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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

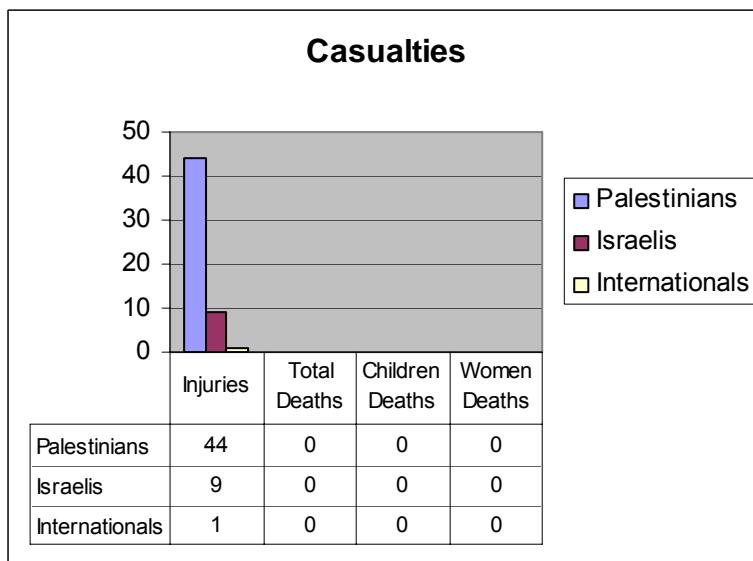
29 June – 5 July 2005

Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian organisations ▪ **Access and Movement for Civilians** - Curfews, Access to education, Access to employment, Closures/Movement restrictions ▪ **Additional Protection Issues**

Of note this week:

- Violence continues in the Gaza strip (section 1).
- Barrier demonstrations continue (section 1).
- More than 200 Palestinians were displaced following house demolitions in the West Bank (section 2).
- Approximately 75 rockets and mortars were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israeli installations (section 6).

1. Physical Protection¹



Selected Incidents:

- **29 June- 04 July:** Palestinian, Israeli and international activists demonstrated against Barrier construction in Beit Surik, Jerusalem governorate. No injuries were reported. **1 July:** Barrier protests took place in Imneizil (Hebron) where one Israeli demonstrator and two Palestinians were injured by the IDF. **1 July:** During the protest against Barrier construction in Bil'in (western Ramallah district) approximately 11 Palestinians and 6 Israeli peace activists were injured when the IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas into the demonstration. An IDF soldier was also reported injured. The IDF detained four Israeli activists. **4 July:** Demonstrations against the Barrier took place in Marda (Salfit) where several Palestinians suffered from gas inhalation and seven were arrested by the IDF.
- **29 June:** Five Palestinians from Al Mawassi area in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip) were injured during stone clashes with Israeli settlers. One of the wounded Palestinians sustained a head wound, and was later severely beaten by a group of settlers.

¹ One Israeli casualty was due to injury by the IDF and one international casualty due to Palestinian militant attack.

- **29 June:** Two Palestinian boys aged five and 14 were shot and injured when fire was opened by IDF in the directions of the western camp in Khan Younis and the Austrian housing project area (Gaza Strip).
- **29 June:** A foreign worker was injured in Palestinian militant home made rocket and mortar attacks on Gush Qatif settlements (Gaza Strip).
- **30 June:** The IDF entered Nablus city and Balata refugee camp searching for two soldiers after a rumor that the soldiers were kidnapped in the city. Clashes occurred between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers, Seven Palestinians and one Israeli soldier were injured. At 7:00pm IDF withdrew.
- **30 June:** An IDF gunboat opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats on the beach of Al Soudaniya west of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). As a result one fisherman was injured.
- **1 July:** An 18 months old Palestinian child was wounded in her leg whilst at home from IDF shooting in the direction of Zurub and Tel Es-Sultan areas in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **2 July:** A Palestinian man was severely injured when hit by tank firing at the northern fence of Morag settlement (Gaza Strip).
- **2 July:** An 18 year old Palestinian was shot and injured in both legs from IDF shooting towards Al Shouka area in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **3 July:** A Palestinian man was shot and injured in leg and foot from IDF shooting towards Orayba area in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **4 July:** The IDF entered Beit Furik village (Nablus) and clashes took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. Two Palestinians were injured.
- **5 July:** Four Israeli settlers drove a vehicle out of Kfar Darom settlement (Gaza Strip) into the Palestinian areas. They drove with high speed at Palestinians in the partially cut off area next to the settlement. As a result 10 Palestinians were injured, one of them seriously who was flown by the IDF to a hospital in Israel.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
30 June 2005	H2 , Hebron city	3 Houses	1 Cistern	One family(11 persons)
30 June	Ar Ramadin, Hebron	2 cisterns	-	Two families (17 persons)
30 June 2005	Ad Deirat, Hebron	2 Houses, 2 cisterns	-	Two families(24 persons)
4 July	Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem	1 gas station	-	-
5 July	Khirbet Tana	22	-	170
Total Week		32	1	222 people

- **29 June:** An IAF aircraft fired a rocket towards a water-well in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). The structure was severely damaged.
- **30 June:** The IDF demolished three houses in H2 of Hebron city; one inhabited house hosting 11 persons was demolished in Jabal Jawhar, two non-inhabited houses were demolished in Al Bqi'a and Al-Rame neighbourhoods. The three structures received demolition orders for being built illegally without permits.
- **30 June:** The IDF demolished three houses hosting two families consisting of 24 people (11 minors) in the Palestinian Village of Ad Deirat, Hebron governorate. 13 tons of animal fodder was damaged by water leaking out of destroyed cisterns. The structures received demolition orders for being built illegally without permits.
- **30 June:** Two water cisterns with the capacity of 200 cubic meters built with donation from the British Government were demolished in the Palestinian Village of Ar Ramadin, Hebron Governorate. The two cisterns were the only water source for three families (total of 17 persons). In December 2004 the cisterns received demolition orders for being built without permits.
- **2 July:** The IDF issued three demolition orders for three houses for being built without permits in the Palestinian village of Umm Lasafa south of Hebron Governorate. The houses are hosting 24 persons (12 minors).
- **3 July:** IDF bulldozers demolished the southern part of the Islamic Cemetery in Zurub area in Rafah next to the Philadelphi corridor (Gaza Strip).
- **5 July:** 170 Palestinians were displaced when the IDF demolished 22 structures in Khirbet Tana east of Beit Furik (Nablus) including the village school. The entire village was demolished except for two structures and the mosque.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

Jenin Governorate:

- **1 July:** IDF leveled approx. one dunum of land near 'Arana village and one dunum of land near 'Aba village. The land will be used for military purposes during the disengagement.
- **2 July:** IDF completed the insulation of five observation towers on road 585 between Arraba junction and Qaffin Junction. Each observation tower has a concrete wall and occupies approximately 700m²

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **29 June:** IDF issued a land requisition order (T/91/05) for 1.8 dunums in Far'un for military purposes.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling and construction of a tunnel, by Israeli contractors, continue on Road 57 near Kafriat checkpoint to connect Tulkarm city with the villages to the south.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **1 July:** The Palestinian DCL received an IDF land requisition order (T/95/05) for 189 dunums in Deir Istiya (Salfit) and Immatin (Qalqiliya) for the construction of the Barrier.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continued levelling land North East of Jayyus village to construct a new road that connects Jayyus with Falameya Barrier gate.

Salfit Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Israeli contractors continued levelling land north of Salfit city, south of Marda village around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya village for the construction of the Barrier.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction continues between Budrus to 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 and south of Beit Liqya and north and south of Rantis checkpoint. Fencing ("road protection") is also being erected at several locations along bypass road 443.

Hebron Governorate:

- **29 June:** The Barrier contractor uprooted 50 olive trees belonging to a Palestinian family from the village of Imneizil. 24 of the uprooted trees were replanted in area.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement, Ar Ramadin area and on the western side of Idhna.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Khallet an Nu'man.
 - Construction on the bypass road in the southern part of Bethlehem Governorate has reached Tko'a settlement. Along the northern section (Za'tara-Beit Sahur), 5 kilometres have been paved while work is ongoing on the section further south.
 - Land levelling and construction is taking place in the settlements of Efrat, Neve Daniel, Har Gilo and Betar Illit B.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **4 July:** IDF started levelling land in Al Judeira near the under pass to connect the Bir Nabala communities to Ramallah through Qalandiya village. About 300m of land has been levelled.
- Ongoing incidents:

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

- The IDF continued levelling land between Har Adar settlement and Beit Surik. Levelling also continues in the area between Qatanna and Kharayib Umm al Lahim villages and between Beit Ijza and Biddu villages.
- Construction of the Barrier continued along Road 60 between Qalandiya and Ar-Ram checkpoints. Land levelling to construct a new checkpoint/terminal located south of the current checkpoint is ongoing.
- Construction and land levelling continued east and west of Qalandiya checkpoint for construction of DCL offices, a parking lot and a road.
- Land levelling and construction of the Barrier continued alongside the road between Jaba', Hizma and Anata.
- Land levelling is ongoing near the Coptic housing project and in Wadi Ayyad near Neve Yaakov settlement, as well as on the northern side of 'Anata town.
- Barrier construction is ongoing on the eastern and southern sides of the village and in Sheikh Sa'd.

Jericho Governorate:

- No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

- No incidents to report.

4. Access for Medical Assistance

West Bank:

Date	Location, Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
29 June 2005	Jaljouliya CP, Qalqiliya	UNRWA	1	0	0
29 June	Huwwara CP, Nablus	PRCS	0	1	0
Total Week			1	1	0

- **29 June:** A PRCS ambulance was stopped and delayed access by Israeli soldiers at Huwwara checkpoint, while on route to the PRCS Emergency Medical Station in Beita village. The soldiers took the crews' Identity cards and ordered them to take out the equipment and supplies from inside the ambulance and place them on the ground. The driver was handcuffed and detained in a small room near the checkpoint. After one and a half hours had elapsed, an Israeli military officer arrived and released the driver after questioning.

The Gaza Strip:

- No incidents to report.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
30 June 2005	Balata refugee camp, Nablus	7 hours
1 July 2005	Deir Istiya, Salfit	12 hours
Total Week	2 incidents	19 hours

b) Access to Education

- No incidents to report.

c) Access to Employment

West Bank:

In June the Israeli authorities issued 13,217 permits for Palestinian workers from the West Bank to access Israel for work.

Governorate	Permits
Bethlehem	1,403
Hebron	1,735
Jerusalem	151
Jericho	26
Ramallah	1,471
Nablus	1,642
Salfit	715
Tubas	156
Jenin	1,848

Tulkarm	1,534
Qalqilya	468
South Hebron	2.086
Total	13,217

The Gaza Strip:

As of 30 June, the total number of Gaza Strip workers permits was 7,272 including 2,844 with overnight stay; 836 permits were issued to Erez Industrial Estate workers. 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	Workers crossing to Erez Industrial Estate
29 June 2005	4,365	422	569
30 June 2005	4200	505	600
01 July 2005	2,440	210	0
02 July 2005	164	51	0
03 July 2005	5,958	405	589
04 July 2005	4,328	517	563
05 July 2005	4398	502	553

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

- **30 June:** IDF closed Huwwara, Beit Iba, Beit Furik and Awarta checkpoints for several hours during a military operation in the city of Nablus.
- **4 July:** IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for three hours after a 17 year-old Palestinian from Balata refugee camp was caught in the checkpoint carrying a pistol and an explosive device. The Palestinian was arrested and the explosive device was detonated by the IDF.

Jenin Governorate:

- **29 June:** A group of settlers from Sa Nur settlement blocked road 60 near the entrance of the settlement for two hours. The IDF prevented the Palestinians from travelling on road 60 on that section.

Tubas Governorate:

- **5 July:** IDF entered 'Ein al Beida village and told all male residents over 13 year old to gather in the mosque. All non-residents (25) were transferred away from the area.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **27 July** (Not reported last week): The Israeli Authorities opened Efrayim checkpoint, constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
 - The IDF continued to close all dirt roads that lead to 'Illar, Nazlat 'Isa, Baqa ash Sharqiya, Qaffin with earth mounds; and conducted an extensive search campaigns after the killing of an Israeli settler earlier this month in the area. Palestinians from these villages needed to take long detours to reach Tulkarm city.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **1 July:** IDF at Zfim gate prevented farmers from Qalqiliya to take out their agricultural produce from the "seam zone" area to Qalqiliya.

Salfit Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- The IDF has replaced seven roadblocks along bypass road 443 that prevent access to the highway for a number of villages, with road gates. A road gate has also been erected on the north side of the underpass between Beit 'Ur at Tahta and Kharbatha al Misbah.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Palestinian West Bank non-Jericho Governorate residents are denied access at Yitav checkpoint near Road 449, north Jericho. Jericho residents can cross the checkpoint

from south to north to go to Al Auja. Travel on Road 90 north of Al Auja is not allowed unless they have a special permit from the IDF. Only about five Palestinian villages in the north of Jericho District are allowed to travel on Road 90 north of Yitav checkpoint without a permit.

Hebron Governorate:

- On-going: A strict closure is imposed on the Palestinian cities of Hebron, Yatta, Samu', Dura and Al Fawwar refugee camp with all crossing points continuing to be closed.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism, 18,000 tourists entered the city of Bethlehem during the month of June. The movement of tourists decreased by 20% compared to last month (May). In June 2004, 5,400 tourists entered Bethlehem.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	#57 near; Badhan, entrance of Salim, 'Azmut and Deir al Hatab	3
Jenin	Near; Jaba',	1
Tubas	Near; 'Aqqaba, at Tammun junction, btw; Tubas and Jenin	3
Tulkarm	Entrance of; Seida, Zeita, 'Illar, 'Attil(2), Nazlat 'Isa, Baqa ash Sharqiyya(2), Far'un, Kafa, Beit Lid, On #57 at junction 'Anabta and Enav settlement(7)	18
Qalqiliya	DCO(2), Jit junction(2), An Nabi Elyas junction, Immatin road, Entrance of; 'Azzun (2), 'Izbat Jal'ud, 'Izbat Salman, btw; 'Azzun and Jayyus,	11
Salfit	Entrance of Haris.	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Near; Silwad, near Surda(3), btw; Kafr 'Ein and Deir Ghassana	5
Jerusalem	Mikhmas(2)	2
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur(2), Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Beit Jala, Al Khadr	6
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(2), Halhul, Khursa, Kallet al Maiyya (2), Idhna, Beit Kahil, Adh Dhahiriya	9
Total West Bank		59

The Enclosed Areas in the Gaza Strip:

As-Seafa:

- Since 13 February 2005, the IDF has permitted Palestinians aged 30 and older residing in As-Seafa to pass in and out without any prior coordination; males and females aged between 16 and 30 are still required to have 48-hours prior coordination. The gate is open two times daily (irregularly) at 7.30am and 2pm. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been problematic. The IDF requires prior coordination in order to bring goods into the area; people are still facing difficulties getting their belongings into and/or out of the area, despite approved coordination.
- During the week, two to three persons each day were prevented from entering the area despite having proper documentation.
- Since 30 May, the IDF has not allowed full cooking gas bottles or empty ones into the area.
- Nine Palestinian female residents have to apply for entry/exit coordination at least three days before they are granted passes for travel.

Al-Mawassi:

- IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally open twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders - from approximately 8am to 1pm, and 2.30pm to 5pm. Males aged 16 to 25 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders are required prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. Vehicles are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.
- Tel Es-Sultan checkpoint has remained closed since 14 January 2004.
- This week, people's movement through the checkpoint was particularly slow; about 80 to 100 persons were allowed into Al Mawassi while about 100 persons were allowed out daily.
- **1 July:** At 1:00 pm, Al Tuffah checkpoint was closed.
- **2 July:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was reopened for Palestinian women only.

- **3 July:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was reopened, however male Palestinian aged from 16 to 30 were not allowed to enter or leave al Mawassi.

Al-Ma'ani:

- Since 20 July 2002, the IDF has prevented all vehicle movement in and out of the Palestinian area adjacent to the Kfar Darom settlement. The IDF has also erected a fence around the area. The area remains a closed military zone, following a suicide attack on 27 February 2004.
- Movement is restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate generally open four times daily for Al Maa'ni ID holders only from 6.30am to 7.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, 1pm to 2pm, and 4pm to 5pm. Access for international organisations into the area remains problematic.

Abu Nahiya:

- A fence was placed around the Abu Nahiya area, south of Kfar Darom settlement, in the corner of Kissufim Road and Salah Eddin Street. Approximately 16 families reside in the area. No vehicles are allowed in or out of the area. The fence is open 24 hours for residents.

Abu al-Ajin Area:

- Several Palestinian families live isolated and fenced in north and south of Kissufim Road in the Abu al-Ajin area. The families have their own keys to the gate in the fence; however, their movement is restricted to opening hours three to four times daily. The area is unreachable by vehicles.

Rafah Passenger Terminal:

- Rafah Passengers terminal is partially open for Palestinians in both directions from 9:00am – 5:00pm. The problem of prolonged delays at the Egyptian side of the terminal which started on 17 June is continuing; more than 1,000 Palestinians are held up at the Egyptian side, waiting approximate for three days before they cross into to the Gaza Strip. IDF is allowing no more than from 600 – 800 Palestinians entry to the Gaza Strip per day.

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the week, a total of 75 homemade rockets, mortar shells and anti tanks missiles were fired from different locations inside the Gaza Strip toward Israeli settlements and nearby Israeli towns, IDF installations and Karni.
- **30 June:** The IDF declared the Gaza Strip as a closed military zone, preventing entry for all Israelis, except those residing in Gaza. On 1July the order was nullified.
- **30 June:** Israeli settlers from Kdumim settlement (Qalqiliya) stoned Palestinian vehicles travelling on road 55 near the settlement.
- **2 July:** Settlers threw stones at the house in the seam zone area in Mas-ha (Qalqiliya) causing property damages.
- **3 July:** Palestinian militants opened fire at the IDF soldiers manning the Jericho DCL checkpoint. No injuries were reported.
- **3 July:** A Palestinian youth was arrested after trying to stab an IDF soldier at Shu'fat checkpoint, Jerusalem.
- **3 July:** Settlers from Kiryat Arba' threw stones on Palestinian houses in Wad Al-Hussien area in H2/Hebron city.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention # of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city(1), Za'atara checkpoint, Balata camp(2), camp no. one(1), Huwwara CP	4	3
Jenin	Kufr R'ai(2), Qabatiya(1), Arraba(1)	4	3
Tubas	Tammun(2), Tubas city(1), flying CP near Tubas,	3	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city(1), 'Illar(3), 'Attil(4), Baqa ash Sharqiyya (1), Far'un(1)	10	1
Qalqiliya	No Incidents to report.	0	0
Salfit	Deir Istiya(1), Kifl Haris(1), Marda(1), Salfit(1).	4	11
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Al Bireh(1), Kobar(1), Budrus(1), Ramallah(1), Qaraqat Bani Zeid(1), Kafr 'Ein(1), flying CP near Surda	6	3
Jerusalem	Shu'fat checkpoint	0	1
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah(3), 'Ayda refuge camp(2), Al Khadr(2), Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Ash shawawra Bethlehem city, Al 'Aza refugee camp, Beit Ta'mir, Beit Fajjar, Al Khas,	15	6
Hebron	Dura(3), Hebron City (3), Al Fawwar refuge camp (2), Halhoul, Samu', Yatta(3), Surif, Beit Kahil, Fuqeiqis, Tarqumiya,	17	11
Total Week West Bank		63	41
Gaza Strip		0	7
Total Week oPt		63	48

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 29 June – 5 July 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 29 June Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through Efrayim checkpoint.
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
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. Delays were experienced during this week.
Qalqiliya	
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned.
Jaljulia	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 the DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
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.
Yasuf	Gate is open daily from 5am to 6pm.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus	
Huwara 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. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11 pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am 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 and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and Open between 6am and 6pm.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 4 December 2004 soldiers left the checkpoint unmanned. Occasionally soldiers are observed at the checkpoint.
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.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.

Dahiat Sabah al Khayr “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits between 6am and 10pm.
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	Open for Palestinians with permits from 5am to 10pm. Palestinians from Al Malih, 'Ein el Beida, Bardala and Kardala villages are allowed to pass the checkpoint without permit.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Qalandiya	Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. Long delays now usual during early evening rush hours and delays of up to two hours reported on 4 July. 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. Long delays reported throughout the week due to ID checks and searches.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Long delays reported throughout the week due to ID checks and searches
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to 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 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 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 North western entrance on Road 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.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container (“Wadi nar”) East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli-yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Jericho	
DCO 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 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. Since 1 May, Jericho residents have not been allowed to cross from south to north.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. Second lane open for inbound

	traffic.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Opening times have been extended and are now from 6am to 12pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass; all commercial trucks are re-routed to the eastern side of the city of Bethlehem.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem permits.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Efrata Connecting Road 60 to Road 356	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross
Ein Gedi On Road 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. No Palestinian-plated vehicles allowed on Road 90.
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	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with permits from 6am to 5pm, everyday except Saturday and Jewish holidays. Prisoners' families visits taking place smoothly, goods moving along road 35 despite the closures.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are 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 Imneizeil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits.
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.
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.
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)	New checkpoint established in April 2005 and now a permanent structure 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.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Partially open all week.
Erez Industrial zone	Closed 1 and 2 July.
Netzarim Junction	Closed
Abu Houli Junction	Since 9 February, Abu Houli checkpoint has been open 24 hours a day. Since 13 March, private cars have been allowed to cross; at least two people need to be inside.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Salah Eddin at Kfar Darom	Closed
West Morag Junction	Main Salah Edin road was open at Sufa/Morag
Beach Road	24 hour opening
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Partially open for Palestinians in both directions from 9:00 am – 5:00pm without age restrictions. Since 17 June, backlogs of more than 1,000 Palestinians are stuck at the Egyptian side of the Rafah passengers' terminal. Only about 600 Palestinians are allowed into per day. 30 June: Rafah terminal was opened at 11:30am.

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.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. Transit of trucks need liaison with the Palestinian DCL.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya 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.
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Checkpoint is no longer in use. Commercial trucks access Jericho through the DCO checkpoint.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The crossing was partially open from 7am to 11pm.
Sufa	Since 19 June, Sufa crossing was reopened for construction materials but remained closed for labourers.

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 Gaza. 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 Defense 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.