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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

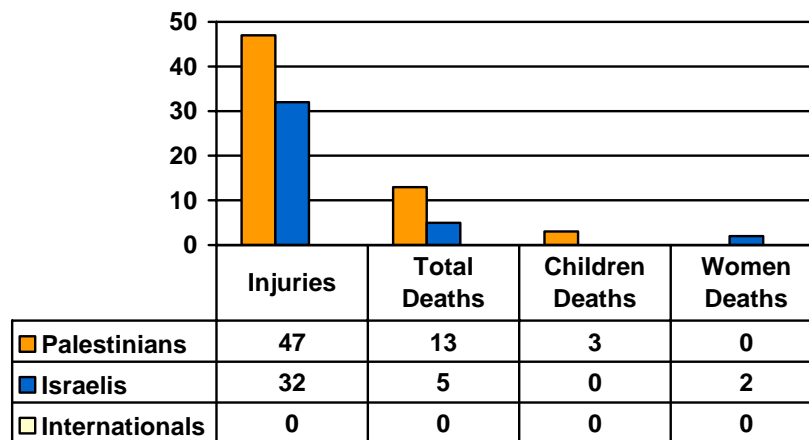
26 October – 1 November 2005

Of note this week

- Violence continued to escalate this week resulting in a sharp increase in Palestinian and Israeli casualties; including a suicide bombing in Israel and IAF aerial strikes targeting Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip.
- For the last Friday Prayers in Ramadan, IDF and Israeli Border Police further increased movement restrictions into Jerusalem compared to previous Friday prayers during October.

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



- **26 October:** A 19-year-old Palestinian from Qabatya village, Jenin, conducted a suicide attack in Hadera city in Israel killing 5 Israelis and injuring approximately 30 others. The Islamic Jihad group claimed responsibility for the attack.
- **26 October:** Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba' severely beat one Palestinian man from Wad Al Huseen neighbourhood of the H2 area of Hebron city.
- **26 October:** Three Palestinian boys (aged 10, 13, and 16 years old) were injured in the Palestinian town of Yatta, Hebron, after IDF soldiers during a search and arrest campaign responded to stone and bottle throwing by firing live bullets.
- **27 October:** Israeli settlers from the outpost of Tel Rumeida, Hebron, injured 3 members of a Palestinian family (42 and 48-year-old parents and their 13-year-old daughter) in the H2 area of Hebron city.
- **27 October:** Seven Palestinians, including 3 children aged 14 and 15 years old (2), were killed and another 19 bystanders wounded, including two seriously, in an IAF targeted missile strike on a vehicle in Jabalia camp, the Gaza Strip.
- **27 October:** A Palestinian youth stoned an Israeli vehicle near Silwad village, Ramallah. One Israeli was injured.
- **28 October:** One Palestinian militant was killed and another injured when the vehicle they were traveling in was targeted by IAF helicopter missiles in Beth Hanoun, the Gaza Strip.
- **30 October:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of the evacuated northern settlement area in Al Seafa, the Gaza Strip.
- **30 October:** Four Palestinian boys (aged 9, 13, 15, and 16 years old) were injured by the IDF in the Palestinian town of Dura, Hebron. The confrontation took place when the IDF detained a group of local Palestinian residents. The IDF fired live and rubber-coated metal bullets toward a group of Palestinian stone throwers, injuring four of them.

- **30 October:** Two Palestinian gunmen were killed (aged 22 and 29 years old) and another 8 Palestinians injured after an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen when the IDF surrounded a house in Qabatyia village, Jenin.
- **30 October:** A group of Israeli settlers from Elon Moreh, Nablus, injured a 73-year-old Palestinian shepherd from Beit Dajan village while he was grazing his sheep in fields east of the settlement.
- **1 November:** Palestinians threw explosive devices at the IDF in Jenin city, Jenin, during a search and arrest campaign. One IDF soldier was injured. Two Palestinians were also injured during the clashes.
- **1 November:** Two Palestinians were killed and five injured in an IAF targeted missile strike on a vehicle traveling in Jabaliya refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip.

2. [Shelter and Property:](#)

- No incidents to report.

Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **27 October:** A bridge in Beit Hanoun, northern Gaza Strip, was damaged by an IAF missile strike
- **28 October:** The main electricity former was damaged north of Beit Lahia, northern Gaza Strip, when IAF fired two missiles into uninhabited areas.
- **28 October:** A group of Israeli settlers from Kedumim settlement occupied an empty Palestinian house in Jit village, Qalqiliya, for several hours.

3. [Natural Resources:](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus, Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli contractors continued levelling land north of Salfit city, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya village for the construction of the Barrier.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

27 October: The IDF handed out a land requisition order, T/70/05, for 180.5 dunums (18.5 hectares) from Beitillu village for military requirements in the area.

27 October: The IDF handed out a military order to a Palestinian farmer from 'Abud requesting him to stop work and evacuate his 40 dunums (4 hectares) of land which is located near Ofarim Settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling for construction of the Barrier continues between Budrus to the south of al Midya, and between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah). Land levelling for Barrier construction also continues between Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu, south of Beit Liqya and north and south of Rantis checkpoint.

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

Hebron Governorate:

26 October: In area adjacent to the western entrance of the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba, Israeli settlers erected tents over land belonging to Palestinian farmers from Wad Al Hussien area, H2 area Hebron city. The IDF evicted the settlers and demolished their temporary constructions. Later, settlers from Kiryat Arba settlement attacked Palestinians living in the area and threw stones and bottles toward their houses. One Palestinian was injured (reported in Section 1) and three houses were moderately damaged (windows broken etc).

Ongoing incidents:

- Land leveling for construction of the Barrier is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line. The contractors are paving the security road running along the Barrier to the south of Shani settlement. In the western section the Barrier has reached Ar Ramadin, as well as along the western side of Idhna. Israeli contractors are also leveling land for a new terminal along the last section of Road No. 60 before crossing into Israel.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Contractors for the construction of the Barrier fenced in the area around Khamat al Nu'man. The main road from Al Khas is open with high presence of the IDF in the area. The local community is facing problems in accessing the main internal road on wet days as the quality of the road has deteriorated during the construction of the Barrier.
- Land levelling and new housing construction continues in the settlements of Efrat and its two northern outposts (Givat Hatamar and Givat Hadagan), as well as northeast of Neve Daniel, and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.
- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in the last section of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb north of the building hosting the Al Waqf.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariyya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement and the Bir Nabala planned enclave.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

26 October: The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that eastern parts of Beit Hanoun had been declared a closed military zone.

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues on a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia.

4. [Restrictions on Medical Assistance:](#)**West Bank:**

- **23 October** (previously not reported): A PRCS ambulance trying to transport an injured person at Beit Furik checkpoint, Nablus, to hospital was denied access to the patient and returned to the base.
- **25 October** (previously not reported): A PRCS ambulance was delayed by the Israeli Border Police at Allenby bridge checkpoint for 30 minutes while on route to transport a patient from the Border Crossing to Jericho city.

The Gaza Strip:

- This week, 7 out of 112 Palestinian medical referrals were denied access at Erez crossing for treatment in Israel.

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

a) Curfew

- No incidents to report.

b) Access to Education

West Bank:

Nablus:

- **27-30 October:** The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for all persons except residents of Beit Dajan village. About 60 teachers from other villages were unable to reach schools in the area and schools were forced to close.
- **27 October-1 November:** About 300 students from Beit Furik village were unable to attend schools and universities in Nablus city because of the closing Beit Furik checkpoint.

Tulkarm:

- **29 October:** The IDF closed Khirbet Jubara Barrier gate prohibiting the school bus from collecting the students from Khirbet Jubara village west of the Barrier.

Hebron:

- **29 October:** Teachers and students from Cordoba elementary school in H2 area of Hebron city were attacked by a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassah. The settlers threw stones and empty bottles towards the Palestinian students.
- **30 October:** The Israeli military escort resumed for the Palestinian students who travel from Tuba to attend their classes in At Tuwani School, south Hebron. The escort had been suspended since the 16 October. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' are still facing problems in reaching Imneizil elementary school as IDF soldiers deny them access at Beit Yatir checkpoint.
 - Children attending the Al Ibrahimiyeh primary school in the H2 area of Hebron city who approach it from the south continue to have to pass through metal detector gates set up by the IDF north of the Abu Rish Mosque.

c) Access to Employment

This week, the IDF and Border Police continued to impose external closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; workers and traders with valid permits were not allowed to enter Israel. This closure has been in place since 24 September.

Hebron:

Special permits were issued for workers in the agricultural sector and large traders.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

The external closure imposed on the oPt since 24 September is still in place. Permits previously issued are no longer valid and only in some limited humanitarian cases was access facilitated to Israel.

Nablus Governorate:

19-29 October: The IDF prohibited Palestinian private vehicles from crossing Za'atara checkpoint in both directions. Only public transportation and commercial trucks were allowed through.

29 October: The IDF prohibited any vehicle carrying agricultural produce from crossing Hamra checkpoint in both directions.

29 October: The IDF closed Road No. 57 near Badhan village for all Palestinians for several hours.

27 -30 October: The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint except for residents of Beit Dajan village.

31 October: The IDF prohibited male residents under 30 years old from using Beit Furik checkpoint.

1 November: The IDF prohibited Palestinians residents of Tulkarm and Qalqiliya cities from entering Nablus through the checkpoints around the city.

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.

- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked by earth mounds.
- Hamra checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan Valley. Medical personal and teachers are allowed through.

Jenin Governorate:
Ongoing incidents:

- All entrances to Ya'bad village are closed by the IDF with road blocks and barbed wire. Only one alternative road towards Jenin city is open through Kufeir village.
- Road No. 585 from Mevo Dotan settlement entrance to Kharmesh settlement entrance is closed with two checkpoints.
- The metal gate at a road leading from Ya'bad town and the two checkpoints on Road No. 585 near Mevo Dotan and Kharmesh settlements entrances are hindering Palestinian movements in the area. Palestinian are using dirt roads to reach there charcoal factorises and olive groves in the area

Tubas Governorate:

29 October: The IDF prohibited all vehicles carrying agricultural produce from crossing Tayasir checkpoint in both directions.

Ongoing incidents:

- Tayasir checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinians non residents of the Jordan valley. Medical personal and teachers are allowed through.

Tulkarm Governorate:

26 October: The IDF closed the tunnel under Road No. 557 near Kafriat checkpoint preventing all Palestinian movements for several hours.

29 October: The IDF closed a road connecting Bal'a with Al 'Atara villages with earth mounds.

29 October: The IDF closed Khirbet Jubara Barrier gate for all Palestinians denying access for residents of Khirbet Jubara village west of the Barrier.

30 October: The IDF closed a road connecting Dihinnaba with Kafr Al Labad villages with earth mounds.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The 'Anabta gate remained closed for Palestinian vehicular movement.
- The IDF is still manning a checkpoint west of 'Anabta village on the junction to Bizzariya village.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:
Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continued to close the entrance of Deir Istiya with an earth mound and closed the gate at the entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

26 October: The IDF removed the restriction on Palestinian movement on bypass Road No. 465 and 60 which was in place since 16 October. Palestinian vehicles were allowed to drive on both roads.

26 October: In the late afternoon, the IDF removed the earth mound that had been erected at the main entrance to Turmus'ayya on 19 October; Palestinian vehicles were allowed to drive on bypass Road No. 60 in this area.

26 – 28 October: The IDF closed An Nabi Salih gate. Palestinians from Bani Zeid village cluster were forced to use a long alternative road via 'Abud to avoid the gate. The gate was reopened on 29 October.

28 October: At around 9 am, a few thousand Palestinians from all West Bank governorates were stranded at Qalandiya check point after being prohibited from entering Jerusalem to attend the last Friday prayers in the Al Aqsa mosque during Ramadan. Palestinians above 45 years old were allowed entrance to Jerusalem after 10am.

Ongoing incidents:

- Temporary vehicular and pedestrian arrangements are now in place at Qalandiya checkpoint while construction of the new checkpoint continues. The main road through the old checkpoint is now closed. Traffic is being rerouted to a new road

to the east that joins the main road between Qalandiya and Jaba'. A temporary fenced walkway is in place for pedestrians.

Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates:

Movement restrictions remain in place for private Palestinian vehicles on Road No. 60; only Palestinian taxis and buses were allowed to move between Zif junction (Road No. 317) and Al Khadr (Road No. 60, in Bethlehem). Entrance into Bethlehem is possible through the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint.

Hebron

26 October: The IDF relaxed the closures around Yatta and As Samu' towns by opening Al Fawwar junction for Palestinian public transport. The gates and road blocks were opened both from Dura and Al Fawwar entrances. The IDF has set up road blocks and checkpoints on the junction monitoring movement in all directions.

26 October: The IDF reopened the Adh Dhahiriya junction from Road No. 60. No public Palestinian transportation is travelling to the south of that junction.

31 October: The IDF re-opened Halhul-Sa'ir junction for Palestinian public transport. Taxis and buses were allowed to access Road No. 60. Private and commercial vehicles with valid permits were also allowed to travel along Road No. 60. The checkpoint which was erected two weeks ago remains manned by IDF soldiers.

31 October: The IDF reopened the gates at the Idhna - Tarqumiya junction (across Road No. 35).

31 October: The Israeli Border Police denied the access of Palestinian vehicles travelling from Al Karmil to At Tuwani by crossing Road No. 317.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue to close Zif gate from Road No. 317.
- The IDF continued to close with earthmounds Yatta gate from Road No. 60.
- In the village of Imneizil the construction of the Barrier continues to close the main road which leads to the village forcing residents to use a difficult and insecure road to enter the village from the nearby bypass road.

Bethlehem

28 October: The IDF restricted Palestinian movement to Jerusalem including Palestinians with valid Jerusalem permits preventing access to the Al Aqsa Mosque for last Friday Prayers during Ramadan. Limited humanitarian cases were the exception. The IDF and Border Police erected a flying checkpoint on the main roads from the southern West Bank to control the flux of people toward Jerusalem. People coming from Hebron were denied access at the Etzion checkpoint between 6:30 - 11:30 am. An Israeli Border Police flying checkpoint was also deployed along Wadi Nar preventing all movement (vehicle and pedestrian) towards the north, except for residents of Abu Dis and nearby villages.

1 November: The IDF reopened the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint for all vehicles in both directions. The checkpoint is open from 6am to 10 pm.

Jerusalem Governorate:

26 October- 1 November: The tight closure at checkpoints around Jerusalem was of note during the reporting period and numerous flying check points were visible throughout East Jerusalem. All Palestinian males with West Bank IDs aged between 16 to 45 years old were not granted access into Jerusalem even with an Israeli permit.

28 October: During the morning, the IDF closed all the checkpoints around Jerusalem and prevented access of West Bank Palestinians to attend Ramadan last Friday prayers. Palestinian crowded near Ar Ram and Anata checkpoints and the IDF fired tear gas canisters at them; no serious injuries were reported. At around 10am, the IDF allowed Palestinians above 45 years old to access the checkpoints to Jerusalem.

28 October: The IDF closed the road leading from Qalandiya checkpoint to Atarot checkpoint. Barrier construction is taking place in the area with the aim to continue the section of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram area for the new arrangements at Qalandiya checkpoint.

Jericho Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinian West Bank residents from areas outside of the Jericho Governorate are denied access at Yitav checkpoint near Road No. 449, north of Jericho. Jericho residents can cross the checkpoint from south to north to go to Al Auja.

Travel on Road No. 90 north of Al Auja is not allowed unless Palestinians have a special permit from the IDF. Residents from approximately five Palestinian villages in the north of Jericho District are allowed to travel on Road No. 90 north of Yitav checkpoint without a permit.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	#57 near; Badhan, Al 'Aqrabaniya.	2
Jenin	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Tubas	#588 near; Tubas city, Tammun. Entrance off; 'Ein el Beida(2).	4
Tulkarm	Near; Bal'a, Ar Ras, Al Jarushiya, 'Anabta. Between; Tulkarm and Kafriat, 'Anabta and Bizzariya.	6
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; DCO(3). #60 near; Jit junction. #55 near; Izbat at Tabib. Between; Qalqiliya and Habla. Near; Jayyus(2), Hajja, 'Azzun.	10
Salfit	Near; Iskaka(2).	2
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Jerusalem	Numerous in East Jerusalem observed.	n/a
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya, Za'tara, Beit Jala, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr(4), Ash Shawawra, Husan.	11
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya, Zif gate(4), As Samu, Ar Ramadin(2), Khursa, Yatta(5), Beit Ummar(3), Dura(3), Beit Kahil, H1(6), Halhul(2), Idhna, Tarqumiya, Al Fawwar(4), Sa'ir, Ash Shuyukh.	37
Total West Bank		72+

6. The Olive Harvest:

- **26 October:** The IDF denied the access of international volunteers and Palestinian farmers from the Palestinian village of Karma from reaching their olive trees in area adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Otni'el, Hebron.
- **29 October:** Israeli settlers from Susya settlement, Hebron, denied the access of Palestinian farmers to their olive trees. The settlers entered the Palestinian olive groves and harvested around 40 trees. IDF and Israeli police arrived to the area and detained three of the settlers.
- **29 October:** IDF closed all Barrier gates in Qalqiliya governorate for all Palestinians. Farmers were unable to reach their fields and olive groves west of the Barrier.
- **31 October:** IDF closed Mas-Ha Barrier gate in Salfit governorate for all Palestinians. Farmers were unable to reach their fields and olive groves west of the Barrier.

7. Additional Protection Issues:

- **25 October – 1 November:** Palestinian militants fired 54 home made rockets and 2 mortar shells from the Northern Gaza Strip towards the southern Israeli town of Sderot. IAF aircrafts fired 29 missiles into open areas east of Beit Hanoun and IDF ground forces stationed at the Green Line fired artillery shells 45 times at various locations east of Beit Hanoun, Beit Lahia and eastern Khan Younis.
- **25 October – 1 November:** IAF F16s produced some 25 sonic booms by flying at a low altitude and breaking the sound barrier across the Gaza Strip.
- **26 and 29 October:** Settlers from the Israeli settlement of Beit Hadassah, Hebron, threw stones and empty bottles toward the houses of the Palestinians living along Shohada street, H2 area of Hebron city.
- **28 October:** Palestinian and international protesters held a demonstration against the Barrier construction in Bil'in, Ramallah. The protesters stoned IDF jeeps and soldiers responded by firing rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters. At least 13 people were affected by the gas inhalation.
- **30 October:** The IDF destroyed 50 metres of the main water pipe which supplies water for the Palestinian town of Idhna, Hebron. The destruction took place when the IDF bulldozers reinforced the closure near the entrance of the town from Road No. 35.

- **1 November:** The prisoners' family visits to Israeli prisons in West Bank resumed being suspended since 24 September 2005.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Beit Furik(1), Nablus city(3).	4	3
Jenin	Qabatiya(5), 'Anza(2), Jenin city(3), Jenin camp(2), Kafr Ra'i(1), Arraba(1), Az Zawiya(1).	15	38
Tubas	Tammun(3), Flying CPs (2) near Tubas city, Tubas city(1).	4	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city(2), Nur Shams camp(1), Farun(1), Seida(2), Tulkarm camp(1), 'Attil(2), 'Illar(2), Kafriat CP.	11	14
Qalqiliya	Jayyus(1), 'Azzun(1).	2	2
Salfit	No incidents to report.	0	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah city(1), Qalandiya camp(1).	2	3
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya(1), Za'tara(1), Bethlehem city(4), Beit Fajjar(1), Beit Jala(2), 'Ayda camp(2), Al Khadr(5), Ash Shawawra(1), Husan(1), Battir(1).	19	7
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu'(2), Yatta(5), Beit Ummar(3), Dura(4), H1(6), Halhul(2), Idhna(1), Ash Shuyukh(2), Beit Awa(1), Tarqumiya(2), Al Fawwar camp (3).	33	11
Total Week West Bank		90	80
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		90	80

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 26 October – 1 November 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Efrayim	The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. On 29 June the checkpoint became operational from 4am – 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Kafriat	The checkpoint 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 August the Tunnel near the checkpoint under road 57 was opened reducing the need to use the checkpoint.
Qalqiliya:	
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned.
Jaljoulia	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. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6am and 6pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Kafr Qasem (Road No. 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
'Anabta Gate	Re-established 14 July 2005. Closed but Palestinians are allowed to use the back to back system to cross in and out of Tulkarm.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted. Movement is allowed from 4:30 am to 8 pm.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11 pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am to 6 pm.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and Open between 6am and 6pm.

and the Jordan Valley	
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed through.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits. Palestinians from Frush Beit Dajjan and Al Jiftlik villages are allowed to pass the checkpoint without permit. IDF bulldozing land near the checkpoint to expand it.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Vehicular movement for residents of northern west bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) is prohibited unless they have a special permit.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7 am to 9 pm.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint for all Palestinians non residents of the Jordan valley. Doctors and teachers are allowed through.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. Long delays now usual during rush hours due to new traffic arrangements because of ongoing construction for the new checkpoint. West Bank residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Jewish and Arab Israeli citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway No. 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road No. 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with 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, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road No. 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road No. 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank

North western entrance on Road No. 436	and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
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 plate cars are not allowed to cross.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road No. 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 registrations can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road No. 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.
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory; Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass. On 28 October, all Palestinians were denied access regardless of age or permit.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Reopened and manned by IDF movement is allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including privet cars. Open from 6 am-10 pm.
Tunnels Road No. 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September. On Friday the border police closed the barrier gate from Bethlehem side and dined the access of Palestinians. Palestinian with special permits and Jerusalem ID were allowed to cross.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road No. 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Following the 16 October attack, IDF soldiers are restricting movement and are checking all vehicles coming from the direction of Hebron. On 28 October it was closed from 6:30-11:30 am
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September Palestinians with Jerusalem permits are not allowed to pass
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September Palestinians with Jerusalem permits are not allowed to pass
Ein Gedi On Road No. 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 90. Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory; no Palestinians workers are allowed to cross. Prisoners' families' visits did not take place.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. It was moved 200 meters to the south On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass

Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits. Teachers going to Imneizil school are being denied access.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
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. The metal detector near the checkpoint is used to check all Palestinians including schoolchildren on their way to the Al Ibrahimiyye school.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street. Soldiers on the checkpoint search all goods going toward the old city. Reports of IDF soldiers taking fingerprints of male Palestinians walking into the Kasabah area.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
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.
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 the 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 extremely problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	New permanent checkpoint established in September 2005, manned by IDF soldiers who check and search Palestinian civilians travelling to and from a cluster of Palestinian villages (4,000 people) around Ar Ramadin area. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road No. 325.

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing	Since 24 September Erez has been closed for Palestinians, with a little exception for people with special humanitarian needs. On 26 October Erez checkpoint was completely (including for internationals) closed following the suicide bombing in Hadera. On 27 October It was partially reopened for internationals entering Gaza at 1.50pm and for departures at 2.15pm and remained totally closed for Palestinians with a little exception for the critical humanitarian case.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 24 September; Rafah crossing was closed. On 30 October, Rafah terminal was temporarily opened at 10.00am until 7.00pm. 1315 were people were reported to have arrived 247 to depart.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm. Sunday to Friday
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday
Ramallah/AI Bireh	

Beituniya	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. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross. Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays.
Back-to-back checkpoint	
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours are 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	On 26 and 27 October Karni commercial crossing was closed. On 28, 30 and 31 October, Karni was reopened both sides at 1.00pm.
Sufa	On 26, 27 and 28 October Sufa crossing was closed. On 30 October, it was reopened from 7.30am - 5.00pm.

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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 DCL.
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison Office (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, UNICEF, UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Children's Fund (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: Source: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.