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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

4 – 10 October 2006

Of note this week

- Nine Palestinians were killed throughout the week. 21 Palestinians, two Israelis and two internationals were injured.
- PA employees, including teachers and health care workers, continued a general open ended strike in protest against the non-payment of their monthly salaries since March 2006. The strike is being imposed more comprehensively in the West Bank than in the Gaza Strip.
- The strike continues to affect the health sector; the majority of hospitals in the West Bank have stopped most of their medical interventions.

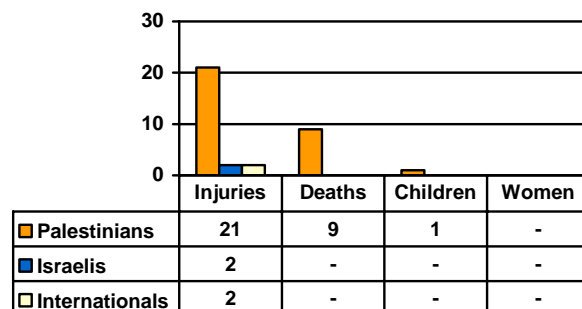
In the Gaza Strip:

- IDF soldiers conducted nine operations into various locations in the Gaza Strip. IDF soldiers remain present inside the Gaza Strip around the airport, east of Rafah.
- At least six homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from inside the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel. This week, more than 35 artillery shells were fired by the IDF, mainly into northern Gaza. The IAF conducted 5 air strikes – in one incident a Palestinian house was attacked after receiving such a call.
- Palestinian on Palestinian violence continued in the Gaza Strip leaving five Palestinians dead and 33 injured.
- Shortages of electricity in the Gaza Strip following the IAF bombing the electricity plant in the Gaza has affected services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps. Electricity continues to enter the Gaza Strip from Israel and has been rationed. On 4 October, two transformers were allowed through Kerem Shalom crossing into the Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank:

- Four unknown masked gunmen hijacked a vehicle rented by an Italian NGO (COOPI) in Deir Al Ghusun village (Tulkarm) after they forced the staff out of the vehicle.
- 134 flying checkpoints were reported by OCHA field staff. 149 IDF search and arrest campaigns were conducted by the IDF. 94 Palestinians were arrested.
- Israeli settlers entered An Nabi Younis Mosque in Halhul (Hebron), where they performed prayers and rituals under protection of IDF soldiers. The IDF denied Palestinians access to the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron. The mosque was open only for Jews celebrating Sukkot.
- Israeli Border Police at the Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem) used sound bombs and tear gas to control Palestinians going to East Jerusalem to attend Friday Prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque.
- A general strike was announced in Ramallah and Jericho in protest against the internal fighting between Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip one week ago.
- **6 – 10 October:** The IDF imposed a general closure and restricted Palestinian access to Jerusalem coinciding with the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.

1. Physical Protection¹



¹ Note that this excludes Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence.

Gaza Strip:

- **3 October:** Five Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting two vehicles near the entrance of Beit Hanoun. (Not reported last week)
- **4 October:** Two Palestinians, aged 27 and 34 years, were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting their car in Khan Younis.
- **5 October:** A 21 year-old Palestinian was killed by IDF troops near the border fence in Khan Younis.
- **9 October:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and three other Palestinians were injured when a missile fired by IDF impacted near the main Beit Hanoun entrance.
- **9 October:** A 50 year-old mentally challenged Palestinian man was injured when IDF opened fire in his direction, north of Beit Lahia.
- **9 October:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured when IDF troops at the border fence east of Deir El Balah opened fired in the direction of a landfill where he worked.
- **9 October:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket towards them northwest of Beit Lahia.
- **10 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was killed when the IDF opened fired in the direction of a group of Palestinians breaking into a building at the Gaza international airport, Rafah.

West Bank:

- **4 October:** A 29-year old Palestinian man from Tarqumiya (Hebron) was killed when Israeli Border Police opened fire at him in Jaffa, Israel.
- **4 October:** A 45-year old Palestinian woman from the Abu Sneinah H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured when Israeli soldiers beat her while searching her house.
- **5 October:** A 73 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Qabatiya (Jenin) by shrapnel when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **6 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition, close to the Barrier at Qaffin (Tulkarm) when the IDF opened fire at the him.
- **6 October:** During a search and arrest campaign in Bil'in (Ramallah), the IDF fired live bullets, tear gas and sound bombs, injuring one Palestinian man.
- **8 October:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead, and two Palestinian men, aged 25 and 29 years, were injured by live ammunition in Balata camp (Nablus) when an exchange of fire erupted between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen during an arrest operation.
- **8 October:** A 27 year-old Palestinian man from Balata camp was shot dead near Tell village (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire at his vehicle on a dirt road near Road 60.
- **8 October:** Two internationals, aged 25 and 30 years, and two Israeli activists, aged 34 and 35 years, were injured when Israeli Police beat them near the village of Al Khader (Bethlehem) while protesting the construction of the Barrier.
- **9 October:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man from Tell was shot dead at Huwwara check point (Nablus). According to the IDF he tried to stab a soldier.
- **9 October:** A 54 year-old Palestinian woman was injured in Al Yamun (Jenin) by shrapnel when IDF fired a sound grenade while searching her house.
- **10 October:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at him as he tried to escape during an arrest operation. The man was later arrested.
- **10 October:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Deir Abu Daif (Jenin) by live ammunition when IDF opened fire at him as he tried to escape during an arrest operation. The man was later arrested.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents

[Casualties recorded here relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving unexploded ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not reported in the total in Section 1.]

Gaza Strip:

- **4 October:** Two Palestinian men were injured during an armed clash between Executive Support Force (ESF) and a group of armed men who attacked the office of Jawwal Company in Jabalia camp.
- **4 October:** A Palestinian man was injured when armed masked men opened fire at a car carrying PLC members in Gaza City.

- **5 October:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah in Rafah on 3 October.
- **5 October:** Four Palestinians were injured when an armed masked man threw a homemade bomb at a group of Hamas ESF officers in Tel Sultan in Rafah.
- **5 October:** One ESF officer was injured when unknown armed masked men opened fire at him in Beit Lahia.
- **5 October:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by a group armed masked men.
- **5 October:** A 26 year-old Fatah member was killed when a group of armed masked men opened fire at him in the Junena quarter in Rafah.
- **7 October:** A 42 year-old Palestinian man was stabbed to death in the former Gush Qatif settlement bloc west of Khan Younis. Another 60 year-old man was found badly injured.
- **7 October:** A Fatah militant was kidnapped and then shot and injured by ESF in Beit Lahia. As a result, armed clashes erupted between ESF and Fatah member, leading to four more injuries.
- **8 October:** Five Palestinians were injured in an armed family feud in Khan Younis.
- **9 October:** Two Palestinian men were injured during an armed family feud in Al Nusairat refugee camp.
- **9 October:** A 29 year-old Presidential Guards officer died of his wounds sustained during armed clashes between the PA security forces and Hamas gunmen on 1 October.
- **9 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian militant was killed while handling a bomb west of Rafah.
- **10 October:** One Palestinian was injured during an armed family feud in Khan Younis.
- **10 October:** 8 Palestinians were injured during an armed family feud in Deir El Balah.
- **10 October:** 7 Palestinians were injured in an armed family feud in Khan Younis.

West Bank:

- **4 October:** A 37 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead in Habla (Qalqiliya) when masked men opened fire at the man while he was going to the mosque.

Other incidents:

- **6 October:** A 35 year-old Palestinian was killed when a tunnel between Rafah and Egypt collapsed.
- **8 October:** A group of armed men destroyed an Internet cafe in Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip) with explosives.
- **10 October:** A 36 year-old man was kidnapped by a group of armed men near Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). The kidnappers contacted his family and requested a ransom of USD 60,000 to secure his release. However, he was released unharmed some hours later.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
9 October	Khan Younis	1	N/A	N/A
Total		1	N/A	N/A

- **9 October:** An uninhabited house was demolished when it was hit by an IAF aircraft missile in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June, the IDF have been levelling land north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus), to install a fence around the settlement.
- Since 8 June, the IDF have been installing a fence at the northern side of Shave Shomeron settlement.

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

- Since 17 September, the IDF have been levelling land and installing a road barrier north of Road 505, east of Zaatara checkpoint

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages.
 - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is completed between the Beit Sira village and Makkabim settlement. A short section (400 metres) between the village and Beit Nuba is still under construction where a gate is being installed.
 - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court that approved a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction of the Barrier resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud, and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
 - Barrier construction has resumed in Deir Qaddis between the village and Modi'in Ilit settlement. The construction was stopped for almost 1 ½ years due to technical problems related to the building contractors.
 - The IDF continues with the construction of the Barrier near Umm Safa, parallel to bypass Road 465, to create a buffer zone around the settlement of Ateret. The land was earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Work continues all along the projected route of the Barrier in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar, but has been stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
 - Barrier construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. Slabs of the concrete wall have been set up on the main road completely obstructing access unless the narrow streets of the residential neighbourhood are used.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to

Jerusalem, now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.

- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 or East 1 (an area north of Ma'ale Adumim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank) is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is being planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 by encircling east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Land levelling continued for the construction of the Barrier in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem).
 - Land levelling continued for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far and a telecommunication tower was added during the reporting period.
- Construction continued of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging continued for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village. This week new land levelling took place along the southern side of Road 60 leading to the western villages of the Governorate.
- Land levelling continued for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier continued in the vicinity of the Tarqumiya checkpoint and the section of the barrier west of Ashkalot settlement.
- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving continued during the reporting period while new structures were installed.
- Construction is ongoing at the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. New structures were installed. Electrical posts were added.

Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

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

a) Curfew

No incidents to report.

b) Access to education

During the reporting period: Employees of PA ministries, including teachers and health care workers, continued an open-ended strike in protest against the non-payment of their monthly salaries since March 2006. The strike started on 2 September and the only group of employees to have temporarily lifted the strike are teachers in the Gaza Strip, after an agreement was reached suspending the strike. A partial strike continued in Bethlehem and Hebron governorates.

c) Access to employment

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

All Palestinians need to apply directly to the Israeli authorities to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for eligibility for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years old, married with children and with no security file. To apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone, a person should be above 21 years old, and married with children.

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

6 - 10 October: Palestinian workers from the West Bank holding valid work permits were denied access to their work places inside Israel as a general external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territories due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Palestinians with valid agricultural work permits were allowed to enter, as well as Palestinian worshippers visiting Al Aqsa Mosque.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Gaza Strip:

The external closure of the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed to access Israel since 12 March.

West Bank:

4 October to date: The IDF reinforced the age restriction on Palestinian males from Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm aged 16 – 30 heading south through Zaatara checkpoint.

6 October: The IDF created a series of five closures on a road connecting the village of Al Burj (Hebron) to thousands of dunums of agricultural land belonging to the village.

6 – 10 October: The IDF imposed a general closure and restricted Palestinian access to Jerusalem due to the week-long Jewish holiday of Sukkot.

10 October: The Israelis held the annual 'Jerusalem March' of the Sukkot holiday, with several main roads in Jerusalem closed.

Nablus Governorate:

4 October to date: The IDF put back the age restriction on Palestinian males from Nablus city aged 16 – 25 at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints. Previously, the age restrictions had been lifted.

9 October: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for 40 minutes and prevented access of all Palestinians after the killing of a Palestinian by the IDF at the checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Qaryut village with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point with a road block. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut), from their source of water.
- The IDF continues to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.
- The IDF has closed Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates for 27 consecutive weeks.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with less than a two tonnes freightload) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF closed the exit from the Kafriat checkpoint leading to the road into Tulkarm, for construction. Residents of Jbarah now have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya and prevented farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan industrial area and Road 5 with three earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from northern West Bank towards south.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

5 and 7 October: The partial checkpoint at An Nabi Salih was activated and severe delays were reported between 1:30pm and 5pm causing delays for Palestinians trying to reach home for iftar.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by road blocks and was reinforced with additional concrete blocks.
- During the reporting period, Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance of the Palestinian village Khamat Nu'man continued to deny the access of the essential services (such as dump trucks and gas trucks) to the village. This happened despite prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.

Hebron Governorate:

4 - 10 October: During the reporting period, a sharp increase in the number of soldiers in the H2 section of the city of Hebron was observed due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. An increased IDF activity in the Old City of Hebron (including house searches, house occupation and on-foot patrols coupled with an increase of stop-and-search campaign especially during the Muslim evening prayers of al taraweeh) was observed.

8 and 9 October: The IDF denied Muslim worshippers access to the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron. Both sections of the mosque were kept open only for Jewish worshippers celebrating the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

7 October: The IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint for several hours preventing Palestinian access.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open all week for imports and some exports.
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for three of seven days.

- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis). Partly closed for two days due to construction work and for security reasons.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for the import of fuel supplies for five of seven days.
- Sufa crossing was open on five of seven days for the import of construction materials. Sufa was open for one day for imports of humanitarian goods.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on five out of the seven days for the import of humanitarian aid supplies.
- Gaza fishermen continued to be prevented from accessing the sea since 25 June.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (approximately one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep at a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.
- The IDF declared parts of the northern Gaza Strip a “no-go” or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December 2005. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians. As a result of IDF artillery shelling, more than half the families in the area have relocated to surrounding localities outside the buffer zone. Entry into the area is only possible with prior coordination from the IDF.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bar El (7), Bizzariya (1)	8
Jenin	Sanur (2), 'Arraba (3), Az Zababida (4), Al Kufeir (2), Qabatiya (2), Kafr Rai (1), Kafr Qud (1), Ash Shuhada (1), Fahma (1), Bir al Basha (1), Al Hashimiya (1), Birqin (1), Anza (1), Yabad (1)	22
Tubas	Tammun (2), El Fará camp (2),	4
Tulkarm	Balá (1)	1
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun tunnel (2), Ázzun (2), Wadi Qana (5), An Nabi Elyas (7), Izbat at Tabib (3), Ras Átiya (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Jinsafut (2), Habla tunnel (1), Al Funduq (3), Kafr Laqif (2)	36
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Marda (2), Haris(1)	4
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho	-	-
Jordan Valley	-	-
Jerusalem	-	-
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refugee camp (1), Al Khadr (4), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (2), Batir (1), Husan (1)	26
Hebron	Yatta (4), Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1 (4), Halhul (4), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (1), Somerah (2), Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (1), Hebron City – H2 (5)	33
Total West Bank		134

6. Additional Protection Issues

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (7), Balata RC (6), Camp No.1 (1), Askar RC (1), Beita (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Jamma'in (1), Salim (2) Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP	20	27
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (3), Silat al Harithiya (1), Kafr Ra'i (1), Al Yamun (2), Deir Abu Daif (1), Qabatiya (2), Fahma (1), Salem CP, Flying CP Ya'bad	15	6
Tubas	Tubas (3), El Fará RC (3), Al Aqaba (1)	7	4
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (5), Tulkarm RC (2), Nur Shams RC (3), Illar (2), Farún (1), Seida (1), Qaffin (2), Deir al Ghusun (1), Attil (2), Shuweika (1), Dhinnaba (1), flying CP Nur Shams RC	20	20
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (4), 'Azzun (4), Kafr Qaddum (2), Habla (1), Kafr Thulth (2)	13	5
Salfit	Salfit city (1), Farkha (1), Deir Ballut (1), Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (1), Haris (2), Kafr ad Dik (2)	9	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2), Al Jalazun Camp (1), Bil'in	3	7
Jericho Jordan Valley	Tubas (2)	2	2
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (2), Al Eizariyya (1)	2	3
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (1), Za'atara (3), Bethlehem (2), Ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2), Ad Doha (2), Batir (2), Husan (2), Al Fureidis (1)	31	7
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Idhna (2), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (2), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (1), Surif (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1)	27	11
Total Week West Bank		149	94
Gaza Strip		-	-
Total Week oPt		149	94

- **5 October:** Israeli settlers went into An Nabi Younis Mosque, Halhul (Hebron) where they performed prayers and rituals under the protection of IDF soldiers.
- **6 October:** Israeli Border Police at the Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem) used sound bombs and tear gas to control a crowd of Palestinian worshippers trying to cross into East Jerusalem to attend Friday Prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque. The crowd was stopped by Israeli Border Police, IDF soldiers and undercover units present at the checkpoint. Some men and women were beaten by Israeli security forces. The security forces also attempted to prevent the press from taking pictures of the situation. Women were eventually allowed through the checkpoint without an ID check, while men were checked for IDs and permits.
- **6 October:** Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle in Hizma (Jerusalem). No injuries were reported.
- **6 October:** Thirty Palestinians were detained by IDF in Al Fokhari area, east of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). On 7 October they were all released.
- **6 October:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli vehicle northwest of Ramallah city. (Ramallah).
- **8 October:** Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle in Jaba' (Ramallah). No injuries were reported.
- **8 October:** Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles in Abud (Ramallah). No injuries were reported.
- **8 October:** An IDF coast guard vessel opened fire at a group of Palestinian fishing boats west of Nuseirat camp (Gaza Strip). No injuries were reported.
- **8 October:** Four unknown masked gunmen hijacked a vehicle rented by an Italian NGO (COOPI) in Deir Al Ghusun village (Tulkarm) after forcing the staff out of the vehicle. The vehicle was found 20 minutes later inside an olive tree orchard. No damage or theft was reported.

- **8 October:** A general strike was announced in Ramallah and Jericho, marking that it is was one week since heavy internal fighting took place between Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip.
- **8 - 9 October:** The IDF denied the access of Palestinian worshippers to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 section of Hebron (Hebron). Both sections of the mosque were kept open only for Jewish worshippers celebrating the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
- **9 October:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli vehicle in Shuqba (Ramallah). No injuries were reported.
- **10 October:** Two anti-tank rockets were fired towards at IDF troops northeast of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). No injuries were reported.
- During the reporting period IDF soldiers manning Al Kasaba checkpoint have delayed Palestinian worshippers trying to access the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 section of Hebron (Hebron). Moreover, extensive IDF activities in the H2 section of the city has been reported including house searches and house occupation in addition to ID checks and frequent flying checkpoints due to Jewish holidays.
- Gaza Strip essential services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps - continue to operate at a reduced capacity. Electricity continues to enter Gaza from Israel and has been rationed.

7. Olive Harvest

- **Nablus:** Palestinian farmers from Burin village started to pick olives near the Yitzhar settlement.
 - **10 October:** Seven dunums olive trees were burnt in Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (Nablus), allegedly by settlers from Eli settlement. 20 olive trees were completely burnt, and several other trees were partially burnt.
- **Qalqiliya:** The IDF began to operate a few gates for olive picking in Qalqiliya district on 4 October. No major problems reported.
- **Salfit:** In Salfit, some Palestinian villagers started to pick olives in the western areas.
- **Tulkarm:** Some Palestinians started to pick olives in non-Barrier areas.
- **Jenin:** The olive harvest started on 9 October in most of the villages affected by the Barrier. The villagers of Faqu'a and Arabbuna face problems receiving permits.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 4 – 10 October 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5.30am to 12 am on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
Efrayim	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. On 6 to 10 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Sukkot).
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 May, the IDF closed the part leading to the road into Tulkarm so residents of Jubara have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	Check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. On 31 July to date, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for UN organizations critical medical conditions. On 6 to 10 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Sukkot).
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. On 6 to 10 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Sukkot).
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organizations and Palestinians with permits. On 6 to 10 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Sukkot).
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organizations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Males between 16 and 25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 6am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.

Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open from 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organisations, ambulances and Palestinian from the villages of "Burqa, Sabastiya, Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid and Talluza". Taxis and Palestinian private vehicles are not allowed through unless the driver is in possession of a special permit. Long delays and queues are reported.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination. On 6 to 10 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Sukkot).
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for Israeli ID card holders and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed access regardless having a permit to enter Israel and/or working with International organizations.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening peak travelling times
Bet El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint will be in operation from 6 am to 8pm. Access in vehicles reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to 20 minutes. Some delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	The checkpoint was manned. Severe delays were reported on 5 and 7 October.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	

Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, with exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February all West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross including staff of international organisations.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. Entrance into the West Bank area through this checkpoint now involves a Police check.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak traveling times, commuters report delays of up to 30 minutes.
Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 August, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. Palestinian teachers, student and staff of health are permitted through without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. The checkpoint has been moved to the junction south of the old location. Long delays have been reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are

	<p>allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. From 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were being given access to Israel through this checkpoint. However, in the period between 6 October and 10 October, Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territories. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to reach their work places. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. On 29 September, Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint allowed the entry of Muslims to East Jerusalem to go to Al Aqsa Mosque without any permits or age restrictions. However, by 11am the Border Police started asking for permits and denied the entry of many Muslim worshippers. On 6 October, Israeli Border Police, Israeli Police and undercover units manning the checkpoint used sound bombs and tear gas to delay the entry of Muslims to East Jerusalem to go to Al Aqsa Mosque. Physical abuse of worshippers was reported. Women were eventually allowed through with no ID check, while men were checked for both ID and permits.</p>
<p>Khallet an Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .</p>	<p>Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village are allowed through. Essential services (garbage collection and vegetable trucks) are not allowed into the village. Members of the extended family are not allowed to visit. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. During the reporting period, harassment of Palestinians trying to enter and exit the checkpoint continued.</p>
<p>Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</p>	<p>Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through. In the period between 6 and 10 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.</p>
<p>Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala</p>	<p>Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.</p>
<p>Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo</p>	<p>Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Since 3 February, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. UN staff are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm.</p>
<p>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement</p>	<p>Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.</p>
<p>Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn</p>	<p>Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.</p>
<p>Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</p>	<p>Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.</p>
<p>Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line</p>	<p>Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. In the period between 6 and 10 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.</p>
<p>Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.</p>	<p>Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.</p>
<p>Hebron :</p>	
<p>Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</p>	<p>Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. During the reporting period, Palestinian plated cars were allowed to go through the checkpoint. No clear opening and closing hours for the gate. On 10 October the checkpoint denied access to Palestinians between 7am and 12pm.</p>
<p>Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron</p>	<p>Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5 am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Family</p>

on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted. Such visits were denied between 25 June and 6 August. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through. Also, as of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were allowed to cross. 22 – 25 September Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory. In the period between In the period between 6 and 10 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. In the period between 6 and 10 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were formed as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organizations into the Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.

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Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint; Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases. 9 October: Erez crossing was closed from 10am to 12pm for construction work. 10 October: Erez crossing closed from 9.45am-10.30am for security reasons.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	4 October: Rafah terminal was open both ways at 8am and closed at 3.30pm. 863 departures and 950 arrivals were reported. 5 October: Rafah terminal was open both ways. 1,004 departures and 380 arrivals. 6 - 8 October: Rafah was closed. 9 October: Rafah was open both ways; 1,634 departures and 787 arrivals were reported. 10 October: Rafah was closed.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9 am to 6:30 pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 35 are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays. On 1 and 2 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff is allowed through with prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	4 and 8 – 10 October: Sufa was open for construction materials only. 5 October: Sufa was open for construction materials and humanitarian goods. 6 October: Sufa was closed.
Karni	Karni Crossing was open all week for imports and some exports.
Kerem Shalom	Open all week except 6 and 7 October.
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	Open all week except 4 and 5 October.

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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.