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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

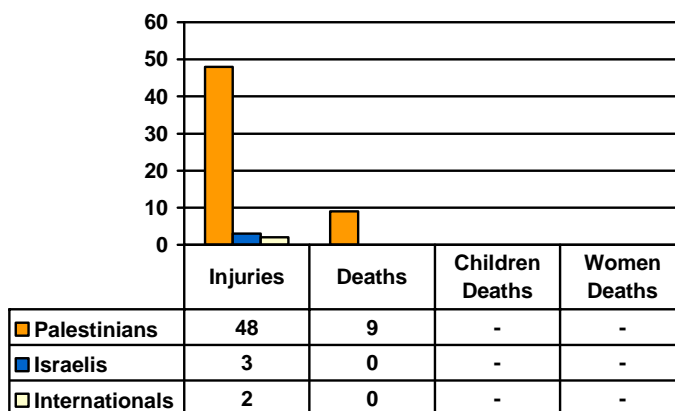
21 – 27 November 2007

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed eight Palestinians and injured 20 others in the Gaza Strip. Of those injured, 12 were in the North Gaza governorate.
- A mother of seven children from Nuseirat refugee camp died on 24 November due to deterioration in her health condition after she was denied access through Erez to receive medical treatment in an Israeli hospital.
- 31 Qassams and 61 mortars were fired toward Israel. In addition, 11 mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.
- During the reporting period, the IDF carried out levelling and excavation operations near Erez crossing and the former Erez Industrial Zone. As of 27 November, the IDF military operation is ongoing and roads near Erez crossing remain inaccessible.
- Although the GoI announced that Sufa crossing will be re-opened on 25 November, the crossing continues to be closed. This week, however, shipments of lamb were exceptionally allowed entry through Sufa into Gaza on 22 November.
- Nine demonstrations were organised this week: four of which were to protest against the closure of the Gaza crossings; one to protest against the non-issuance of Palestinian ID cards by the Israeli authorities; one to demand that the right of return of Palestinian refugees be respected by negotiators at the Annapolis conference; and three to express opposition for the Annapolis conference.

West Bank:

- The IDF killed one Palestinian (Tulkarm) and injured 25 others in the West Bank. The IDF also physically assaulted and injured two internationals in 'Azzun village when they tried to intervene to protect some children who were chased by the IDF in a search and arrest operation. The children had thrown stones at the IDF (Qalqiliya).
- Three Palestinians were injured by Israeli settlers who attacked their vehicle on Road 60 in the Nablus governorate. In addition, two Israeli female settlers were injured in Al Funduq village during confrontations with Palestinians after settlers attacked Palestinian houses and vehicles and vandalised Palestinian property.
- The IDF issued demolition orders against four water cisterns, 14 houses, and one mosque (Bethlehem and Hebron).
- 92 flying checkpoints, 104 search and arrest operations, and 90 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:

- **21 November:** Three armed Palestinians (Hamas members) were injured during an exchange of gunfire with an IDF undercover unit that entered Gaza east of Abbasan in Khan Younis. Armed Palestinians fired five mortar shells and a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) towards the IDF. IDF tanks intervened to provide support to the undercover unit. The IDF withdrew at 2300 hours (Khan Younis).
- **22 November:** The body of a 27-year-old unarmed Palestinian was retrieved by an ambulance southeast of Karni. According to residents of the area, the IDF opened fire at the man on the evening of 21 November. According to Israeli media reports, the IDF shot an unarmed Palestinian who approached the border fence (Gaza).
- **23 November:** Two Palestinian brothers (aged 40 and 45 years) were injured when IDF tanks fired two shells targeting the area northwest of Beit Hanun near Salah El Din street (North Gaza).
- **24 November:** A Palestinian man was shot and injured by IDF soldiers stationed at the border north of Beit Lahiya as he was approaching the former Dugit settlement area (North Gaza).
- **25 November:** Six Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a mortar launching site in response to the firing of three mortar shells by Palestinians at IDF soldiers in the former Erez Industrial Zone (North Gaza).
- **25 November:** Two Palestinians (aged 19 and 20 years; members of Islamic Jihad and the Palestinian Resistance Committees (PRC)) were killed and three others were injured during armed clashes between armed Palestinians and an IDF undercover unit which had entered Gaza east of Al Maghazi Camp (Central Gaza).
- **26 November:** Two Palestinians (aged 24 and 25 years; Hamas members) were killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the border northwest of Beit Hanun fired three surface-to-surface missiles targeting a group intending to launch rockets from Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **26 November:** A 24-year-old Palestinian (Hamas member) was killed and three others injured (including two bystanders) when IDF soldiers stationed at the border north of Beit Hanun fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of armed Hamas members situated west of Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **26 November:** A 23-year-old armed Palestinian was killed when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting a mortar launching crew east of Gaza City in response to the firing of two mortar shells by members of Salah Ed-Din brigades, the military wing of PRC (Gaza).
- **27 November:** A 30-year-old Palestinian (Hamas member) was killed and six Palestinians were arrested (including two injured persons) during an IDF levelling and excavation operation in the Al Amour area east of Rafah. The IDF and armed Palestinians exchanged gunfire during the operation (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **21 November:** Five IDF armoured vehicles entered approximately 400 metres into Gaza, south of Beit Hanun. The IDF withdrew to the border on the same day. No additional incidents were reported (North Gaza).
- **22 November:** An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) exploded in a demolished factory in the Erez Industrial Zone. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **22 November:** An RPG was fired at IDF Armoured Personnel Carriers (APC) driving along the IDF patrol road at the border fence southeast of the Karni Industrial Zone. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **22–27 November:** The IDF was present in the former Erez Industrial Zone. The IDF remained deployed on Salah Ed-Din road near Erez crossing. The bulldozers continued demolishing the evacuated buildings in the former Erez Industrial Zone. Sporadic shooting was reported. Erez checkpoint remained closed due to the nearby IDF military activity (North Gaza).
- **23 November:** An IDF undercover unit exchanged gunfire with armed Palestinians in Khuza'a east of Khan Younis. Three mortar shells were fired at the undercover unit. At 2250 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **24 November:** An exchange of gunfire took place between IDF soldiers and armed Palestinians when an IDF foot patrol entered Abbasan village east of Khan Younis. During the operation, three roadside bombs were detonated. No injuries were reported. At 0130 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **24 November:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying three PRC members in Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).

- **25 November:** An exchange of gunfire took place between armed Palestinians and IDF soldiers stationed at the border south of Karni Industrial Zone. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **25 November:** The IDF demolished several evacuated buildings in the former Erez Industrial Zone. Several explosions were heard by eyewitnesses. IDF tanks fired several shells and Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire during the operation (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **21 November:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man from the H1 area of Hebron City was physically assaulted and injured by a group of IDF soldiers inside the Gush Etzion Detention Center (Bethlehem).
- **22 November:** The IDF injured a 22-year-old Palestinian man in 'Askar refugee camp with live ammunition during a search and arrest operation (Nablus).
- **22 November:** The IDF physically assaulted a 23-year-old Palestinian man in Yanun village allegedly due to his presence close to Itamar settlement (Nablus).
- **22 November:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Siris village by shrapnel during an IDF search and arrest operation (Jenin).
- **23 November:** Two internationals were physically assaulted and injured in 'Azzun village by the IDF when they tried to intervene to protect some children who were chased by the IDF in a search and arrest operation. The children had thrown stones at the IDF (Qalqiliya).
- **23 November:** The IDF injured five Palestinians with rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, international, and Israeli protestors against the Barrier construction in Bil'in village. One IDF soldier was injured by a stone. Another six Palestinians were detained (Ramallah).
- **24 November:** Three Palestinian men (aged 23, 27 and 40 years) from Beit Imrin village were physically assaulted and injured when Israeli settlers attacked their vehicle on Road 60 near the evacuated settlement of Khomesh (Nablus).
- **24 November:** Two Israeli female settlers were injured by stones in Al Funduq village during confrontations with Palestinians after settlers attacked Palestinian houses and vehicles and vandalised their property (Qalqiliya).
- **25 November:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was shot dead and a 23-year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Tulkarm refugee camp when an IDF undercover unit opened fire at Palestinians inside a coffee shop in the camp (Tulkarm).
- **26 November:** Two Palestinians, a man aged 39 years and his wife aged 34 years, were injured in Tulkarm refugee camp by live ammunition during a search and arrest operation in the camp (Tulkarm).
- **26 November:** Ten Palestinian farmers were physically assaulted and injured by IDF soldiers and the Israeli Border Police while they were picking olives from Jabal Al Dik area in Beit Sahur City, which is located adjacent to Jabal Abu Ghneim area on which the settlement of Har Homa was built (Bethlehem).
- **27 November:** Three Palestinian boys (aged 12, 13 and 16 years) were injured in 'Azzun village by live ammunition during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in an IDF search and arrest operation (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **23 November:** Palestinians from Beit Sira, Beit Liqya, Beit 'Ur, Tira, Saffa, Bil'in and Kharbatha Al Misbah villages demonstrated on Road 443 northwest of Jerusalem in protest against the Barrier, the Israeli policy on settlements, and discrimination against Palestinians regarding the use of Road 443. The IDF erected road blocks to prevent the demonstrators from reaching the main road. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).
- **25 November:** IDF security measures were tightened at checkpoints around Jerusalem and Ramallah governorates due to an alleged security alert received by the IDF (Ramallah and Jerusalem).

2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²

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.

Gaza Strip:

- **24 November:** An 18-year-old male was injured by shrapnel while handling Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) in Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **24 November:** A mother of seven children from Nuseirat refugee camp died due to deterioration in her health condition after she was denied access through Erez to receive medical treatment at an Israeli hospital. According to the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR), the woman was suffering from colon cancer (Central Gaza).
- **26 November:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man died from wounds sustained while preparing an explosive device on 1 November in Jabaliya (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **21 November:** Approximately 300 members of the Handicapped Association demonstrated in front of UNSCO to protest the closure of the Gaza border crossings. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **21 November:** Approximately 40 members of the Palestinian Popular Committees demonstrated in front of UNSCO to protest the closure of the Gaza crossings. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **22 November:** Unknown gunmen set fire to the Youth Activities Centre in Deir El Balah. The motive behind the attack is unknown. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **22 November:** Two tunnels between Gaza and Egypt collapsed near Al Salam quarter in Rafah as a result of rain. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **22 November:** Approximately 200 adults in addition to 500 children from NGOs, the Palestinian Popular Committees, and "Against the Siege" initiative (a group of eight NGOs from Beit Hanun) demonstrated in front of UNSCO to protest the siege and the closure of the crossings. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **24 November:** Approximately 300 people organised a demonstration in Gaza City demanding that negotiators attending the Annapolis conference push for the right of return for all Palestinian refugees. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **24 November:** Unknown persons set fire to the Local Committee for Community Services Office (run by Fatah) in Al Maghazi Camp. The motive behind the attack is unknown. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **25 November:** 100 Palestinians organised a sit-in at the Unknown Soldier square to protest the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards by the Israeli authorities, including for Palestinians who returned to Gaza after being away for more than three years. The sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **26 November:** 100 members of the "Against the Siege" initiative demonstrated at the customs area near Erez crossing to protest the siege and closure of the crossings. At 1200 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **25 November:** A Palestinian man was injured in Nablus city when police opened fire at his vehicle when he did not stop for checking (Nablus).
- **27 November:** A 37-year-old Palestinian was killed and 19 persons were injured in Hebron City during confrontations between Palestinian demonstrators affiliated with the Islamic Liberation Party (*Hizb Al Tahreer*) and PA security forces when Palestinians held a demonstration in protest against Annapolis conference (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **24 November:** UNRWA employees held a half-day strike that began at 1000 hours in all offices, clinics and schools in the northern West Bank to demand an increase in salary.
- **24 November:** An estimated 1000 members of the Palestinian security forces in Hebron Governorate marched through the streets of the H1 area of Hebron City in a show of strength headed by the Governor (Hebron).
- **25 November:** A march took place in the H1 area of Hebron City to celebrate the Palestinian Independence Day and commemorate the death of the late Palestinian President Yasser Arafat (Hebron).
- **26 November:** Unknown persons kidnapped the head of 'Azzun 'Atma School for two hours (Qalqiliya).
- **27 November:** Palestinians affiliated with the Islamic Liberation Party (*Hizb Al Tahreer*) held demonstrations in Jenin, Nablus, Bethlehem, and Hebron cities. The PA security forces dispersed them by force since an order had been issued to prevent political factions from conducting demonstrations against the Annapolis conference in all

governorates. The order was issued following a call by *Al Tahreer* party on 26 November to hold demonstrations against the Annapolis conference (Jenin, Nablus, Hebron and Bethlehem).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **27 November:** Three Gaza police members (affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government) were injured when an IED exploded and destroyed a police vehicle travelling on Salah Ed-Din road in Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **21 November:** An IED exploded and destroyed a police vehicle parked outside a house in Jabaliya Camp. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **23 November:** 15,000 Hamas supporters participated in a rally on the main street of Khan Younis in protest against the Annapolis conference. People entered the nearby UNRWA school to observe the rally from the roof. The Gaza police intervened and forced the observers to leave the school premises. Speeches were delivered during the rally which ended peacefully (Khan Younis).
- **27 November:** Approximately 100,000 Hamas supporters from throughout the Gaza Strip participated in a demonstration in Gaza City. The demonstrators marched from Palestine Square to the PLC building in protest against the Annapolis conference. Several streets were closed in the city. At 1400 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **27 November:** Approximately 5,000 Hamas supporters participated in a demonstration in Deir El-Balah in protest against the Annapolis conference. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1820 hours (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **21 November:** One Palestinian student was injured upon being physically assaulted during a clash between Palestinians affiliated to Fatah and those affiliated with the PFLP in Bir Zeit University. The university's sessions were suspended until 26 November (Ramallah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **25 November:** A group of unknown persons kidnapped a Palestinian journalist and detained him for more than 12 hours while he was *en route* to his office in Bethlehem City (Bethlehem).
- **25 November:** Two unknown explosions were heard in Wadi Abu Kteila neighbourhood, located in the H1 area of Hebron City. Palestinian security forces rushed to the scene. Gun shots by the security forces were heard in the same area. No injuries or damage were reported (Hebron).

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
21 November	Al Khadr village, Bethlehem	10 m ³ cistern	-	0	8
24 November	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	-	8+	0	N/A
25 November	H2 area, Hebron	-	1 (school)	0	N/A
26 November	H2 area, Hebron	-	1 (water pipe)	0	N/A
26 November	Northwest of Beit Hanun, North Gaza	-	1 (house)	0	N/A
26 November	Gaza City, Gaza	-	1 (electricity transformer)	0	N/A
Total		1	12+	0	8+

- **21 November:** The IDF demolished a 10-m³ cistern in Area C of Al Khader village for lack of a building permit. The cistern was benefiting a family of eight people (Bethlehem).
- **24 November:** Israeli settlers attacked houses and parked vehicles in Al Funduq village, damaging windows and water pipes, slashing tyres, and vandalizing stone panels in two stone factories. Confrontation took place with Palestinians from the village (Qalqiliya).

- **25 November:** Israeli settlers from Beit Hadassa settlement in the H2 area of Hebron City vandalised the newly-renovated Qurtuba School located opposite the settlement. The garden was heavily damaged only 11 days after the successful completion of an ICRC renovation effort that benefited the school and its premises (Hebron). On **26 November**, the Israeli settlers damaged the water pipe leading to the Qurtuba School (Hebron).
- **26 November:** IDF tanks fired three shells targeting the area northwest of Beit Hanun near Salah El Din road. One shell hit a Palestinian house, which was subsequently surrounded by two IDF tanks and two bulldozers under the cover of heavy gunfire. The house was damaged but no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 November:** An IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting a mortar launching crew east of Gaza City, killing one Palestinian and hitting an electricity transformer that resulted in a power outage in the area (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **21 November:** Israeli settlers opened fire at a Palestinian bus near Beit Lid junction on Road 57 between Nablus and Tulkarm. The bus went off the road but no injuries or damage were reported.
- **21 November:** IDF soldiers issued seven house demolition orders in the town of Al Kahdr for the construction of the Barrier (Bethlehem).
- **21 November:** IDF soldiers issued demolition orders for four water cisterns in the town of Al Khadr. The orders gave the owners a period of four weeks to demolish the cisterns at their own expense (Bethlehem).
- **25 November:** IDF soldiers issued a demolition order for the mosque of Al Twani hamlet, located near the settlement of Ma'on south of the town of Yatta (Hebron).
- **25 November:** The IDF issued two house demolition orders in the hamlet of Imneizel, located close to the settlement of Mazadot Yehuda south of the town of Yatta (Hebron).
- **26 November:** The IDF issued five demolition orders for houses belonging to Palestinians from Um Al Khair/Al Faqir near Karmeil settlement due to the lack of building permits (Hebron).
- **During the reporting period:** The Bedouin family living south of Al-Jib, who had an eviction order expiring on 11 November, continues to reside in the same area due to the Israeli DCL's (civil administration) intervention regarding the need to find an alternative location for the family (Ramallah).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the top floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).
- **Early October to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the Abu Mayyala building located near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **23 November:** An explosive device was detonated close to Toffah police station in Gaza City. The explosion caused damage to the premises but no injuries were reported (Gaza).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Olive Harvest

- **22 November:** 150 small olive trees were cut down in Biddya (Salfit).
- **23 November:** IDF soldiers patrolling Wadi Al Quf area in the town of Beit Kahil prevented Palestinian farmers from collecting olives from their lands located in that area (Hebron).
- **26 November:** Ten Palestinian farmers were physically assaulted and injured by IDF soldiers and the Israeli Border Police while they were picking olives from Jabal Al Dik area in Beit Sahur City, which is located adjacent to Jabal Abu Ghneim on which the settlement of Har Homa was built (Bethlehem).

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

- **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:

- 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:
 - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has totally stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.
 - 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 stopped 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 of four “fabric of life” roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to closures and Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
 - Construction of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The road is in its final stage but work to complete it has been frozen temporarily due to budget constraints.
 - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya. Work to complete the road has been frozen temporarily due to budget constraints.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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 an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
 - 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 gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyat 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.
- **26 November to date:** Barrier construction was stopped between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages.
- 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 (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Al 'Eizariya without using the entrance lane near Al Za'ayim checkpoint. 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.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).
 - The Barrier contractor halted land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
 - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was suspended in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was suspended around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was halted during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, Elizar, and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings continued west of Tarqumiya checkpoint.
- Construction of new buildings continued in Karmil, Susyia, Kiryat Arb'a and Shani settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road – parallel to Road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Metar checkpoint – continued during the reporting period.

Gaza Strip:

- **21 November:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the IDF military camp in Kissufim into Gaza east of Al-Qarrara village in Khan Younis. The bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations and sporadic gunfire was reported. IDF tanks and bulldozers withdrew at 1730 hours (Khan Younis).
- **22 November:** The IDF entered the former Erez Industrial Zone and carried out a levelling and excavation operation (Gaza).
- **22-27 November:** Several IDF armoured vehicles, tanks, and bulldozers entered the area between the former Palestinian customs area at Erez crossing and the former Erez Industrial Zone. The IDF carried out levelling and excavation operations. The IDF operation is ongoing (North Gaza).
- **25-27 November:** Five armoured vehicles entered the Palestinian-controlled area of Karni crossing under the cover of gunfire. IDF soldiers conducted an excavation

- operation at the western fence of the crossing. The IDF operation is ongoing (Gaza).
- **27 November:** Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered Al Amour area east of Rafah. The bulldozers levelled and excavated agricultural land in the area (Rafah).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) *Incidents of curfews*

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
21 November	Hajja, Kafr Qaddum & Baqat al Hatab, Qalqiliya	24 hours
21 November	Marda, Salfit	2 hours
21 – 27 November	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	160 hours
Total Week		186 hours

21 November: The IDF imposed curfew on Hajja, Kafr Qaddum and Baqat al Hatab villages for 24 hours after Palestinian gunmen opened fire from a vehicle at an Israeli settler car, killing the driver, on 19 November.

21 November: The IDF imposed curfew on Marda village for two hours and closed the metal gate at the main entrance during a search and arrest operation (Salfit).

21-27 November: The IDF continues to impose curfew on Al Funduq after Palestinian gunmen opened fire from a vehicle at an Israeli settler car, killing the driver, on 19 November. On 26 November, the IDF lifted the curfew between 0800 until 1600 hours and then re-imposed it again.

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (north east of Beit Hanun 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*

21 November: All the schools in Hajja, Kafr Qaddum and Baqat al Hatab were closed due to curfew imposed on these villages by the IDF (Qalqiliya).

21, 22, 25 and 27 November: The school in Al Funduq was closed due to curfew imposed on the village by the IDF (Qalqiliya).

- **During the reporting period:** The IDF and 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 came 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. However, while the escort decision stipulates that the soldiers walk with the children, the soldiers usually stay in the jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF jeep (Hebron).

c) *Access to employment*

- **During the reporting period:** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel arrive at around 0300 hours in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their work places inside Israel on time. 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 start queuing at 0300 hours in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** 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:

25 November: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours due to a security alert and arrested one Palestinian for allegedly carrying an explosive device.

25 November: The IDF closed Tappuah checkpoint for two hours due to a security alert.

Ongoing incidents:

- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'n village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).

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:

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- 27 November: The IDF closed Qalqiliya partial checkpoint for vehicular movement, forcing Palestinian vehicles to take long detour routes to reach nearby villages.

21- 26 November: The IDF closed the main entrance of 'Azzun village with road blocks, preventing vehicular movement and forcing Palestinians to take a detour route to reach Qalqiliya City and the main road. On 26 November, The IDF opened the entrance.

21 November: The IDF closed the main entrances of Al Funduq, Izbat at Tabib, Kafr Laqif and Immatin with earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.

23 November: The IDF closed two entrances to Jinsafut with earth mounds.

27 November: The IDF closed the main entrance of 'Azzun village with concrete blocks after carrying out a search and arrest operation in the village (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- **20 November to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Kafr Sur.
- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun village with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the partial checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City.

Salfit Governorate:

25 November: The IDF opened the entrance of Kifl Haris (Salfit).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

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.

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 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.

- **26 April to date:** 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 through Hamara and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Jerusalem Governorate:

During the reporting period: Palestinians from Jaba' village were denied access to their fields near Geva Binyamin settlement due to a fence put up by settlers from Adam settlement.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open on 22 and 23 November and for a total of four and a half hours on 21, 26, and 27 November for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on two days (22 and 26 November) to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing continues to be closed since 28 October, following a Gol decision to close the crossing indefinitely. Although the Gol subsequently announced that the crossing will be re-opened on 25 November, the crossing continues to be closed. However, this week, shipments of lamb were exceptionally allowed entry into Gaza on 22 November. Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing since the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on six days this week (21, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27 November) for the import of commercial and humanitarian goods. Since the closure of Sufa on 28 October, Kerem Shalom is now effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be 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. 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 of Beit Hanun 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 (potatoes, watermelons and onions) are currently inaccessible due to regular IDF fire towards the area.

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Al Badhan village (1), Talluza (2), An Nasariya (1), As Sawiya (1), Beita (1)	6

Jenin	Arraba (2), Fahma (1), Qabatiya (1), Az Zababida (1), Al 'Araqa (3), Al Yamun (3)	11
Tubas	Al Faf'a village (1), Wadi al Far'a (1), Kashda (1)	3
Tulkarm	Beit Lid (2), Ramin (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Far'un (1), Kaf Sur (3), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1)	10
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (7), Kafr Thulth (3), Jayyus (2), 'Izbat at Tabib (4), Sanniriya (3), Jinsafut (1) Wadi Qana (5), An Nabi Elyas (4), Kafr Qadum (2)	31
Salfit	Yasuf (1), Iskaka (1), Bruqin (1), Salfit City (1), Marda (2), Kafr ad Dik (1)	7
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Fajjar (3), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Tequ' (1)	6
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), Sa'ir (2), Dura (3), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1), Beit Kahil (2), Kharas (1), Nuba (1)	18
Total West Bank		92

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 (5), Balata Camp (2), Camp # 1 (2), 'Askar Camp (1), Zawata (2), 'Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP	13	18
Jenin	Jenin City (3), Jenin Camp (3), Raba (1), Qabatiya (1), Siris (2), Rummana (1), Kafr Dan (1)	12	2
Tubas	Tubas City (1), El Far'a Camp (1), Al Far'a village (1)	3	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), Beit Lid (1), Tulkarm Camp (2), Shuweika (1)	6	6
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (7), Qalqiliya City (7), Al Funduq (7), Jit (1), Hajja (4) Jayyus (3), Baqit al Hatab (3), Habla (1) Kafr Qaddum (5), Immatin (1), Jinsafut (1)	40	25
Salfit	Marda (2), Kafr ad Dik (2), Salfit City (1)	5	0
Ramallah	Deir Dibwan (1), Al Ama'ri RC (1), Bil'in (1), Ramallah (3), Al Mazr'a al Qibliya (1)	7	27
Jericho	Jericho City (1)	1	1
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	4	4
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), H2 Area of Hebron City (2) Dura (2), Yatta (2), Taffuh (1), Al 'Arrub RC (2)	13	7
Total Week West Bank		104	90
Gaza Strip			
Rafah	Al Amour area (1)	1	6
Total Gaza Strip		1	6
Total oPt		105	96

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 (3, 5), 'Azmot (1, 1), 'Asirs ash Shamaliya (1, 1), Zawata (1, 1), Sabastiya (2, 3)	8	11
Jenin	Qabatiya (2, 2)	2	2
Tubas	Tubas (1, 1), 'Aqaba (1, 1)	2	2
Tulkarm	Kafr al Labad (1, 2)	1	2
Qalqiliya	Immatin (1, 1)	1	1
Jericho	Aqbat Jaber RC (1, 3)	1	3
Bethlehem ¹	Artas (0, 4), Beit Fajjar (0, 1)	0	5
Hebron ¹	H1 area of Hebron City (3, 2)	3	2
Total Week West Bank		18	28
Gaza Strip			
-	-	0	0
Total Gaza Strip		0	0
Total oPt		18	28

¹ Arrest operations against members of Hamas by Palestinian security forces have continued in both the Bethlehem and Hebron governorates.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 21 – 27 November 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green line CP)	Operating 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.
Kafriat	Operating 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.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
Jubara	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Operating 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.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)	Operating 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.
Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP	South of Habla village, control access to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
Ras 'atiya	Barrier Checkpoint
'Azzun Atme	Barrier Checkpoint
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem On Road 5.	Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Operating from 0500 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.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Operating from 0500 to 2100 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.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Operating from 06:30 to 19:30 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint.	One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Operating 05:00-2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Tappouah South, main road to Ramallah	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages	As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases. Between 29 October to date: The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village (Nablus) with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing all access

	through the checkpoint including to ambulances with emergency cases.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP	Controls access to the northern areas from and to Road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	Is a crossing for workers into Israel. Operating between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Reikhan/ Barta'a <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Operating 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.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating 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. 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 Operating 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 during the evening hours.
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.
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. On 25 November, Palestinians experienced long delays of up to two hours.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually Open. Was in operation on 23 November and 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	Operating 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	Operating 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.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating daily for 24 hours/day. No permits required for Jericho residents, holders of 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. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint.
Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day 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 to pass 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 Became Permanent as of: 1 July 2007	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. As of 31 October 2007, the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Operating 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.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	Operating 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. On 25 November, the checkpoint was totally blocked.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Operating 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). On 25 November, the checkpoint was closed for five hours.
Az Za'ayyem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Operating 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>	Operating 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.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Operating for Israelis. Palestinians with East 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>	Operating for Israelis, Palestinians with East 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.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with East Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to pass. 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>	Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. Delays were reported during the reporting period.
Az Zaytoun (olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 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. On 25 November, the checkpoint was totally closed.
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' <i>Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Daily delays of up to 30 minutes were reported by Palestinians entering Ramallah. Delays of up to 30 minutes were experienced on a daily basis.
Atarot junction- <i>(At the roundabout leading to bypass Road 45)</i>	This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned by the Border Police. Checks for vehicles coming towards Qalandiya/Beit Hanina.
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 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. 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 reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
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 2007, 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 Yallow/Ai Walaja <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 are also allowed to cross.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 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.
Mizpe Shalem – Efrata Settlers' CP	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 roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.

<i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs.
Mitzpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 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 Frontier/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. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were allowed free access. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint. During the reporting period, long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal.
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. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work stations inside Israel through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</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. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 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 the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector. On 18 November, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed the access of a Palestinian man with a potable oxygen tank for more than two hours.
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.
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 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 <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 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 to pass at a time, 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. On 13 November, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed an MSF jeep from exiting the H2 area for more than 45 minutes.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325. Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007.
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/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	<p>Erez was open on 22 and 23 November and for a total of four and a half hours on 21, 26, and 27 November for the movement of Palestinian traders as well as diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 November: Erez was open only for entry into Gaza between 1100 and 1130 hours; at all other times, it was closed. • 22 November: Erez was open. • 23 November: Erez was open for internationals and Palestinians with special coordination arrangements. • 24 and 25 November: Erez was closed but a few extreme medical cases and international journalists were allowed passage on an exceptional basis. • 26 November: Erez was open from 0900 until 1100 hours. • 27 November: Erez was open from 0900 until 1100 hours. <p>The number of Palestinian patients and BMC card holders who crossed Erez this week is currently unavailable.</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green line CP)	An Israeli private company has the responsibility for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
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 1300 hours and closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to pass through the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system).
Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
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.
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, Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the IDF Border Police and a container x-ray machine has been installed. During the reporting period, however, long delays of commercial trucks were reported. ^a
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on two days this week (22 and 26 November) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained generally closed for all other imports and all exports.
Sufa	Sufa crossing continues to be closed since 28 October. This week, shipments of lamb were exceptionally allowed entry into Gaza on 22 November.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on six days this week (21, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27 November) for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 24 November, it was closed for the weekend.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 23 November, 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 Organisation (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.