkpoint, the convict escaped the vehicle and ran towards the checkpoint. According to the Israeli DCL, the Palestinian Police did not notify the Israeli DCL of the transport of three criminals through the checkpoint. The

Israeli DCL also reported that the man was identified as an immediate threat by IDF soldiers and was shot with live ammunition (Ramallah).

- **6 August:** A 17-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Camp No.1 by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire during a search campaign in the camp (Nablus).
- **6 August:** One IDF soldier was injured in Nablus City during a search campaign when Palestinian gunmen exchanged fire with the IDF (Nablus).
- **6 August:** One Israeli security guard from Elon Moreh settlement was injured near Salim village when an explosive device detonated while he was driving his vehicle on the road leading to the settlement (Nablus).
- **7 August:** Approximately 3,000 members of the Israeli Border Police, Special Forces and the IDF used force to evict two Israeli settler families from the vegetable market in the H2 area of Hebron City. During the eviction, 25 settler supporters and 15 Israeli Police officers were lightly injured and 13 settler supporters were arrested. At least twelve Israeli soldiers refused to participate in the eviction of the two Israeli settler families and, as a result, were sentenced to a 28-day confinement to their base.
- **7 August:** A 42-year-old Palestinian fireman was injured when a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at the Palestinian fire brigade that was trying to extinguish a fire in Al Kayyal neighborhood in the H2 area of Hebron City. The fire was started by Israeli settlers in retaliation for the upcoming eviction of two settler families from the vegetable market on that day (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

## 2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **1 August:** A 37-year-old PFLP member was shot and killed by four masked gunmen west of Jabaliya. The motive behind the incident is unknown (North Gaza).
- **1 August:** A 3-year-old female child was hit and killed by a stray bullet while playing in front of her house on Al Sikka street in Jabalia. The source of the shooting is unknown (North Gaza).
- **4 August:** Four Palestinians men were injured during an internal dispute between two local families in Al Maghazi Camp. The ESF brought the situation under control (Central Gaza).
- **7 August:** Two children (brother and sister, aged 7 and 9 years) were killed when a Qassam rocket exploded prematurely during an attempt by an armed Palestinian group to fire it towards Israel from the area around Sheikh Zayed City northeast of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **1 August:** Hamas took over the management of Al Musbah Kindergarten in Beit Lahiya. The kindergarten was previously under the management of Fatah members (North Gaza).
- **2 August:** The ESF took over the management of Hussam Farid Prisoners' Association in Khan Younis, which was formerly run by Fatah (Khan Younis).

### **West Bank:**

- **3 August:** A 50-year-old Palestinian man from Immatin village was kidnapped, physically assaulted and injured by unknown men (Qalqiliya).
- **5 August:** A 39-year-old Palestinian man from Qalqiliya City was kidnapped, physically assaulted and injured by unknown men (Qalqiliya).
- **5 August:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man from the H2 area of Hebron City was injured when an Israeli settler ran him over while he was walking in Al Shuhada Street near the settlement of Beit Hadassah (Hebron).
- **6 August:** A 31-year-old Palestinian man affiliated with Hamas was injured by unknown men in Nablus City when they opened fire at him while he was walking with members of his family (Nablus).

<sup>2</sup> Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. 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 recorded in the total in Section 1.

- **6 August:** A 75-year-old Palestinian woman from Barta'a ash Sharqiya (west of the Barrier, Jenin) died from a heart attack at Reikhan checkpoint after Israeli security guards denied a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance access to the Barta'a enclave as well as delayed the private vehicle intending to transport her from the enclave to a hospital in Jenin City (Jenin).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **7 August:** The Palestine Bank and Arab Bank in Nablus City cut 50% from the salaries of PA employees who had taken bank loans and are still in the repayment process. In response, the employees, along with armed men, forcefully entered the two banks to protest these reductions. There were reports that armed men opened fire inside the Arab Bank. No injuries were reported.

## Inter-factional violence

### Gaza Strip:

- **1 August:** Three Palestinians (two Islamic Jihad members and a Hamas member, aged 21, 22 and 23 years) were killed and eight others were injured during armed clashes between the ESF and Islamic Jihad members in Shuja'iya neighbourhood in Gaza City. The incident took place after the ESF had surrounded the home of an Islamic Jihad member after Fatah members had apparently sought refuge in the home in order to avoid arrest for having discharged their weapons at a wedding party in celebration. After the shootings, mediators from Nasser Salah Ed-Din Brigade intervened and the Islamic Jihad and Fatah members surrendered to the ESF (Gaza). (Since Hamas assumed control of the Gaza Strip, the ESF has forbidden the use of weapons in weddings, family feuds, and other events and has embarked on arresting those to fail to comply and confiscating their weapons).

### West Bank:

No incidents to report.

## 3. Shelter and Property

**Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers**

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
<i>Previous Reporting Period</i>					
31 July	Silwan, Jerusalem	1	-	7	-
<i>Current Reporting Period</i>					
3 August <sup>1</sup>	Rafah	-	1 (a school, including windows, water tanks, doors, among others)	-	N/A
5 August	H2 Area of the City of Hebron, Hebron	-	1 (Offices)	0	N/A
5 August	H2 Area of the City of Hebron, Hebron	-	1 (Car)	0	6
6 August	H2 Area of the City of Hebron, Hebron	-	1 (Warehouse)	0	5
6 August	H2 Area of the City of Hebron, Hebron	-	1 (Warehouse)	0	10
6 August	H2 Area of the City of Hebron, Hebron	-	1 (Mosque)	0	N/A
6 August	H2 Area of the City of Hebron, Hebron	-	1 (Main gate of a school)	0	(102 school students)
7 August	H2 Area of the City of Hebron, Hebron	-	1 (Shop)	0	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>130</b>

<sup>1</sup> In addition, one boundary wall was damaged when Islamic Jihad members fired a mortar shell at IDF soldiers who took position inside the school.

### **Previous Reporting Period:**

- **31 July 2007:** At 1500 hours, Israeli security forces demolished a Palestinian house in Wadi Qaddum for lack of a building permit. The home belonged to a family of seven, including five children (Jerusalem).

### **Current Reporting Period:**

- **3 August:** Two IDF tanks entered the UNRWA Al Shouka Elementary Co-Ed School after breaking the main gate and demolishing part of its boundary wall. At 1555 hours, Islamic Jihad members fired a mortar shell at IDF soldiers inside the school, damaging part of the boundary wall. In total, the IDF damaged the following: the main gate, 4 meters of the boundary wall, three water tanks, four windows, four classroom walls, six doors, and two blackboards (Rafah).
- **5 August:** Israeli settlers set fire to the former headquarters of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee located in Bab Al Khan neighbourhood of the H2 area of Hebron City. In 2000, the headquarters had been shut down by Israeli military orders and the Committee had been unable to access the building to remove its files and other belongings because the entire Ban Al Khan area has since been declared a closed military zone (Hebron).
- **5 August:** In retaliation for the eviction of two Israeli settler families from the vegetable market, settlers from Al Ragabi House settlement (a.k.a. Beit HaShalom), located in the H2 area of Hebron City, threw stones at Palestinian worshippers leaving the mosque and damaged a Palestinian car parked near Al Ras Mosque. Clashes consequently erupted between Palestinians in Wadi Al Hussein area and the settlers, during which the IDF arrested six Palestinians (Hebron).
- **6 August:** Israeli settlers and their supporters set fire to two warehouses in the H2 Area of Hebron City in retaliation for the upcoming eviction of two Israeli settler families from the vegetable market on 7 August. One of the warehouses was owned by a family of five and the other by a family of ten (Hebron).
- **6 August:** Israeli settlers set ablaze Al Kayyal Mosque located in Al Kayyal neighbourhood in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- **6 August:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassah in the H2 area of Hebron City set fire to a pile of old furniture and paper at the main gate of Qurtuba school, which is located in front of the settlement (Hebron).
- **7 August:** Israeli settlers and their supporters set fire to a shop in Al Kayyal neighbourhood in the H2 Area of Hebron City in retaliation for the upcoming eviction of two Israeli settler families from the vegetable market on that day. The shop is owned by a family of seven (Hebron).

### **Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):**

- **During the reporting period:** The people of Al Hadidiya continued to receive IDF verbal warnings of the demolition of their makeshift houses (shacks and barracks) if they don't leave them. The IDF identifies the area as a closed military area (Jordan Valley).

### **Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):**

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara (Nablus) and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate.

### **Property Damaged by Qassam Rockets:**

- **6 August:** A Qassam rocket fired from the Gaza strip landed in a kindergarten in Sderot damaging the school yard and nearby buildings.
- **5 August:** A Qassam rocket damaged cars and homes in Sderot.

### **Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:**

No incidents to report.

## **4. Natural Resources**

### **Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</sup>**

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

- **15 January to date:** The IDF continues to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was requisitioned on 10 July 2005 (Military Order T/106/05).

#### **Jenin Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

<sup>3</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

### **Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

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

### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

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

### **Salfit Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

### **Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
  - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has been planned but is pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
  - Construction continues on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction is taking place around the two settlements and parallel to bypass Road 564. The Barrier will isolate 3,800 dunums of the village land.
- Construction of three "fabric of life" roads, which is part of an Israeli plan to build alternative roads for Palestinians *in lieu* of the main roads that have become closed due to closure and Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
  - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan.
  - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443.
  - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
  - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the West Bank. This week, the iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed was closed on most days to vehicular traffic and ajar for pedestrian passage only, as additional construction and infrastructure work was carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier in Dahiyet al Bareed. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
  - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure

work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.

- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
  - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City). Additional lengths of the Barrier and a military observation tower have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
  - Land levelling continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and near the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.
  - Sections of the Barrier have been placed in the vicinity of Har Gilo settlement.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the junction with Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the underpass near Al Khadr village has continued. The initial construction of the underpass is complete but land levelling is currently being carried out to construct the underpass lanes.
- Land levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60 leading to the western villages.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy School; a one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land levelling is on-going east of the Gush Etzion checkpoint.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land levelling, including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.

#### **Gaza Strip:**

- **1 August:** Four IDF tanks entered 400 meters into Khuza'a village east of Khan Younis to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 2200 hours, the four IDF tanks withdrew to the border line.

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

### **a) Incidents of curfews**

**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
6 August 2007	Camp No. 1 and a part of Nablus City, Nablus	9
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>9</b>

- **6 August:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Camp No.1 and part of Nablus city near the camp – the area around Al Ma'ajin and 'Asira roundabout – for nine hours during a search and arrest campaign. The IDF arrested eight Palestinians (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (north east of Beit Hanoun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahia) have maintained a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

**b) Access to education**

No incidents to report.

**c) Access to employment**

- **Throughout the week,** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were obliged to stay overnight in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their workplaces inside Israel. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 12 March 2006, Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries 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 of age, married with at least one child, and with no security file.

**d) Closures/movement restrictions**

**Nablus Governorate:**

**1 and 2 August:** major delays were reported at Al Badhan checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

**Jenin Governorate:**

**2 August:** The IDF closed 'Anin Barrier gate and prevented farmers from reaching their land behind the Barrier. The IDF informed the farmers that their permits are no longer valid and they have to check the matter with the Israeli DCL.

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) 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:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**1 August:** The IDF closed the entrance of 'Asla village for three hours and prevented residents from exiting the village following an attempt to detonate an explosive device near 'Asla Barrier gate.

Ongoing incidents:

- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** The IDF soldiers positioned at the flying checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Arab Israelis to enter Qalqiliya City.

**Salbit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

### **Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays at Atara checkpoint were reported on a daily basis but delay times have decreased compared to the previous week. Verbal assaults against Palestinian commuters by the Israeli Border Police at the checkpoint were also reported.

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July to date** The Road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate will be used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis were permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

**7 August:** At 1500 hours, the Israeli Border Police installed a military observation tower near the Shu'fat Camp checkpoint.

### **Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays at both Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints continued to be experienced by Palestinian commuters due to the slow checking by IDF soldiers manning the checkpoints. On several occasions at Tayasir checkpoint, the IDF stopped operating the checkpoint altogether for a period ranging between 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or to travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **9 January to date:** Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- **26 April to date:** Access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley improved. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. However, a personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

**2 August:** IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian landowners from reaching their lands in the vicinity of Asfar settlement.

### **Hebron Governorate:**

**Throughout the reporting period,** the IDF continued to dismantle the Road Barrier along Road 317. However, parts of the dismantled Barrier were used to reinforce closures around the towns of As Samu', Adh Dhahiriya and Qalqas.

Ongoing incidents:

- A main Palestinian road (parallel to Road 35) connecting Hebron City to the towns of Idhna and Tarqumiya via Beit Kahil village remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

### **Gaza Strip**

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open all week for senior Palestinian businessmen as well as the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. However, since 4 July and for the first time since 12 June, a very limited number of senior Palestinian businessmen were permitted to cross Erez towards Israel and the West Bank. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the non-presence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week

- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated for two days to transfer wheat into Gaza (2 and 6 August) due to shortages on the local market. No trucks were permitted to cross. Karni has been closed since 12 June. Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general been closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
- Sufa crossing was open on all scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid.
- Kerem Shalom was open for three days this week (5, 6 and 7 August) for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by international aid organizations.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Officially, entry into the area for the 250 residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahia due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF. In total, at least 200 dunums planted with different crops are currently inaccessible since IDF soldiers regularly open fire towards the area. There is fear that if access obstruction continues more than 1,000 tones of potatoes, water melons and onions will rot.

**Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Talluza (1), Deir Sharaf (1)	2
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Al Kufeir (1), Sanur (2), Az Zababida (1), Al 'Atara (1), 'Anza (1), Fahma (1)	9
Tubas	Al Fara'a (2)	2
Tulkarm	Bala'a (2), Baqa ash Asharqiya (1), 'Illar (1), Al Jarushiya (2), Ramin (1), Kafr Sur (3)	10
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya CP (DCO) (7), Habla Tunnel (7), Izbat Jalu'd (7), 'Azzun (3), 'Azzun tunnel (3), An Nabi Elyas (1), Jinsafut (1), Jayyus (2), Ras Atyia (2), Wadi Qana (3), Kafr Qaddum (2)	38
Salfit	Salfit City (2)	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (2)	2
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina/Dahiyet al Bareed (3), Beit Hanina (2)	5
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (2), Ash Shawareh (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	5
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (2)	9
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>84</b>

## 6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

**Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (7), Balata RC (1), Camp No.1 (2), Burqa (1), Salim (1), Deir al Hatab (1), Kafr Qalil (1), 'Askar RC (1), Talluza (1)	16	30
Jenin	Jenin City (4), Jenin RC (4), Al Yamun (1), Birqin (1), Fahma (1), Bir al Basha (1), Qabatiya (1), Jaba'a (1) Silat al Harithiya (1), Al 'Attara flying CP	15	5
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (1), Al Far'a village (1)	3	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1), Tulkarm RC (1), Kafr al Labbad (1), Bala'a (1), Iktaba (1), Qaffin (1), Dhannaba (1)	7	10
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (7), 'Azzun (2), Habla (3), Jayyus (2), Baqat al Hatab (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Ras 'Atiya (1), Sanniriya (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras at Tira (1), Jinsafut (1), Immatin (1)	23	1
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Haris (1), Marda (1), Biddiya (1)	4	6
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2), Abu Falah (1), Jalazun RC (1)	4	9
Jericho	Jericho City (1)	1	2
Jerusalem <sup>1</sup>	Bet Ikksa (1), Abu Dis (1)	2	2
Bethlehem <sup>2</sup>	Bethlehem City (3), Al Rashayda (1), Beit Jala (1), Duheisha RC (1), Al Azza RC, Beit Fajjar	6	7
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), Wadi Al Hussein (3), Dura (2), Yatta (1), Kharas (1), Sa'ir (1), Al Burj (1), Nuba (1)	13	14
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
North Gaza	Unspecified (1, 10)	1	10
Central Gaza <sup>3</sup>	East of Al Maghazi Camp (1, 14)	1	14
Rafah <sup>4</sup>	East of Rafah (0, 50)	0	50
<b>Total Gaza Strip<sup>5</sup></b>		<b>2</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>96</b>	<b>160</b>

<sup>1</sup> In addition to the two Palestinians detained in Beit Ikksa and Abu Dis, Israeli security forces detained four Palestinians in Israel due to the high alert level declared in the Tel Aviv area.

<sup>2</sup> Of the seven people arrested in Bethlehem, two were arrested in Bethlehem City and five in Al Rashayda.

<sup>3</sup> The 14 Palestinians (from the same family) arrested by the IDF near Al Maghazi Camp in Central Gaza on 2 August were reportedly released the following day.

<sup>4</sup> On 3 August at 0930 hours, the IDF detained 50 Palestinians in Rafah, including two UNRWA JCP security guards. At 2000 hours, the IDF released 43 of the detainees, including the two UNRWA security guards. Seven Palestinians remained in custody.

<sup>5</sup> Moreover, the IDF arrested one person at Nitzana who was allegedly affiliated with Hamas.

**Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, (number of searches, number of arrests per location)	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (1, 3)	1	3
Hebron <sup>1</sup>	Ash Shyoukh (1, 13)	1	13
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>

<sup>1</sup> Those arrested in Ash Shyoukh on 6 August were accused of being affiliated with the Executive Support Force (ESF).

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 1 – 7 August 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 0500 to 0630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0500 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Open 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
<b>'Anabta</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter 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 subject to security checks.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jit Junction Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem On Road 5.</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara Southern main entrance</b>	Open from 0600 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	Open from 0500 to 1930 hours 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. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley</b>	Open 0530 to 2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
<b>Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin</b>	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah</b>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</b>	Only open for humanitarian organizations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Al Badhan Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours. On 1 and 2 August, major delays were reported.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b>	Is the main entrance to Israel. Open between 0700 to 1600 hours

	Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2100 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave, UN and international organisations. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays were reported on several occasions.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b>	Open. On 21 July the checkpoint was operating between 0800 and 1500 hours.
<b>At Tayba</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> <i>On Highway 443</i>	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>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members

	are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. This week, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	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 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for 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. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	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> <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	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.
<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. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Open 24 hours. Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and valid permits, Internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians) can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
<b>Jaba'</b> <i>On the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	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 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira village and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.

<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	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</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>The Dead Sea</b>	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. Open 24 hours daily for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for all Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. 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. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. During the reporting period Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local ID with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 1100 and 1600 hours.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> <i>Southern entrance to settlement</i>	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with no ID checks performed.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in

<i>and Bethlehem governorates</i>	Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. However, during the current reporting period, it was reported that Palestinian workers holding valid permits to work in Israel were camping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317</i>	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> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel</i>	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. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	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> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	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> <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 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> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians with a Ramadeen address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. <b>Throughout the week</b> , the Israeli Border Police manning Ar Ramadin checkpoint delayed workers for long periods of time since the ID check process was slow.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Yunis' CP)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road 60</i>	Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>The junction between the two towns on Road 35</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.

## Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

### Erez crossing

Erez was open all week for Palestinian traders as well as the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. However, since 4 July and for the first time since 12 June, a very limited number of senior Palestinian businessmen were permitted to cross Erez towards Israel and the West Bank. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the non-presence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time:

- 1 August: 67 medical cases and 68 Palestinians with special coordination arrangements crossed. 625 Palestinians who were stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossed Erez via Nitzana.
- 2 August: 800 Palestinians who were stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossed Erez via Nitzana.
- 3–5 August: 967 Palestinians who were stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossed Erez via Nitzana.
- 6 August: 94 medical cases, 60 Palestinians with coordination and 42 businessmen crossed into Israel. 896 Palestinians who were stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossed Erez via Nitzana. The IDF arrested one person at Nitzana who was allegedly affiliated with Hamas.
- Between 29 July and 7 August: 4,344 Palestinians—out of the estimated 6000 Palestinians on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossing—entered the Gaza Strip through Erez crossing.

The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.

### Rafah Passenger Terminal

Rafah crossing was closed all week. It was last open on 9 June.

### Commercial checkpoints:

#### Tulkarm/Qalqiliya

##### Taybeh

An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 0800 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.

#### Nablus

##### Awarta checkpoint

*Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003*

Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.

#### Jenin

##### Al Jalama

*Main commercial checkpoint*

Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.

#### Ramallah/AI Bireh

##### Beituniya

*Back-to-back checkpoint*

Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are no longer allowed through the checkpoint as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.

#### Gaza Strip

##### Karni

The conveyor belt operated for two days to transfer wheat into Gaza (2 and 6 August) due to shortages on the local market. It was closed on 1, 3, 4 (weekend), 5, and 7 August. Karni crossing has generally been closed since 12 June.

##### Sufa

Sufa crossing was open on five scheduled operating days this week (1, 2, 5, 6 and 7) for the crossing of commercial commodities and humanitarian aid. On 3 and 4 August, it was closed (weekend).

##### Kerem Shalom

Kerem Shalom was open on 5, 6 and 7 August for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid provided by international aid organizations. On all other days, it was closed.

##### Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines

Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five scheduled operating days. On Saturday 4 August, they were closed for the weekend.

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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.