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## Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

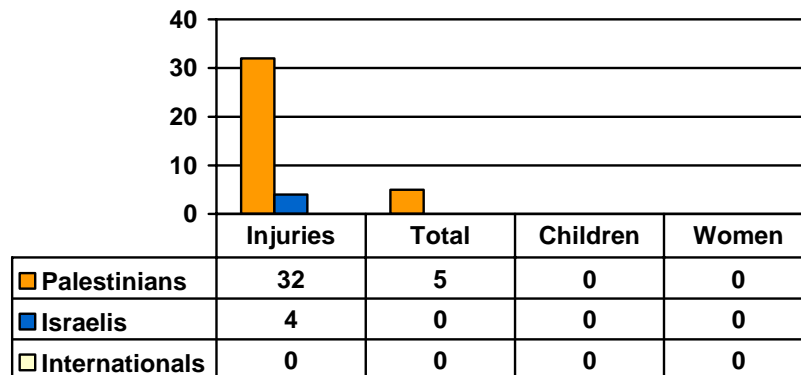
### 9 – 15 November 2005

#### Of note this week

- **External closure that had been in place throughout the oPt since 24 September was lifted on 13 November. However, this was only the case for the southern governorates in the West Bank and for the Gaza Strip. Palestinian workers from the six northern governorates in the West Bank were still prohibited to enter Israel for work. Some merchants from the northern West Bank were allowed to travel into Israel.**
- **Clashes between the IDF and Palestinian militants and stone throwers continued throughout the West Bank resulting in Palestinian and IDF casualties.**

#### 1. Physical Protection

##### Casualties



- **9 November:** Israeli settlers from Yakir settlement (Qalqiliya) threw stones at Palestinian plated vehicles traveling on Road No. 506 near Wadi Qana. One Palestinian was injured.
- **10 November:** Palestinians threw three Molotov cocktails at the IDF during a search and arrest campaign in Nablus. The IDF responded with live fire injuring one Palestinian.
- **10 November:** The IDF fired rubber-coated bullets towards Palestinian stone throwers in Beit Ummar (Hebron). Three Palestinian boys (aged 11, 13 and 14 years old) were injured.
- **10 November:** The IDF opened fire near the border fence east of Al Maghazi camp (Gaza Strip). One 22-year-old Palestinian was killed.
- **11 November:** At approximately 2pm, 2 Palestinians were seriously injured and another 13 affected by gas inhalation when the IDF used tear gas and rubber-coated bullets against Palestinian, Israeli and International activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Two Israeli soldiers were injured and another three Israeli activists were detained.
- **11 November:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an IDF vehicle near Za'atara junction (Nablus) setting it on fire. The IDF responded with live fire injuring two Palestinians.
- **12 November:** The IDF opened fire near the border fence east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). One 19-year-old Palestinian was killed and another Palestinian injured.
- **12 November:** An IDF gunboat opened fire in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats off the Gaza Strip coast between Rafah and Khan Younis. One 18-year-old Palestinian was seriously injured.
- **12 November:** During a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Beita (Nablus), the IDF responded with live fire injuring two 16-year-old Palestinians.
- **12 November:** A Palestinian stabbed an Israeli civilian in the Old City of Jerusalem.

- **13 November:** The IDF conducted a search and arrest campaign in Jenin city and an exchange of fire took place with Palestinian militants. One 21-year-old Palestinian was killed and two others injured.
- **13 November:** IDF soldiers at Qalandiya checkpoint physically assaulted and injured a Palestinian male.
- **14 November:** During clashes between the IDF and Palestinian militants in the Popular Housing Area of Nablus one 34-year-old Palestinian was killed.
- **14 November:** The IDF surrounded a students' dormitory building in Az Zababida (Jenin) and fired four RPG rockets. The building was later found to be empty. Two Palestinians throwing stones at the IDF in the area were injured by rubber-coated bullets.
- **14 November:** The IDF opened fire near the security fence south of Karni crossing (Gaza Strip). One 23-year-old Palestinian was killed and two others seriously injured.
- **14 November:** Israeli settlers from Yits'har settlement (Nablus) threw stones at Palestinian plated vehicles traveling on Road No.60. One Palestinian was injured.
- **15 November:** One IDF soldier was injured near 'Asira ash Shamaliya road in Nablus when Palestinians detonated an explosive device near the IDF vehicle.

## 2. Shelter and Property:

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
14 Nov	Az Zababida, Jenin	0	1	n/a
<b>Total Week</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- **14 November:** The IDF caused damage to the students' dormitory building in Az Zababida (Jenin) when they fired four RPG rockets.

### Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **10 November:** The IDF during a search and arrest campaign in Qabatiya (Jenin) occupied one house and used it as an observation post for a number of hours. The IDF kept the family in a single room for three hours.
- **14 November:** The IDF during a search and arrest campaign in Qabatiya (Jenin) occupied an empty building and used it as an observation post.

## 3. Natural Resources:

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

#### Nablus Governorate:

**9 November:** The IDF started levelling land along side Road No. 505 near Jamma'in village to install a security fence beside the road.

#### Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

No incidents to report.

#### Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling around Avnei Khafets 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.

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

**Salfit Governorate:**

**9 November:** The IDF started levelling land along side Road No. 505 near Kifl Haris village to install a security fence beside the road.

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 and Deir Ballut villages for the construction of the Barrier.
- The IDF continued levelling land alongside Road No. 505 near Marda and Haris villages to install a security fence.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**10 November:** The IDF handed out a military order (T/84/04) to requisition 145 dunums (14.5 hectares) of land from Deir Qaddis for the construction of the Barrier in the area.

**10 November:** The IDF handed out a military order (T/198/05) to requisition 5.5 dunums (0.6 hectares) of land from At Tayba and Rammun for military requirements.

**11 November:** The IDF started to level land in 'Abud for the construction of the Barrier near Beit Arye settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier between Budrus to south of Al Midya is in the final stage. The construction of the Barrier between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah) is continuing. Construction of the Barrier is also ongoing between Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu, south of Beit Liqya, and north and south of Rantis checkpoint.

**Hebron Governorate:**

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:**

**12 November:** The IDF issued an amendment to a military order (T/135/05) requisitioning Palestinian land east of Efrata settlement for the construction of the Barrier. The revised military order revises the route of the Barrier near the Palestinian village of Jurat Al Sham'a and reduces the requisitioned land from 448 dunums to 307 dunums (from 44.8 to 30.7 hectares).

Ongoing incidents:

- Contractors for the construction of the Barrier fenced in the area around KHALLET AN 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 is ongoing 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.
- The IDF closed the road from Qalandiya checkpoint towards Atarot Checkpoint; construction is taking place in the area to continue the part of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram area for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.

**Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

## The Gaza Strip:

### Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The borders are also being enforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.
- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern Palestinian part of Beit Hanoun (about one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military zone.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.

## 4. [Access for Medical Assistance:](#)

- **11 November:** The IDF arrested two Palestinian minors at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus) from a PRCS ambulance transferring them from Beit village to a hospital in Nablus.
- **13 November:** One Palestinian PRCS ambulance driver was physically harassed by IDF soldiers at Beit Fuirk checkpoint (Nablus).

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

### a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
10 – 11 Nov	Sabastiya, Nablus	17 hours
11 Nov	Salim, Nablus	1 hour
12 Nov	Beita, Nablus	5 hours
15 Nov	Al Auja, Jericho	24 hours
<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Incidents</b>	<b>47 Hours</b>

### Curfew Incidents:

- **10 - 11 November:** On the evening of 10 November the IDF imposed curfew on Sabastiya village (Nablus) for 17 hours after confrontations had occurred between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **11 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Salim village (Nablus) for one hour during a search and arrest campaign.
- **12 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Beita village (Nablus) for five hours after confrontations between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **15 November:** At approximately 5 am the IDF imposed curfew on Al Auja (Jericho) for one day.

### b) [Access to Education](#)

#### West Bank:

##### Jericho:

**15 November:** School students could not attend their schools on this day due to the imposition of a curfew by the IDF.

##### Hebron:

**9 November:** Students from the Palestinian communities of Susya, Qawawis, and Mantiqat Shi'b al Batin in south Hebron were detained along with the driver for four hours by the IDF while on their way back from the At Tuwani school. The Palestinian driver was instructed by the IDF to stop driving his yellow plated car on Road No. 317, alleging that it is illegal according to Israeli law. Before using this vehicle on Road No/ 317 the students used to commute using a tractor on dirt roads.

- 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.
- The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron governorate. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.

### c) Access to Employment

The IDF announced that the general closure imposed on the oPt since 24 September would be lifted on 13 November. As of 14 November external movement of was again observed in southern governorates in the West Bank and for the Gaza Strip. Palestinian workers from the six northern governorates in the West Bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and Salfit) are however still prohibited to enter Israel for work. Some merchants from the northern West Bank were allowed crossing to Israel.

#### West Bank: November<sup>2</sup>

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	0	0
Jenin	0	0
Tubas	0	170
Tulkarm	0	450
Qalqiliya	0	370
Salfit	0	200
Ramallah and Al Bireh	n/a	700
Jericho	n/a	n/a
Jerusalem	n/a	n/a
Bethlehem	n/a	n/a
Hebron	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Permits Issued West Bank</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>

#### The Gaza Strip:

As of 14 November the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits was **1,002** including **133** with overnight stay. All workers must be 35 or older and married with children. Overnight stay permits are only issued for workers aged 40 and older.

Date	Workers crossing to Israel	Traders crossing to Israel
9 November		
10 November		
11 November	CLOSED	CLOSED
12 November		
13 November	0	35
14 November	180	53
15 November	238	183

### d) Closures/Movement restrictions

#### Nablus Governorate:

**8 November** (previously not reported): The IDF closed the dirt road connecting Tulkarm with Road No. 60 near Sabastiya at the junction at Road No. 57 leading to Jenin with earth mounds.

**9 November:** The IDF closed the entrance of Jamma'in with an earth mound.

**12 November:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for five hours after arresting two minors in possession of a bag containing explosives.

**12 – 15 November:** The IDF closed all entrances of Beita village except the main entrance connecting Road No. 60 to Huwwara.

**14 November:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for three hours after arresting two Palestinian minors in possession of explosives.

**15 November:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for three hours after arresting three Palestinian minors in possession of a bag containing explosives.

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.

<sup>2</sup> The number of work and trade permits for the central and south West Bank governorates are currently not available.

- 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.
- The IDF continues to close Beit Furik checkpoint for male residents of Beit Furik village below the age of 30 years old.

#### **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 Kufeirit 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:**

##### Ongoing incidents:

- Tayasir checkpoint remained closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan valley. Medical personal and teachers were allowed through.

#### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

##### 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.
- The IDF continues to close a road connecting Dihinnaba with Kafr Al Labad villages with earth mounds.
- The IDF continues to close the roads between Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba, Bal'a and Tulkarm with earth mounds.

#### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**11 – 15 November:** The IDF at Zfim Barrier gate prevented Palestinian farmers to use carriages to reach their lands in the closed areas.

#### **Salfit Governorates:**

**9 – 15 November:** The IDF closed the main Road No. 446 between Rafat and Deir Ballut with road blocks.

#### **Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**13 November:** At around 5pm, the partial checkpoint at At Tayba was in operation for at least two hours. Long delays were experienced.

**13 November:** The IDF set up a flying checkpoint at bypass Road No. 60 opposite the Binyamin Junction and searched cars and inspected IDs between 5pm and 7:30pm.

**10 November:** The earth mound at the main and only entrance to Turmus'ayya was partially opened by the village residents and was not re-closed by the IDF.

##### 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 on private Palestinian vehicles on Road No. 60 continued to be enforced throughout the reporting period; only taxis and buses were allowed to move between Zif junction (Road No. 317) and Al Khadr (Road No. 60, in Bethlehem), with entrance into Bethlehem possible through the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint.

#### **Hebron**

**14 November:** The IDF closed Halhul-Sa'ir "Nabi Younis" Junction for Palestinian movement. All Palestinian vehicles were denied to travel or cross Road No. 60. According to the IDF this measure was taken as response to a shooting incident which targeted a yellow-plated car in the area. The IDF re-opened the gate on Road No. 35 which allows humanitarian organisations, service providers and Palestinian public transport to go through in both directions.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue to close Zif gate from Road No. 317.
- The IDF continued to close with earth mounds 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.
- No access is now possible along the original road to the village of Imneizil as construction for the Barrier in the area is being completed. Local Palestinian residents are increasingly discouraged from moving in a vehicle to and from the village along the path of the Barrier by the security guards hired to protect the contractors. Palestinians from Imneizil often resort to walking on foot to reach the nearest urban area as movement is also restricted by the presence of an IDF checkpoint (Beit Yatir) and along road 317.
- The IDF continues to patrol the area of H1 area of Hebron city and to perform random checks on Palestinians in violation of the Hebron Protocol.

### Bethlehem

**15 November:** The IDF opened the new "travelling passage" to the south of Gilo checkpoint between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Buses with tourist companies with prior coordination will be allowed to enter Bethlehem; no Palestinian buses will be allowed to enter Jerusalem. International organizations will be allowed to cross in both directions by vehicle. NGOs with yellow plated vehicles should ensure prior coordination with the IDF. For yellow-plated vehicles crossing from Bethlehem to Jerusalem only the driver of the vehicle will be allowed to cross by car, whilst the passengers need to go through the pedestrian inspection passage.

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif is still closed by road blocks.
- Movement restrictions on private Palestinian vehicles on Road No. 60 continue to be enforced.

### Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

### Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

### Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Road 57; Junction to Tulkarm/Qalqiliya (4). Between; 'Asira ash Shamaliya and Nablus.	5
Jenin	Entrance off; Qabatiya, 'Arraba, 'Ajja, Ash Shuhada.	4
Tubas	Road 588 near; Tammun, Wadi al Far'a. Entrance off; Tubas, 'Aqqaba.	4
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Deir al Ghusun (3), Bal'a (2), 'Attil, Al Jarushiya, Kafriat tunnel. Between Tulkarm and Kafriat tunnel.	9
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Habla tunnel, 'Azzun (4), DCO (4), An Nabi Elyas, mahattat Tahseen Mansur. Road 55 near; Immatin (2), Izbata at Tabib (2), Al Funduq.	16
Salfit	Road No. 60	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Jerusalem	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya, Za'tara, 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (3), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawra, Husan.	12
Hebron	Ar Ramadin, Zif gate (3), As Samu (2), Yatta (3), Beit Ummar (3), Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (2), Surif, Bani Na'eem, At Tabaqa.	22
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>73</b>

## 6. The Olive Harvest:

- **9 November:** Israeli settlers from Itamar settlement opened fire towards Palestinian farmers from Beit Furik (Nablus) while they were picking olives on their land near the settlement.
- **14 November:** Israeli settlers from Itamar settlement set fire to approximately 100 olive trees belonging to farmers from 'Awarta village (Nablus).

## 7. Additional Protection Issues:

- This week, three (3) home made rockets and one (1) mortar shell were fired from the northern Gaza Strip towards the southern Israeli town of Sederot.
- IDF ground forces stationed along the border used artillery shelling and fired at least 27 tank shells at various locations east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **10 November:** An IDF gunboat opened fire in the direction of some Palestinian fishing boats off the Gaza coastline next to Soudania area north of Gaza.
- **11 November:** During the late evening the IDF broke into a Palestinian research centre in Ramallah and confiscated five computers.
- **12 November:** Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba settlement stoned and harassed Palestinian families living in the area of Wadi Al Husain, H2 area Hebron city.

### 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 (2), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, 'Askar amp (1).	3	25
Jenin	Zububa (1), Jenin city (1), Az Zababida (2).	4	11
Tubas	No incidents to report.	0	0
Tulkarm	Flying CPs; Deir al Ghusun, 'Attil. Bal'a (1), Tulkarm city (1), Tulkarm camp (1).	3	8
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (1), Hajja (1).	2	5
Salfit	Deir Istiya (1).	1	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah, Beit Liqya, Rantis, Bil'in	4	4
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 Jala (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (5), Husan (1), Tuqu (1), Dar Salah (1), Ash Shawawra (1).	19	7
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (2), Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (2), Surif (1), Al Arrub camp (2), Bani Na'eem (2), Al Fawwar camp (2), Beit Ummar (1).	19	8
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>69</b>
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>69</b>



## Appendix: Checkpoints 9 – 15 November 2005

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since the 24 September external closure of the oPt Palestinians with valid permits have not been allowed to pass. As of 14 November some Palestinian merchants were allowed access to Israel.
<b>Efrayim</b>	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 the 24 September external closure of the oPt Palestinians with valid permits have not been allowed to pass. As of 14 November some Palestinian merchants were allowed access to Israel.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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 No. 57 was opened reducing the need to use the checkpoint.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	Unmanned.
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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 the 24 September external closure of the oPt Palestinians with valid permits have not been allowed to pass. As of 14 November some Palestinian merchants were allowed access to Israel.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Officially open between 6am and 6pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road No. 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September Palestinians workers have been denied access to Israel. As of 14 November some Palestinian merchants were allowed access to Israel.
<b>'Anabta Gate</b>	Re-established 14 July 2005. Closed but Palestinians are allowed to use the back to back system to cross in and out of Tulkarm.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> 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.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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.
<b>Sarra</b> South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and Open between 6am and 6pm.

closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed through.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Hamra</b> 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.
<b>Zaatara</b> (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.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7 am to 9 pm.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> 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.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Open daily between 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> On Road No. 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with 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 No. 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.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff

No. 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	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 No. 436	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.
<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 plate cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> On Road No/ 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	On 15 November this checkpoint was not manned. It was replaced by the nearby terminal.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Reopened and manned by IDF movement is allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including privet cars. Open between 6 am-10 pm. This week the checkpoint was crowded in both directions.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road No. 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Palestinians with valid permits and Jerusalem ID were allowed to cross.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> 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. This week the checkpoint was not always manned
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road No. 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road No. 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road No. 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. Since the 24 September external closure of the oPt Palestinians with valid permits have not been allowed to pass.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road No. 354	Crossing along Road No. 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road No. 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open between 5am-7pm, Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross. Prisoners' families' visits took place this week.
<b>Meitar</b> On Road No. 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. It was moved 200 meters to the south.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road No. 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.

<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road No. 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 repeatedly being denied access
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
<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. The metal detector near the checkpoint is used to check all Palestinians including schoolchildren on their way to the Al Ibrahimiyye school.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> (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. On the 9th of November the IDF installed new gate near to the checkpoint.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
<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.
<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 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road No. 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.
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on Road No. 60	New permanent checkpoint established in October 2005, manned by IDF soldiers who check Palestinian taxis and buses travelling on Road No. 60 or across the checkpoint toward Halhul or Sa'ir . On 15 November this checkpoint was closed from Halhul and Sa'ir sides.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road No. 60	New permanent checkpoint established in October 2005, manned by IDF soldiers. Palestinian taxis, buses and private vehicles are allowed to cross the junction between Dura and Al Fawwar. Palestinian private cars with valid permit (permits issued after the 17 October) are allowed to travel on Road No. 60.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
Erez crossing	Since 24 September Erez crossing had been closed for Palestinians, with a little exception for people with special humanitarian needs. On 13 November Erez was announced re-opened for Palestinians.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 7 September; Rafah passenger terminal was closed. It has opened sporadically since this time. On 15 November, Rafah Terminal was open at 12.00pm and re-closed again at 6.00 am (16 November).
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm. Sunday to Friday
<b>Jenin</b>	

<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 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. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
<b>Jericho</b>	
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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	This week, Karni commercial crossing was partially open.
<b>Sufa</b>	This week, Sufa crossing was partially open for construction materials only.

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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.