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## Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

### 23 – 29 August 2006

#### Of note this week

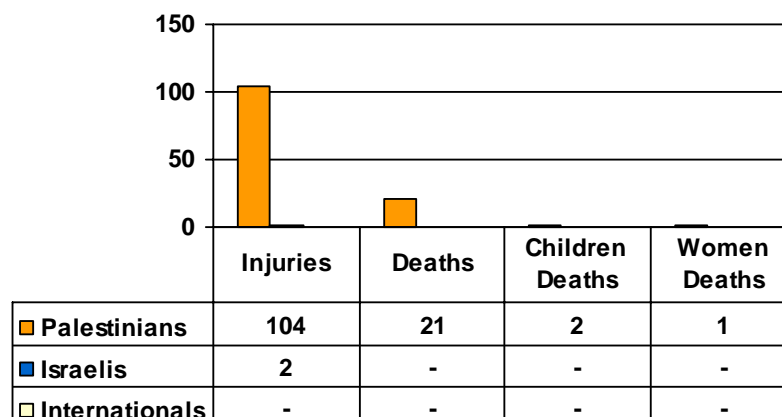
##### **In the Gaza Strip:**

- More than 15 IDF tanks and bulldozers, backed up by two IAF helicopters, entered approximately 800 metres into the Al Ahija'ia neighbourhood of Gaza City near Karni crossing. Eight Palestinians have been killed and 24 injured to date during the incursion. Palestinian homes have been used as observation posts by IDF snipers. At the end of the reporting period the IDF remained in the area.
- At least 12 homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from inside the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel, mainly into Sederot and Western Negev. Three anti-tank missiles were also fired at the IDF from inside the Gaza Strip.
- The IDF continued to fire artillery shells into the Gaza Strip (the exact number is currently unavailable from the Palestinian DCO). The IAF conducted at least 13 air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip targeting houses and open areas.
- A shelter in an UNRWA school that had opened for Palestinians who fled IDF shelling in the southern area of As Shoka and Al Tanour Quarters was closed. UNRWA is processing relocation allowances for the families who sought shelter there.
- Palestinian families in the Gaza Strip continue to receive calls from people identifying themselves as the IDF and warned to immediately evacuate their houses before the IAF launches air strikes. This week, three Palestinian homes were attacked after receiving such calls.
- The IAF air strike on the Gaza power plant continues to have a negative impact on the entire Gazan population who are still receiving an average of between six and eight hours of electricity per day. Most families living in urban areas receive two to three hours of water per day.
- The two Fox News journalists kidnapped on 14 August were released unharmed after 13 days in captivity (27 August). The pair had been held by a previously unknown group of Palestinian militants calling themselves the Holy Jihad Brigades who had demanded the release of all Muslim prisoners in the US in exchange for the two internationals.

##### **In the West Bank:**

- The Israeli Border Police prevented all West Bank ID card holders from entering the Old City for Friday prayers except those with valid permits. Age restrictions on Jerusalemites, however, were not enforced and all males with Jerusalem ID cards were able to enter the Old City to pray.
- The Government Employees Union called a general nationwide strike beginning 2 September for all PA employees throughout the oPt in protest of not receiving salaries for six months.

#### 1. Physical Protection



**Gaza Strip:**

- **23 August:** A 20 year-old Palestinian militant was killed and two militants were injured in armed clashes with IDF troops near the border fence east of Al Qarara, Khan Younis.
- **23 August:** An IDF tank stationed in the Gaza airport fired around 30 artillery shells at open areas in As Shoka southeast of Rafah. No injuries were reported.
- **24 August:** An 11 year-old Palestinian boy was injured when IDF soldiers opened fire in the direction of Al Bureij camp.
- **24 August:** A 52 year-old Palestinian was killed and two militants were injured in armed clashes with IDF troops in the village of Abbasan, Khan Younis.
- **25 August:** Ten Palestinians were injured in an IAF air strike on a house east of Beit Lahia.
- **25 August:** Four Palestinians were injured in an IAF air strike on a house in Gaza City.
- **27 August:** One Palestinian fisherman was injured when the IDF Coast Guard opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Beach Camp in Gaza City.
- **26 August:** Two Palestinian journalists working for Reuters news agency were injured when their car was hit by an IAF missile in Gaza City. The vehicle was reported to have been clearly marked with signs indicating that they were media.
- **26 August:** Two Palestinian militants, aged 24 and 25 years were killed, and seven others injured in armed clashes with IDF soldiers in Al shija'ia, Gaza City.
- **27 August:** A 24 year-old Palestinian was killed and two others injured in armed clashes with IDF soldiers in Al Shija'ia area, Gaza City.
- **28 August:** A 57 year-old Palestinian was shot dead by IDF snipers in the Al shija'ia area of Gaza City.
- **28 August:** A 21 year-old Palestinian was killed when the IDF opened fire in the direction of Palestinian houses in the area of As Shoka, southeast Rafah.
- **28 August:** Four members of the Executive Support Forces, two aged 20 and two aged 22 years, were killed in an IAF air strike on their base area of Al Shija'ia in Gaza City.
- **29 August:** Seven Palestinians were injured in an IAF air strike on a group of people gathered east of Shejayeh neighbourhood, Gaza City.
- **29 August:** A 24 year-old reportedly intellectually-disabled man was killed when the IDF fired five artillery shells at open areas around the Bedouin village north of Beit Lahia.
- **29 August:** A 60 year-old Palestinian woman died of injuries sustained in an IAF air strike in Gaza City on 9 July.
- **29 August:** Three Palestinians, aged 14, 19 and 25 years, were killed, and seven others were injured in an IAF air strike on a group of people in Al Shija'ia area, Gaza City.

**West Bank:**

- **23 August:** A 40 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Jenin camp (Jenin) when an IDF undercover unit opened fire at him.
- **23 August:** Two Palestinian minors, aged 15 and 16 years, from the H1 section of Hebron city were injured while riding their bicycles when an Israeli settler tried to run them over in his car near the Israeli settlement of Beit Haggay (Hebron).
- **23 August:** Israeli settlers from Tel Rumeida and Kiryat Arba settlements stoned Palestinian homes and pedestrians in H2 of Hebron city (Hebron). No injuries were reported.
- **24 August:** A 21 year-old Palestinian male from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron), was injured after being beaten by IDF soldiers near his house in the Al Sahla area.
- **25 August:** A 56 year-old Palestinian man and his 13 year-old daughter from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) were injured after being physically assaulted by IDF soldiers near their house in Tel Rumeida area (Hebron).
- **25 August:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured in Ya'bad (Jenin) during a search and arrest campaign. The man, as well as four other Palestinians, were arrested.
- **25 August:** Twelve Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, international and Israeli activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in. Many cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported as well as two Palestinians were detained.
- **26 August:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy from new Áskar camp was shot dead, and 20 Palestinian males (15 under the age of 18 years) were injured in Nablus City (Nablus) when the IDF surrounded a house during a military operation. Confrontations with the IDF took place throughout the day. Another sixteen Palestinians were injured; 11 were injured by live ammunition, aged 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 (2), 17, 18, 24, 27 and 80 years; two 18 year olds were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets; and three were physically assaulted by the IDF, two aged 19 and one of 21.

- **26 August:** A 12 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by live ammunition in Beit Furik (Nablus) when an Israeli settler from Itamar settlement opened fire at Palestinian children playing in a yard close to the home of the injured boy.
- **27 August:** A 64 year-old Palestinian man from Jenin camp was shot dead at a construction site near Birqin village (Jenin). The man was working as a security guard at the site when IDF opened fire at him after he had turned on a flash light.
- **28 August:** An undercover IDF unit entered downtown Ramallah and killed a 26 year-old Palestinian male. According to the IDF, the man was a member of Al Aqsa Martyr Brigade.
- **28 August:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Qabatiya (Jenin) by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers in the village.
- **28 August:** A Palestinian from Aqbat Jaber refugee camp (Jericho) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet during an IDF search and arrest campaign in the camp.
- **29 August:** At 2am in Qalandiya (Ramallah) Palestinians opened fire at IDF troops and an exchange of fire followed. No injuries were reported.
- **29 August:** Two Palestinian men, aged 22 and 25 years, were shot dead, and one Palestinian man was injured in Balata camp (Nablus), as IDF surrounded a house and an exchange of fire took place. Two IDF soldiers were lightly injured during the incident.

## 2. [Palestinian internal violence and other incidents](#)

[Casualties related to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, and the reckless use of weapons are reported separately from Section 1 and are excluded from the weekly casualty total.]

- **26 August:** A local leader of the PFLP was injured when a group of masked armed men opened fire at him west of Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip). The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **28 August:** A 16 year-old boy was killed, and his 14 year-old brother was injured, when an UXO device the boys were handling exploded near Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip)
- **27 August:** A member of the Executive Support Force was injured in connection with an armed family feud northeast of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **28 August:** A 19 year-old Palestinian was killed in armed clashes with the Executive Support Forces in Al Qarara area northeast of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **29 August:** Seven Palestinians (including police and protestors) were injured by stone-throwing in connection with a demonstration at the PLC building in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

## 3. [Shelter and Property](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
23 August	Jabal Al Mukabbir, Jerusalem	1	-	8
24 August	Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
25 August	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	1	-	n/a
25 August	Jabalia camp, Gaza Strip	1	-	n/a
25 August	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-	n/a
26 August	Nablus city, Nablus	1	-	100
29 August	Balata camp, Nablus	-	1	n/a
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>108</b>

### Gaza Strip:

- **24 August:** A Palestinian house was damaged when it was hit by two IAF rockets east of Abbasan area, Khan Younis.
- **25 August:** A four-storey Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by two IAF missiles east of Beit Lahia. The IDF warned the family to evacuate the house 50 minutes prior to the attack.

- **25 August:** A Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by two IAF missiles west of Jabalia camp. The IDF warned the family to evacuate the house 15 minutes prior to the attack.
- **25 August:** A two-storey Palestinian house including a metal workshop was demolished when hit by two IAF missiles in Gaza City. The IDF warned the family living in the house to evacuate 10 minutes prior to the attack.

#### **West Bank:**

- **23 August:** A house belonging to two Palestinian brothers was demolished in Jabal al Mukabbir (Jerusalem) for reportedly being built without a permit. Two other brothers have been detained by the Israeli authorities.
- **26 August:** The IDF demolished the external walls of a building in Nablus city (Nablus) during a military operation. The four-storey building consisted of 17 apartments. During the operation 18 families lost their accommodation (100 persons, including 15 children). Six private vehicles were also destroyed.
- **29 August:** The IDF damaged a Palestinian home in Balata camp (Nablus) when an exchange of fire took place during a military operation.

#### Other related incidents:

- **24 August:** Two Palestinian fishing boats were hit and damaged when IDF gunboats fired at them west of Beach Camp (Gaza Strip).
- **29 August:** IDF raided the Idhna Zakat Committee (Hebron). The IDF troops searched the building of the committee and confiscated office equipment and documents.

## **4. [Natural Resources](#)**

### **Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**28 August:** The IDF began construction of an earth wall north of Huwwara checkpoint to prevent Palestinians from circumventing the checkpoint.

#### Ongoing incidents:

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

#### **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 to level land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
- The IDF continues levelling land belonging to the Palestinian communities of Kafr Laqif and 'Azzun (Qalqiliya) for the construction of the Barrier.

#### **Salfit Governorate:**

#### Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue to level land north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement, and near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages.

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

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**23 August:** A group of Israeli settlers from Ma'ali Levona destroyed at least 40 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Sinjil.

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.
  - Land levelling for the last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is continuing between the village and Makkabim settlement. The Israeli court has approved a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud to create "a special security arrangement" around Beit Arye and Ofarim 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 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 belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages and was requisitioned earlier for this purpose.

**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 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. New areas of concrete wall were set up on 25 August 2006 further exasperating the access of vehicles through the neighbourhood and beyond the Barrier.
- 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 Maale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

**Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**27 August:** The IDF issued three military orders requisitioning land to build road protection along Za'tara bypass road: (1) Military order (T/63/06) requisitioning 3.9 dunums of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from Harmala village; (2) Military order (T/64/06) requisitioning 2.1 dunums of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from Al 'Asakira village.; and (3) Military order (T/65/06) requisitioning 3.9 dunums of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the town of Za'tara.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Work continued for the construction of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb.
  - 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 the city of Bethlehem).

- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far. New structures were 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.
- Land levelling continued for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Construction of the concrete Barrier continued near the Beit Jala junction from Road 60.
- Land levelling continued during the reporting period for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**27 August:** Palestinian farmers from Al Jawaya hamlet, south of Yatta town were denied access to their land by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. The settlers stoned the shepherds and their flock of sheep.

Ongoing:

- Barrier construction; Construction of the Barrier continued in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Surif.
- Land leveling 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 in the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. New structures were installed.
- Construction of the road barrier has reached the main entrance of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on along Road 317.
- Construction of the Road Barrier has been completed between the Metarim Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene along roads 60 and 325.

#### **Gaza Strip:**

**26 - 29 August:** IDF bulldozers destroyed several dunums of agricultural land in the area of Al shija'ia, Gaza City.

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

### **a) Curfew**

No incidents to report.

### **b) Access to education**

**26-29 August:** As the main entry point to the Palestinian community of At Tuwani (Hebron) is blocked, Palestinian teachers travelling to Yatta (Hebron) and other areas are not able to reach the school in their vehicles. The teachers have to walk almost 1 km in order to reach the school.

### **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.<sup>2</sup>

To be eligible for a permit, workers and traders must be over 35 years old and married with children. The criteria for work permits in the Atarot Industrial Area near Jerusalem state that males have to be over 21 years old and married with children.

<sup>2</sup> OCHA has requested the number of permits issued for Palestinian worker and traders from the Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank but has not received a response. According to Palestinian Chamber of Commerce in the north, 159 workers and 355 traders from Nablus, 88 workers and 234 traders from Jenin, 4 workers and 121 traders, 129 workers and 57 traders, 500 workers and 488 traders and 268 workers and 152 traders from Salfit currently have permits.

Between 27 and 29 August, significant delays were reported by Palestinians trying to get magnetic cards from the Israeli DCL in both the governorates of Hebron and Bethlehem.

#### **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:**

On 23 August, all Palestinians with the new valid permits including traders and workers are allowed access to Israel through all checkpoints in the northern West Bank after an external closure period that had been in place since 31 July.

##### **Nablus Governorate:**

**23 August:** All Palestinians males from Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm between the age of 16 and 30 years are prevented from heading south through all permanent, semi-permanent and flying checkpoints in the northern West Bank unless they have permits. Residents of villages around Nablus are allowed to travel south without restrictions. Residents of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan villages have to enter Nablus city and travel south through Nablus checkpoints.

**28 August:** The IDF closed Huwwara, Yitzhar and Ásira ash Shamaliya checkpoints for three hours

**29 August:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours and control-detonated an explosive device near 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 21 consecutive weeks.

##### **Jenin Governorate:**

**27 August:** The IDF opened the gate near Mevo Dotan settlement on Road 585 and established a new permanent checkpoint in the place.

**27 August to date:** The IDF closed the gate on the south west entrance of Ya'bad village (Jenin) preventing Palestinian movement between Ya'bad and Road 585.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to restrict the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Food products require prior coordination.

##### **Tubas Governorate:**

**23 and 26 August:** The IDF closed the entrance of Tammun village with a flying checkpoint for several hours, preventing Palestinians moving in and out of the village.

**25 August:** The IDF closed Road 588 near Al Fará camp with a flying checkpoint preventing Palestinian vehicular movement for several hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- Restrictions on Palestinian movement in and out of the Jordan Valley via Hamra, Tayasir and Efyriam checkpoints remain in place. Only three categories of Palestinians from the West Bank are able to access the Jordan Valley through these three checkpoints: (1) Palestinians with permits to work in settlements; (2) Palestinians with a Jordan Valley address on their ID card; and (3) Palestinians with a Jericho ID card who are in possession of a valid permit.

##### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

**28 August:** The IDF closed Ánabta checkpoint for two hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF continues to close the road between Bala' and Ánabta with an earth mound.

- 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:**

##### Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to man a checkpoint at the road to Bir Nabala village. This road was recently constructed and is the only road for Palestinians to move in and out of the Bir Nabala enclave. The checkpoint is in place for the second consecutive month and delays are being experienced.
- The Israeli Border Police stopped Palestinian vehicles going through 'Atara checkpoint. It was reported on a number of occasions that the Border Police assaulted commuters verbally, including females. Long delays of up to one hour were reported on daily basis during peak traveling times.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

##### Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by road blocks and was reinforced after IDF soldiers added cement blocks.
- During the reporting period, Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance of the Palestinian village Khamat Nu'man continued to deny access of essential services (such as dump trucks) to the village. Harassment of the Palestinian residents has also continued. National staff of international organisations are also being forced to show secondary IDs.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**23 August:** Israeli authorities denied the access of the Palestinians to the Ibrahim Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron city during the celebration of a Jewish holiday.

##### Ongoing incidents:

- Since 13 July, the main entry point to the Palestinian community of At Tuwani has been blocked by four cement blocks.

#### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

**23 August:** Checkpoints into Jerusalem were blocked for at least one hour, causing long delays of up to three hours for people trying to enter Jerusalem. Numerous flying checkpoints were seen due to the high alert the Israel security forces had imposed. The high alert was based on warnings of the two suicide bombers attempting to enter Israel.

**26 August:** The IDF maintained a strict closure on Jerusalem which is in place each Friday to restrict Palestinian access for Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa mosque.

**27 August:** Late in the evening a flying checkpoint was set up at the northern edge of Beit Hanina just before the Al Ram checkpoint.

**27 August:** In the Old City Israeli policemen detained a Palestinian for allegedly carrying a knife.

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

**24, 25, 28 August:** The IDF at the Jericho DCO checkpoint prohibited Palestinians from access in/out of Jericho and requested them to obtain an Israeli permits. Palestinians used the Al Mu'rrajat road and then to At Taybe checkpoint to go to Jericho.



## Gaza Strip

Following the attack on the IDF military post near Kerem Shalom on 25 June, the IDF closed all of Gaza's crossing points:

- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open on only two days during the reporting period (25 and 26 August). On these two days it was open in both directions.
- Kerem Shalom and Sufa crossings were open partially during the reporting period for the import of humanitarian supplies and food commodities.
- 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).
- Karni crossing was completely closed. No imports or exports were reported since 15 August.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were closed for the import of fuel supplies between 27 and 29 August.
- Gaza fishermen have been unable to access the sea since 25 June.
- 26-29 August: While IDF troops were operating in eastern Gaza City Palestinian residents of eastern Al Shija'ia area and the surrounding areas were having severe access difficulties.

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.

## Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Al Badhan (8), Bet Nablus & Till (1)	9
Jenin	Sanur (3), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (7), Bir al Basha (1), Silat al Hariithiya (1) Qabatiya (2), Meithalun (2), Yabad (1)	25
Tubas	Tammun (3) Aqqaba (1) Al Fará camp (2)	6
Tulkarm	Beit Lid (3), Balá (1), Deir al Ghusun (1)	5
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (2), An Nabi Elyas (1), Habla tunnel (3), Wadi Qana (5), Izbat at Tabib (1), Jayyus (3), Ras Átiya (2), Kafr Laqif (1)	25
Salfit	Salfit city (2), Marda (1)	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jerusalem	Bet Hanina (1)	1
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (3).	21
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (2), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1(2), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (1), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (3), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (2) .	25
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>120</b>

## 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 (4), Rujeib (1), Al Badhan (1), Kafr Qalil (2) Huwwara (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, Asira CP	16	15
Jenin	Jenin city (7), Jenin RC (7), Qabatiya (2), Arraba (2), Kafr Raí (1), Bir al Basha (1), Az Zababida (1), Ya'bad (1), Birqin (1), Anza flying CP.	23	8
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (1), flying CP near Tammun , flying CP Aqqaba	2	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Farún (1), Zeita (1), Átil (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Kafr Sur (1), Ar Ras (1), Anabta CP	7	1
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (4), Qalqiliya city (5), Kafr Qaddum (4), Ras Átiya (1)	14	16
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (4), Bruqin (1), Haris (1),	6	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (5), Al Amari refugee camp (1), Qibya (1), Silwad (1), Kharbatha al Misbah (1), Atara checkpoint (2)	11	17
Jerusalem	Old City (1)	1	1
Jericho Jordan Valley	No search and arrest campaigns or arrests	0	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (2), Bethlehem (3), ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2)	21	5
Hebron	Hebron City (5), Beit Ummar (1), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (2), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (2), Beit Awwa (1), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1)	27	20
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>127</b>	<b>85</b>
Rafah	Al Shouka area <sup>3</sup>	1	4
Khan Younis	West of Sufa Crossing <sup>4</sup>	1	3
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>92</b>

<sup>3</sup> On 26 August, four Palestinians were arrested when IDF soldiers raided a Palestinian house east of As Shoka southeast of Rafah.

<sup>4</sup> On 29 August, three Palestinians were arrested when IDF soldiers raided Palestinian homes near Sufa crossing in Khan Younis.

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 23 - 29 August 2006

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4 am to 12 pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queue and delays were reported. Males from Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits
<b>'Anabta</b>	Check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queue and delays were reported. Males from Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits. Since 30 July to date closed due to construction.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4 am to 7 pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	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 districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after 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 reported.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 6am to 8pm 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.
<b>Al Tur</b> 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.

<b>Beit Furik</b> 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 30 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards. Male residents of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm 16 and 30 years are not allowed through the checkpoint without special permit. Long delays and queues.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya</b> 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.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint (new)</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12 am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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. Deliveries of vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 588 near Ya'bad	Open for residents of Imreiha village, Palestinians working in the charcoal factories, farmers who own land around road 588 and Palestinians crossing Reikhan checkpoint to the west of the Barrier.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> 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.
<b>Tayasir</b> 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.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> 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.
<b>Hamra</b> 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.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to one hour.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	

<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> 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.
As Sawahira ash Sharqiya Between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiye	Open 24 hours for pedestrians with Jerusalem ID cards and school children.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registration can pass without permits. Delays were reported during peak traveling times.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. From 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were being given access to Israel through this checkpoint. The 45-year age restriction to Palestinians wishing to enter Israel through the checkpoint was lifted.

	UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village are allowed through. Essential services (garbage collection and vegetable trucks) are not allowed into the village. Members of the extended family are not allowed to visit. Incidents of harassment and denial of access were reported during the reporting period. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Since 3 February, Palestinians are no longer allowed through. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits are being allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Since 3 February, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. UN staff are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Water tankers associated with Action Against Hunger stopped using the checkpoint to reach the targeted communities due to a number of physical abuse incidents by members of the Border Police manning it.
<b>Tarquimiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5 am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted. Such visits were denied between 25 June and 6 August. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through. Also, as of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
<b>Meitar</b> 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
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. The road barrier is finished in the vicinity of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> 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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in

Access to the Mosque	the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> 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.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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.
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases. In addition, a number of trucks carrying food commodities (milk, meat, fruit etc.) were allowed through to Gaza.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	<b>25 August:</b> Rafah terminal was open from 8am to 8pm. 3,202 Palestinians were reported to have arrived into Gaza and 3,104 to have departed. <b>26 August:</b> Rafah terminal was open from 8 am to 3pm. 2,474 were reported to have arrived into Gaza and 1,142 to have departed. <b>23, 24, 27, 28, 29 August:</b> Rafah terminal was closed.

**Commercial checkpoints:**

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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. As of 29 May 2006, ICRC and UN vehicles are not permitted to cross.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	<b>23, 24, 25 August:</b> Occasionally opened to allow for the entry of humanitarian aid trucks. <b>29 August:</b> Open for food and livestock. (No construction materials) <b>27, 28, 29 August:</b> Open between 12pm to 4.30pm.
<b>Karni</b>	Closed all the week.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	<b>28 August:</b> Open from 3pm to 7pm for import of UNRWA humanitarian aid commodities from Egypt. <b>29 August:</b> Open at 2.50pm for import of UNRWA humanitarian aid commodities from Egypt.
<b>Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines</b>	<b>27, 28 and 29 August:</b> closed for security reasons by the Israeli authorities.

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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.