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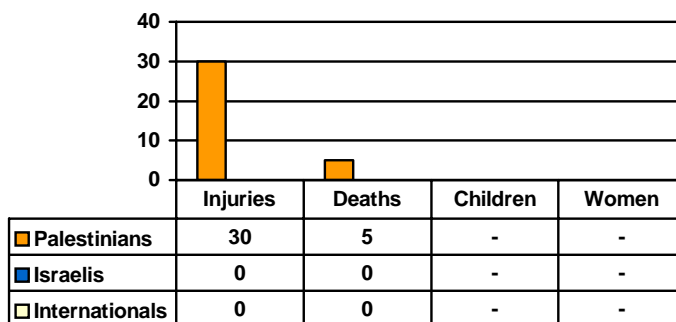
19 – 25 September 2007

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed four Palestinians, including one Hamas member, and injured three others during a military operation east of Al Bureij Camp (Johr Ed-Dik area, Central Gaza).
- The IDF carried out four land levelling operations in the Gaza Strip, during which it uprooted 100 dunums of olive trees east of Al Bureij Camp, among others.
- 27 Qassam rockets and 29 mortar shells were fired towards Israel, including 20 mortars towards Kerem Shalom crossing, seven Qassams towards Sderot, and two Qassams and nine mortars towards IDF Kissufim military base. In addition, nine mortars were fired at IDF tanks in Johr ad Dik area east of Al Bureij Camp.
- The ESF arrested ten Fatah members from Gaza City and Al Bureij Camp.
- **25 September:** Israel declared the Gaza Strip a "hostile territory" and announced that it would reduce its fuel and power supplies to the Gaza Strip in response to rocket attacks by Palestinian factions. Following the declaration, one of Israel's biggest commercial banks announced the halt of transactions with Palestinian banks in the Gaza Strip.

West Bank:

- The IDF killed one 38-year-old Palestinian man (Nablus) and injured 21 others (15 males and one woman in Nablus, four males in Ramallah, and one woman in Jerusalem). Israeli settlers injured six Palestinians, including a 52-year-old woman.
- **21 – 22 September:** Israel imposed a general closure on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. All Palestinians, including holders of valid permits, were prevented from passing through all the checkpoints leading to East Jerusalem and Israel.
- In two separate operations, the IDF demolished one building and two houses in 'Ein Beit el Ma Camp (Camp No. 1, Nablus) as well as one building in the Old City of Nablus, thereby displacing 77 people, including 23 children.
- **During the reporting period,** PA-affiliated institutions in Bethlehem Governorate heightened their campaign to clamp down on Hamas-linked individuals and institutions; among other actions, Preventive Security officers prevented shopkeepers in Bethlehem Governorate from displaying boxes used to collect donations on behalf of the Society of Orphans under the pretext that the Society is illegal.
- 100 flying checkpoints, 91 IDF search and arrest campaigns, and 145 arrests were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹

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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **20 September:** Four Palestinians (aged 19, 20, 22 and 30 years) were killed (including one Hamas member) and three others were injured (including one Hamas member) during armed clashes between the IDF and armed Palestinians. This took place when an IDF undercover unit entered the area east of Al Bureij Camp (Johr Ed-Dik area) and was discovered by armed Palestinians. At 1120 hours, nine mortar shells were fired at IDF tanks and the IDF responded by opening Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire. One shell missed the target and hit a Palestinian house. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **19 September:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) training camp east of Beit Lahiya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **20 September:** IDF gunboats opened fire for ten minutes towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to the seashore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **24 September:** Armed Palestinians fired an anti-tank missile from the area southwest of Karni industrial zone towards an IDF Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) patrolling the border fence. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

West Bank:

Previous Reporting Period

- **16 September:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was physically assaulted and injured by the Israeli Border Police at Shu'fat Camp checkpoint (Jerusalem).

Current Reporting Period

- **19–21 September:** During the military operation in Camp No1, a 38-year-old handicapped Palestinian was killed inside his house and 16 Palestinians were injured. Those injured include: six males (aged 17, 18, 21(2), 26, and 39 years) injured by live ammunition; five males (aged 14, 16, 17, 26 and 34 years) and a 23-year-old women injured by plastic-coated metal bullets; three men (aged 19, 23, and 30 years) physically assaulted; and a 73-year-old man injured by a piece of concrete when the IDF blew up the wall of his house (Nablus). In addition, two persons suffered from tear gas inhalation. All except two of the injured were from outside the camp.
- **21 September:** Four Palestinian males were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by the Israeli Border Police during a demonstration organized by a group of Palestinian, international and Israeli activists against Barrier construction in Bil'in village. Among other things, the demonstrators called for the implementation of the Israeli High Court order requesting the IDF to alter the route of the Barrier in the village (Ramallah).
- **21 September:** At 11:00 pm at Qalandiya checkpoint, the IDF physically assaulted a 60 year old Palestinian woman while she was passing through the Checkpoint.
- **22 September:** At 7:30 pm, settlers stoned a Palestinian vehicle on the Jerusalem-Hebron road and one Palestinian was reported injured.
- **22 September:** Two Palestinian members of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (aged 25 and 27 years) from Hebron City and the town of Beit Ummar (Hebron) were injured when they were physically assaulted by a group of settlers from the settlement of Nekodim southeast of Bethlehem City. A mobile handset was reported stolen (Bethlehem).
- **23 September:** A 55-year-old Palestinian man, his 52-year-old wife, and their 25-year-old son from the hamlet of Tuba, located south of Yatta, were injured when a group of 15 settlers from the Havot Ma'on threw stones at them while they were preparing the *Iftar* meal to break their fast (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **20 September:** Palestinians held a demonstration in Nablus City and marched towards Camp No.1 in protest against the military operation in the camp. The IDF dispersed the protestors using tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets.
- **21 September:** Palestinian, international, and Israeli peace activists held a demonstration near the entrance of Qusin village and tried to remove the metal gate closing the entrance (Nablus).

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **19 September:** Three Palestinian men were injured in a family feud in Deir El Balah. The two families initially used long batons and knives but the situation escalated to include the use of firearms. The situation calmed down when the ESF arrived and made several arrests (Central Gaza).
- **19 September:** A 25-year-old Palestinian was shot and injured during an armed family feud in Khan Younis. Hamas intervened to bring the situation under control (Khan Younis).
- **20 September:** A 30-year-old Palestinian (a member of Al Nasser Salah Ed-Din) was injured when he accidentally shot himself while cleaning his weapon in Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **21 September:** Four Palestinian men from the same family were injured by shrapnel wounds when a UXO exploded while they were tampering with it in Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **22 September:** Four teachers and the headmaster of the UNRWA Preparatory "A" boys and Bureij Elementary "B" school were injured with stones when 300 students from a PA school tried to evacuate the pupils to protest the killing of four Palestinians during the IDF incursion. The teachers and headmaster were stoned whilst preventing the pupils from leaving. The ESF arrived and brought the situation under control (Central Gaza).
- **23 September:** A 19-year-old Hamas member died of wounds sustained when he was shot by unknown gunmen in Gaza City on 19 September (Gaza).
- **24 September:** One Palestinian man was injured during a family feud between cousins that escalated into an exchange of gunfire in Rafah (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **20 September:** A UXO exploded in an abandoned house in Nuseirat Camp. No injuries or damage were reported (Central Gaza).
- **21 September:** A mine exploded in and destroyed the Agricultural Union Committee building in Beit Hanoun. The building was previously occupied by the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). The motive is unknown (North Gaza).
- **23 September:** Unknown gunmen set ablaze the office of Fatah Al Yaser party on Salah Ed-Din road in Al Bureij Camp. The motive behind the attack is unknown. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **24 September:** 50 family members of Palestinians imprisoned in Israeli jails demonstrated to demand the release of their relatives. The demonstration started at the ICRC office in Gaza City and proceeded to the Unknown Soldier Park. At 1200hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **24 September:** 200 members from Fatah Al-Yaser party organised a demonstration to demand the payment of their salaries. They moved from Al Jala' Street to the PLC compound. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1200hours (Gaza).
- **25 September:** An UNRWA guard at Beit Hanoun Prep Boys School discovered a mine placed on the roof of the toilet unit in the school. The mine was dismantled and removed by the ESF. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **21 September:** Three Palestinian men (aged 30, 32 and 34 years) were injured in Nablus City when an armed Palestinian opened fire following a dispute between them (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **22 September:** Palestinian women demonstrated in Ramallah City demanding the release of detainees jailed by the PA. The Palestinian Police Force (PSF) intervened and dispersed the protestors. No injuries were reported (Ramallah).
- **22 September:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man from Ad Deirat village south of Yatta was injured when a settler ran him over while riding he was his bicycle on Road 325 (Hebron).

² 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.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **19 September:** Two ESF members guarding Beach Camp's governmental health centre were shot and injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in their direction. The attackers managed to escape. The ESF arrested six Fatah members suspected of having links to the attack (Gaza).
- **21 September:** A Fatah member was injured during an ESF arrest campaign in Al Bureij Camp; he was shot and injured trying to escape and four other Fatah members were arrested by the ESF (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **19 September:** A group of Islamic Jihad members attempted to fire Qassam rockets from an area east of Gaza City but were disrupted by the ESF. The situation escalated into an exchange of fire that lasted ten minutes. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **24 September:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man was injured in 'Azzun during an exchange of fire between Fatah and Hamas members (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **During the reporting period,** PA-affiliated institutions in Bethlehem Governorate heightened their campaign to clamp down on Hamas-linked individuals and institutions; on 22 September, the Ministry of Islamic *Waqf* informed a Hamas PLC member of its decision to bar him from delivering religious sermons in the mosques. On 23 September, members of Palestinian Preventive Security arrested the head and a member of the Joint Services Committee of South Bethlehem, both associated with Hamas. Preventive Security officers also prevented shopkeepers in Bethlehem Governorate from displaying boxes used to collect donations on behalf of the Society of Orphans under the pretext that the Society is illegal.

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
19 September	Nablus City, Nablus	-	1	-	1
19 September	Jenin City, Jenin	-	1	-	1+
19, 20, & 21 September	Camp No.1, Nablus	3	171 (50 houses, 2 shops, & damage to furniture in 119 houses)	60 (incl. 17 children)	N/A
20 September	Johr ad Dik area, Central Gaza	-	10	-	70
23 September	Old City, Nablus	1	0	17 (incl. 6 children)	-
Total		4	183	77	72+

- **19 September:** A library was burnt in Nablus City when the IDF fired a grenade inside it. This took place when the IDF was pursuing demonstrators who were protesting the military operation in Camp No.1 (Nablus).
- **19 September:** House furniture was burnt in Jenin City when the IDF fired a sound grenade inside the house during a search campaign.
- **19 - 21 September:** During the military operation in Camp No.1, the IDF demolished a four-storey building and two houses. Seven families were displaced or about 60 persons, including 17 children. The IDF also damaged 50 houses and two shops when tunneling through walls to move from one house to another and caused great damage to the furniture and equipment in 119 houses as well as some external walls.
- **20 September:** During the IDF military operation in the Palestinian area east of Al Bureij Camp (Johr Ed-Dik area), the IDF conducted levelling operation and partially bulldozed ten houses. At 1900hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Central Gaza).
- **23 September:** The IDF blew up a four-storey building in the Old City of Nablus allegedly because the son of the building's owner is wanted by the IDF. This resulted in the displacement of five families (17 persons, including six children) (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **23 - 24 September:** The IDF occupied a house in Marda between 1600 hours on 23 September and 1000 hours on 24 September and converted it into an observation post. The IDF held the family (seven persons including two children) in one room.

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 (Nablus).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

No incident to report.

4. Natural Resources**Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³****Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

- **8 August to date:** The IDF continues construction work to upgrade the lanes at Beit Iba checkpoint.

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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:

- **13 August to date:** The IDF continues to carry out land leveling to build a military road connecting Qedumim settlement to road 55, in accordance with military requisition order T/15/07. The land belongs to farmers from Kafr Qaddum village.
- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between 'Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

Salbit 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 closures and Barrier construction:

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

- 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. The iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyet Al Bareed neighbourhood. Additional construction and infrastructure continues to be carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier. 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 next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground was suspended during the reporting period.
 - Land levelling in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City) was suspended during the reporting period.
 - Asphaltting continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and near the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.
- The expanded Tunnels checkpoint is operational. Land levelling on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the intersection with Road 60 was suspended during the reporting period.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the underpass near Al Khadr village was suspended during the reporting period. The initial construction of the underpass is complete.
- Land levelling along west of Road 60 leading to the western villages was suspended during the reporting period.
- 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:

- **20 September:** During the IDF military operation east of Al Bureij Camp (Johr Ed-Dik area), the IDF carried out a levelling operation, uprooted 100 dunums of olive trees, and bulldozed ten houses. At 1900 hours, IDF soldiers withdrew to the border fence (Central Gaza).
- **22 September:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered the Palestinian area between Karni and Nahal Oz to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 1600 hours, they withdrew to the border fence (Gaza).
- **23 September:** Two IDF APCs and two bulldozers entered 50 meters into the Palestinian area between Karni and Nahal Oz. The IDF began and continues to carry out a levelling and excavation operation thereat (Gaza).
- **23 September:** Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 1.5 km into Al –Umour area east of Rafah. IDF bulldozers were excavating the area in an attempt to locate a tunnel. The operation is still ongoing (Rafah).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Incidents of curfews****Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
19, 20, & 21 September 2007	Camp No.1, Nablus	54 hours
Total Week		54 hours

- **19 - 21 September:** The IDF imposed curfew on Camp No.1 for 54 hours during a military operation in the camp that began on 18 September (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

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

b) Access to education

- **19 and 20 September:** All UNRWA installations, including two schools, a health clinic, and a camp service office, were closed in Camp No.1 after the IDF imposed curfew on the camp (Nablus).
- During the reporting period, the IDF and the Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid arrived on schedule to meet the students. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.
- **22 September:** 300 students from a PA school tried to evacuate pupils from the UNRWA Preparatory "A" boys and Bureij Elementary "B" school to protest the killing of four Palestinians during the IDF incursion. The headmaster and teachers prevented the pupils from leaving but were stoned whilst doing so. The ESF arrived and brought the situation under control (Central Gaza).

c) Access to employment

- **21 and 22 September:** Palestinian workers holding valid work permits were denied access to their work places inside Israel as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.
- **On 19, 20, 23, 24 and 25 September,** 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), which is the only checkpoint in the Governorate 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 on time.

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:**

19 - 21 September: The IDF closed with earth mounds a section of Haifa road in front of Camp No.1 due to the military operation in the camp. Haifa road is the main road connecting areas east of Nablus to western areas; its closure has forced people to take detour routes to reach Beit Iba checkpoint through which they travel to Tulkarm and Qalqiliya.

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (Nablus) for all except ambulances in emergency cases.

Jenin Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:**

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have continued to allow 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products into 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:

22 September: The IDF closed 'Attil Barrier gate.

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:

21 and 22 September: The IDF closed all the Barrier gates in Qalqiliya governorate.

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 from entering 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: Palestinians travelling through 'Atara checkpoint experienced delays, especially during the morning rush hours. UN staff travelling through the checkpoint were requested to show personal IDs in addition to their UN ID cards, even during periods of random checking. Two UN staff members were verbally abused by the Border Police manning the checkpoint.

22 and 24 September: An Nabi Salih partial checkpoint was in operation during the evening hours. Some delays were 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 is 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:

24 September: Long delays were reported at Ar Ram checkpoint during the morning rush hour.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF has 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 continued at the improved level previously reported. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. 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:

19 September: The IDF placed an earth mound on the road used by Palestinians to reach the western villages such as Husan and Battir. Since late 2006, this road had been used as an alternative to Road 367 to which they ceased to have access.

19 September: Upon the request of the IDF, Battir village council removed an earth mound on the road leading to the village and replaced it with a gate.

Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was closed on three days this week for the Jewish holidays and was open on 19, 23, 24 and 25 September for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were not allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at present).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated on three days to transfer grains and animal feed into Gaza (19, 24 and 25 September). However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports. Karni has been closed since 12 June.

- Sufa crossing was open on one out of the five scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid. However, the crossing remains closed for all construction materials.
- Kerem Shalom was open on three days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 11 September, the crossing was closed for security reasons as the IDF stated.
- 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 Palestinian 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 a fear that if access obstruction continues more than 1,000 tonnes 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	Jamma'in (1)	1
Jenin	'Arraba (4), Al Kufair (3), Sanur (2), Az Zababida (2), Qabatiya (1), As Suweitat (1), Siris (1)	14
Tubas	Tubas (1), Al Far'a village (1)	2
Tulkarm	Faru'n (1), Shuweika (1), Kafr Sur (3), Seida (1), Bal'a (1), Shufa (1), Al Jarushiya (2)	10
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya entrance (DCO) (7), Habla Tunnel (2), Izbat Jalu'd (7), 'Azzun (3), 'Azzun tunnel (2), Jayyus (3), Al Funduq (1), An Nabi Elyas (2), Wadi Qana (3), 'Izbat at Tabib (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Immatin (2)	36
Salfit	Salfit (2), Khirbet Qeis (1) Marda (1), Deir Istiya (1), Kifl Haris (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Bruqin (1)	8
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (2)	2
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina/Al Ram (7), Sheikh Jarrah St. John's (4)	11
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah, Tequ' (3)	7
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (2)	9
Total West Bank		100

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 (6), Balata RC (1), Camp No.1 (2), 'Askar RC (1), Bizzariya (2), Kafr Qalil (2), Qusin (3), Beit Furik (1), Beit Iba (1), 'Awarta (1), Deir al Hatab (1), Jamma'in (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, Zatarra CP	22	92
Jenin	Jenin City (4), Jenin RC (4), Qabatiya (1), Burqin (1), 'Anza (1), Al Yamun (1), Reikhan CP	12	3
Tubas	Tubas (1), Al Far'a village (1)	2	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (2), Faru'n (2), Shuweika (1), Seida (2), Shufa (1)	8	6
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (6), 'Azzun (4), Habla (1), Jayyus (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Hajja (2), Ras at Tira (2), Jit (2), Immatin (1), Jaisafut (1), Izbet at Tabib (1)	23	6
Salfit	Bruqin (1)	1	1
Ramallah	Ramallah (3), Turmusa'yya (1)	4	13
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem ¹	Shu'fat Camp (1)	1	1
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Al Azza RC (1), Ad Doha (1), Obeidiya (2)	6	3
Hebron ²	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), H2 Area of Hebron City (2) Dura (3), Yatta (2), Kharas, Sa'ir (1), Surif (1)	12	20
Total Week West Bank		91	145
Gaza Strip			
Central Gaza ³	Johr ad Dik area (east of Al Bureij Camp)	1	30
Rafah ⁴	Al Umour area (1)	1	0
Total Gaza Strip		2	30
Total oPt		93	175

¹ **Previous Reporting Period--18 September:** Israeli security forces detained a 15-year old Palestinian boy, two days after being physically assaulted and injured by the Israeli Border Police at Shufat camp checkpoint.

² Those arrested included the head of the Surif Municipality as well as the head of the town's Zakat Committee.

³ **20 September:** During the IDF military operation east of Al Bureij Camp (Johr Ed-Dik area), the IDF arrested 20 Palestinians. Later, **18 were released and two remained in custody** (Central Gaza).

⁴ **19 September:** 30 Palestinians were arrested when the IDF conducted a house-search operation and a tunnel-search operation under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire northeast of Rafah (Al-Umour area). On 20 September at 1300hours, 50 persons managed to escape from their houses to Rafah City where they gathered at a local store and demanded food. Arrangements were made with the Mayor of Al Shouka Municipality to provide them with food (Rafah).

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (2,4), Huwwara (1,25)	3	29
Jenin	Misilya (1,3)	1	3
Tubas	Tubas City (1,1)	1	1
Ramallah ¹	Rantis (1)	1	15
Bethlehem	Tequ' (2,2)	2	2
Total Week West Bank		8	50
Gaza Strip			
Gaza	Gaza City (1, 6)— <i>Fatah members suspected of having links to the attack on ESF members guarding Beach Camp's Governmental Health Centre on the same day (19 September)</i>	1	6
Central Gaza	Deir El Balah (1, 2+)—"several" arrests in response to a family feud	1	2+
Central Gaza	Al Bureij Camp (1, 4)—Fatah members	1	4
Total Gaza Strip²		3	12+
Total oPt		11	62+

¹ **23 September:** The Palestinian Police Force (PSF) carried out a search and arrest operation in Rantis village. Fifteen Palestinians affiliated with Hamas were detained (Ramallah).

² Carried out by the Executive Support Force (ESF).

Appendix: Checkpoints: 19 – 25 September 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Ephraim	Open from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jbara. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
‘Anabta	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	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, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem <i>On Road 5.</i>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Nablus:	
Huwwara <i>Southern main entrance</i>	Open from 0600 to 2400 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. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 2300 until 2400 hours. Delays were reported during the week.
Beit Iba <i>Western entrance, mainly for trade</i>	Open from 0500 to 2400 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. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 1930 until 2400 hours. Delays were reported during the week.
Al Tur <i>Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Beit Furik <i>Eastern gate and checkpoint.</i>	One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Open 0530 to 2400 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 2100 until 2400 hours.
Shave Shomeron <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	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.
Za’atara (Tappouah) <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17’ ‘Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus’s northern villages</i>	As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases.

Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama	Is an entrance to Israel. Crossing for commercial goods and workers into Israel. Open between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas:	
Bisan <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.
Tayasir <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 were reported on a daily basis.
Maale Efrayim <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.
Hamra <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, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians. Access is only permitted to commercial trucks and people traveling in public transportation. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. During the reporting period, verbal harassment by IDF soldiers was experienced by three farmers passing through the checkpoint.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	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. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers.
'Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays and traffic jams were reported on a daily basis due to the slow checking of vehicles by the Israeli Border Police.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Open. Was in operation on 22 and 24 September. Some delays were reported.
At Tayba	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.
Makkabim <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.

Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Qalandiya	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 and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint, in addition to the IDF for extra random security checks.
Hizma <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 for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Az Za'ayyem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and internationals. As this is not one of the four designated 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 for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for 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 designated terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. The iron gate between Dahiyet al Bareed and Al-Ram was completely closed for the entire week. Vehicular traffic (including public transportation) has been driving through a gap in the wall (distant from the gate) that still exists between the two neighbourhoods. On 24 September, long delays were reported during the morning rush hour.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <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.
Ramot Alon <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.
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. 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.
Container ("Wadi nar") <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.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Open 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	This checkpoint has been moved further north on the new Israeli-built Rafat road and is closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion.
Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP	Random checks by the IDF soldiers.
Atarot/AI Kawasmi	This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned.

Jericho:

DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	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, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira, 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.
Al Auja (Yitav) <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.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea	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 Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.

Bethlehem :

Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <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 asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within the 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. On 21 and 22 September, Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. On all other days, the general closure was lifted but Palestinian workers were obliged to stay overnight at the checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel on time.
An Nu'man <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. As of 31 August, the checkpoint is open to settlers between 0600 hours and 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion Highway.
Ein Yalow <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.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <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 IDs 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. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send Palestinian patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel. Currently, there are six lanes leading to the Tunnels Terminal, four of which lead north from Road 60 into Jerusalem while the other two lead from Jerusalem to the south. On 22 September, IDF soldiers closed the checkpoint during the evening hours.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers and there are

	restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <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.
Ein Gedi <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa, Partial CP <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 occasional ID checks. However, it has been reported by MSF (Médecins Sans Frontiers/Doctors Without Borders) that thorough checks and maltreatment have been experienced by staff especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates</i>	<p>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 Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.</p> <p>Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. However, between 21 and 22 September, Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel through this checkpoint as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. On all other days, the closure was lifted, so workers were allowed to cross and reach their work places.</p>
Meitar <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, between 21 and 22 September, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside Israel as the IDF imposed a general closure due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. On all other days, the general closure was lifted but there were reports of Palestinian workers with valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure a reasonable chance of accessing Israel.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <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.
Prayers Road, H2 <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.
Shohada street, H2 <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.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <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. On 25 September, the checkpoint was closed for half an hour as the IDF arrested a 17-year old boy from the town of Idhna for possessing a knife.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <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.
Qarantina, H2 <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 (Temporary International Presence in Hebron) have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the

<i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	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 with an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 <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.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians with Ar Ramadin address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Chekpoints	
Erez crossing	<p>Erez was open on four days this week for Palestinian traders as well as for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time:</p> <p>Erez was open on 19, 23, 24 and 25 September for people with special coordination arrangements and was closed between 20 and 22 September for the Jewish holidays. This week, senior Palestinian businessmen were not allowed to cross into Israel.</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
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 for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to pass the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system).
Jenin	
Al Jalama <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Between 21 and 22 September, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	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 the bill of 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 not allowed to cross as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.

Hebron

Tarqumiya	Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates .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.
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Gaza Strip

Karni	The conveyor belt operated on 19, 24 and 25 September for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, it remained general closed for all other items and for exports. Karni crossing has generally been closed since 12 June.
Sufa	This week, Sufa crossing was open on one out of the five scheduled operating days for the import of non-aggregate materials. On 20, 23, 24 and 25 September it was closed. On 21 and 22 September, it was closed for the weekend.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on three days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 19, 20, 21 and 22 September, the crossing was closed.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 22 September, 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.