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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

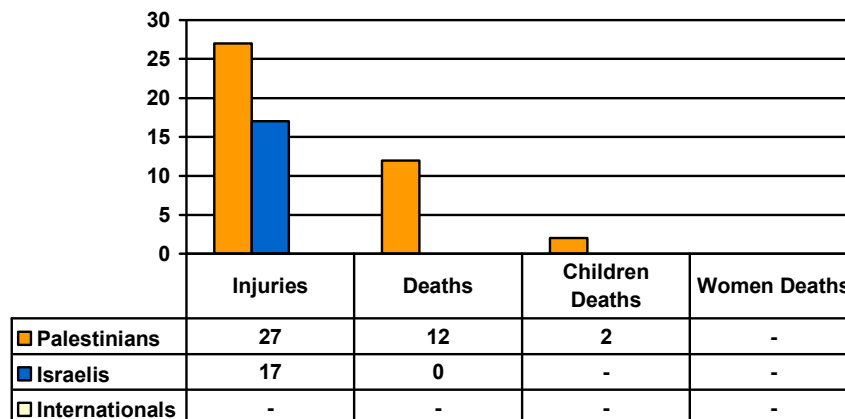
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed eleven Palestinians, including two children and an unarmed civilian, and injured 20 others, including at least three children. One IDF soldier was injured in clashes with Palestinian militants in Khan Younis.
- One Palestinian was killed and two injured in family disputes and ten others were injured in inter-factional violence.
- Five demonstrations and two sit-ins were held throughout the Gaza Strip to commemorate the 60th anniversary of what Palestinians refer to as *Al Nakba*.
- The IDF carried out six levelling and excavation operations this week. During the operation, at least 108 dunums of agricultural land and three chicken farms with more than 70,000 chickens were destroyed.
- A total of 34 rockets and 22 mortars were fired at Israel, a decrease of 19% and 29%, respectively, compared to last week. According to various Israeli media reports, one of the attacks resulted in the injury at least 16 Israelis when a rocket struck a shopping center in the city of Ashkelon in southern Israel. In addition, 17 mortars were fired at IDF soldiers conducting ground operations in Gaza, compared to nine mortars fired last week.

West Bank:

- The IDF killed a 15-year-old Palestinian boy at Huwwara checkpoint and injured four others in Nablus, Ramallah and Hebron governorates. In addition, Israeli settlers injured three Palestinians in Hebron governorate.
- On 14 and 15 May, Palestinians organised demonstrations in a number of West Bank cities and refugee camps to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Nakba. Protesters carried both UN and black flags and demanded that UN resolutions be implemented.
- The closure imposed on the West Bank on 6 May continued until 17 May during which Israel's Independence Day, *Al Nakba* Day and President Bush's visit to Israel took place. The IDF denied all Palestinians holding valid permits entry to Israel and East Jerusalem, except those working with international organisations and emergency medical cases. During the 12-day closure period, the daily average of reported flying checkpoints was 12, compared to an average of nine reported in the week preceding the closure.
- Between 16 and 20 May, Israeli settlers leveled and opened several dirt roads in land west of Revava settlement in Salfit governorate. The land is about 200 dunums and belongs to Palestinian farmers from Deir Istiya.
- A total of 95 IDF search operations and 79 arrests/detentions of Palestinians were reported this week, an increase of 11% and 44%, respectively, compared to last week.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents.

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **14 May:** An 18-year-old Palestinian male (unarmed civilian) was killed by live ammunition when IDF soldiers positioned in Beit Lahiya opened fire towards him while he was riding his bicycle on the main road east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **14 May:** One Hamas militant (aged 20 years) and an 18-year-old Palestinian male (unarmed civilian) were killed when the IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of Palestinian militants east of Jabaliya (North Gaza). Concurrently, IDF tanks fired three tank shells towards three Palestinian houses, injuring three unarmed civilians including a 15-year-old girl and a 75-year-old woman (North Gaza).
- **14 May:** A 23-year-old armed Palestinian man (Hamas militant) was killed and three others (militants) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at a group of militants northeast of Khuza'a. According to Israeli media reports, an IDF officer was injured during armed clashes between the IDF and Palestinian militants in Khuza'a (Khan Younis).
- **14 May:** According to Israeli media reports, 16 Israelis were injured when a rocket fired from east of Beit Lahiya exploded in a shopping centre in the southern city of Ashkelon (North Gaza).
- **14 May:** Two Palestinian militants (aged 20 and 23 years) were killed and three others (unarmed civilians) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at a group of Hamas militants near the entrance to Karni industrial zone east of Gaza City (Gaza).
- **15 May:** A Palestinian man died of wounds sustained by live ammunition fired by the IDF during the IDF incursion into Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **15 May:** A 14-year-old Palestinian girl was injured by IDF fire when she was approaching the border east of Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **15 May:** One Palestinian man was injured when the IDF stationed at the former Nisanit settlement opened fire at Palestinian demonstrators near Erez crossing (Gaza).
- **17 May:** A Palestinian man was injured by IDF gunfire when two IDF bulldozers, accompanied by two tanks, entered approximately 700 meters into Gaza southeast of Al Shouka area (Rafah).
- **20 May:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and another 12-year-old child was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired a surface-to-surface missile at a group of people at Beit Lahia Junction after a rocket was launched from a nearby location a few minutes earlier (North Gaza).
- **20 May:** A Palestinian man (unarmed civilian) was killed and six others (two farmers and four militants) were injured when IDF soldiers fired six tank shells at a group of Hamas militants southeast of Karni Industrial Zone. One of the tank shells hit a civilian vehicle and resulted in the civilian casualties.
- **20 May:** A Palestinian man (unarmed civilian) was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Bureij Camp opened fire at a group of people near the border (Central Gaza).
- **20 May:** Two Palestinians (Hamas militants aged 22 and 23 years) died of wounds sustained on 20 May by IDF tank shells southeast of Karni Industrial Zone east of Gaza City (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **10 April to date:** The lack of sufficient fuel supplies continues to adversely affect all aspects of life in Gaza, including flooding of some sewage facilities, the closure of bakeries, resorting to the use of wooden ovens and paralysis of the public transportation system. As a result, the general public does not have adequate access to health, education, employment and social facilities.
- **14 May:** An exchange of gunfire erupted between Hamas militants and the IDF stationed at Kissufim military base. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **15 May:** The IDF declared the Palestinian area between customs and the Palestinian passport control office at Erez crossing a closed military zone for one day for security reasons (North Gaza).
- **15 May:** Three rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanoun towards Sderot City in Israel. According to Israeli media reports, one of the rockets landed near a synagogue in Sderot, causing some damage but resulting in no injuries (Israel).
- **16 May:** Hamas militants opened fire at IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Maghazi Camp. The IDF responded by firing three tank shells. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

- **17 May:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Maghazi Camp opened fire towards Palestinian farmers working in the area and two tank shells towards an open area. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **18 May:** IDF vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Rafah, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).
- **20 May:** An exchange of gunfire erupted between Hamas militants and IDF soldiers stationed at the border southeast of Gaza City. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **20 May:** IDF soldiers at Erez fired warning shots towards the former Erez industrial zone. This zone is continuously the target of IDF fire due to its proximity to Erez crossing. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **20 May:** Hamas militants opened fire at an IDF jeep patrolling the border east of Al Qarara east of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **20 May:** IDF patrol boats opened fire for 10 minutes towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Rafah, forcing them to return to the seashore. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **15 May:** A 17-year-old Palestinian male from the town of Sa'ir was injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF incursion into the town. He was later arrested when IDF soldiers stopped the ambulance carrying him to the hospital (Hebron).
- **19 May:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was shot dead by IDF soldiers positioned at Huwwara checkpoint. According to the IDF spokesperson, the boy was "carrying what seem[ed] to be an explosive belt... when the forces noticed him acting suspiciously, soldiers called on him to stop all movement. After he slowly lowered his hands onto the belt, forces fired at him." However, Palestinians who witnessed the event reported to OCHA that nothing was attached to the boy's body.
- **19 May:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man was injured with live ammunition when an Israeli settler opened fire at him from a car near the Al Fahs junction, located south of the H2 area of Hebron City, which was recently opened the IDF for Palestinian movement (Hebron).
- **19 May:** Two Palestinian men (aged 18 and 33 years) were physically assaulted by Israeli settlers from the Neve Neshet outpost, located south of the town of Yatta, while they were herding on their lands near the outpost. The Israeli police subsequently detained one of the injured Palestinians (Hebron).
- **20 May:** Three Palestinian males from Ni'lin (aged between 22 and 46 years of age) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by the IDF while demonstrating against an IDF military order to requisition 2,500 dunums of their agricultural land for Barrier construction. No arrests were reported (Ramallah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **14 and 15 May:** The IDF shot tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian youth demonstrating at Qalandiya checkpoint to commemorate 60 years of Al Nakba. No injuries or arrests were reported (Jerusalem).
- **15 May:** Around 100 settlers from Kiryat Arba, Efrata, Teqoa and Har Homa marched to an old military base east of Beit Sahour in an attempt to establish a new settlement in the area. The military base (1,100 dunums), which is owned by the Beit Sahour municipality, was evacuated in 2006. Several Israeli figures participated in the event, which was jointly organised by 16 Israeli organisations, including the Land of Israel Youth and the Temple Mount Movement (Bethlehem).
- **16 May:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near Al Lubban. No injuries were reported but the car sustained some damage (Ramallah).
- **16 May:** Several cases of asphyxia were reported when the IDF used tear gas during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists in Bil'in against Barrier construction (Ramallah).
- **16 and 17 May:** A group of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement threw stones at Palestinian houses in 'Asira al Qibliya. The IDF intervened and dispersed the settlers. No injuries or damage was reported (Nablus).
- **20 May:** A Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli house in Abu Tor area adjacent to the East Talpiyyot settlement. No injuries or damage were reported (Jerusalem).

2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **15 May:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by unknown masked gunmen in Khan Younis. The motive is reportedly an old family dispute (Khan Younis).
- **17 May:** A 35-year-old Palestinian man was stabbed to death by his brother in Deir El Balah. The incident is reportedly related to an ongoing family dispute (Central Gaza).
- **20 May:** One Palestinian was shot and injured in a family dispute in Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 May:** Islamic Jihad organised a demonstration at the Unknown Soldier Park to mark the 60th anniversary of Al Nakba. Approximately 200 children participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1130 hours (Gaza).
- **15 May:** The Refugee Popular Committee organised a demonstration in Al Maghazi Camp to mark the 60th anniversary of Al Nakba. Approximately 150 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1330 hours (Central Gaza).
- **15 May:** Approximately 1,000 members of the PLO demonstrated at Al Nijma square in Rafah to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Al Nakba. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1230 hours (Rafah).
- **15 May:** Hamas police sealed off an active tunnel under the border with Egypt located opposite block J in Rafah (Rafah).
- **16 May:** PFLP organised a sit-in tent in An Nuseirat Camp to commemorate Al Nakba. Approximately 500 people participated in the sit-in (Central Gaza).
- **16 May:** Islamic Jihad organised a rally in An Nuseirat Camp to commemorate Al Nakba. Approximately 1,000 people participated in the rally, which ended peacefully at 1900 hours (Central Gaza).
- **17 May:** PFLP organised a rally in An Nuseirat Camp to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Al Nakba. Approximately 300 people took part in the rally, which ended peacefully at 1830 hours (Central Gaza).
- **18 May:** Approximately 20 Palestinian women held a sit-in at the Unknown Soldier Park to protest against the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. At 1300 hours the sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **18 May:** A dispute broke out at Al Azhar University between students from two local families. The police intervened and brought the situation under control. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **19 May:** A Hamas delegation, including senior Hamas leader Mahmoud Al-Zahar, crossed to Egypt, reportedly to discuss the truce between Israel and Palestinian factions (Rafah).
- **19 May:** The Egyptian authorities discovered and destroyed seven tunnels under the border between Gaza and Egypt (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **19 May:** A 35-year-old Palestinian man from As Samu' was injured by an electric pole that was knocked over by an IDF truck carrying stolen cars. The man was transported to an Israeli hospital (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **15 May:** At least five Fatah members were physically assaulted by the police, including the chairman of the Refugee Popular Committee. The police had prevented Fatah from organising a festival to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Al-Nakba in Al-Fakhora area in Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **17 May:** At least five Palestinian worshippers were physically assaulted and thrown out of Albany mosque in Jabaliya Camp when Hamas members attacked the mosque. The

² Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not recorded in the total in Section 1.

mosque is controlled by Al-Ketab Wa Al-Sunnah group (a Salafist group) whose Imam reportedly insulted various Hamas leaders in a sermon delivered on 16 May (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **19 May:** A dispute broke out between Hamas and Islamic Jihad supporters in a mosque in Toufah quarter. It is believed that the dispute was over control of the mosque. The police intervened and brought the situation under control by closing the mosque. People continued to gather in the street and prayed in the street outside the mosque (Gaza).

West Bank:

Other Incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

3. Shelter and Property

Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
14 May 2008	Jabaliya (North Gaza)	-	3	-	N/A
14 May 2008	Khuz'a, Khan Younis	1	3	-	N/A
17 May 2008	Beit Ummar, Hebron	-	3+	-	1 family
17 May 2008	Al Shouka, Rafah	2	-	-	N/A
Total		3	9+	-	1 family+

- **14 May:** During IDF operation inside Izbet Abed Rabbu east of Jabaliya, the IDF fired three tank shells at and damaged three houses east of Jabaliya Camp (North Gaza).
- **14 May:** During IDF operation in Khuza'a and 'Abassan east of Khan Younis, the IDF demolished one house and damaged three others (Khan Younis).
- **17 May:** IDF soldiers caused damage to a Palestinian house in Beit Ummar (doors, windows and other furniture) during a search and arrest operation (Hebron).
- **17 May:** Two IDF bulldozers, accompanied by two tanks, entered approximately 700 meters into Gaza southeast of Al Shouka area. The bulldozers destroyed two large chicken farms, killing more than 20,000 chickens. The IDF withdrew to Kerem Shalom military base at 1000 hours (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **18 May:** The IDF re-distributed demolition orders against three structures in Al Beq'a area east of Hebron City. Two of the structures had been demolished by the IDF in 2007 and rebuilt by ICAHD while the third one is a veranda added to a house. Demolition orders against these structures were previously distributed in late November 2007 and early February 2008, along with eight other orders issued against structures in the same area.

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **16 May:** Unknown persons detonated a bomb in front of the main gate of Zahwa Rosary Sisters School, which is run by Catholic nuns in Tel Al-Hawwa quarter of Gaza City. Minor structural damage but no injuries were reported. Police officials said that they were investigating the incident (Gaza).
- **16 May:** A group of youngsters broke into an UNRWA School in Gaza City damaging four window panes, three light lamps, eight door locks and several student desks; the assailants also partially damaged some electricity wires (Gaza).
- **18 May:** Unknown persons detonated an explosive device at the main gate of a café opposite Al Quds Open University in Naser quarter. The explosion damaged the entrance of the shop and broke some windows. No injuries were reported. Police officials said that they were investigating the incident (Gaza).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

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

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 April 2008 to date:** Israeli army bulldozers continue to level land north of Huwwara checkpoint.

Jenin, Tulkarm, and Qalqiliya Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

14 May: About 35 dunums of land planted with wheat and barley were burnt in Khirbet 'Atuf after the IDF fired flairs in the area (Tubas).

Salfit Governorate:

16–20 May: Israeli settlers leveled and opened several dirt roads on land west of Revava settlement. The land is about 200 dunums and belongs to Palestinian farmers from Deir Istiya.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.
 - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
 - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has stopped pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmona'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction of four “fabric of life” roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to road obstacles, the route of the Barrier, and the route of roads which Palestinians are restricted from using:
 - Construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to Roads 465 and 446, has almost been completed, except for the final 50 meter section to connect it back to Road 465. The road is open for access between Shuqba and 465 via an underpass at the intersection of 446 and 465.
 - Construction of a road between Beit Liqiya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The Israeli DCL reports that the underpass will be completed during the summer of 2008.
 - Construction has begun on a new road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya. A total of 588 dunums of land were requisitioned and some land levelling at Beit 'Ur al Fauqa has begun. The Israeli DCL reports that the construction of the road will take approximately ten months.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

20 May: The IDF closed with cement blocks the only route connecting Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhoods. Concurrently, the IDF opened a military gate through the Barrier at a nearby location; this route used to be main road connecting the two neighbourhoods but had been closed by the IDF since late February 2007.

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a “fabric of life” sunken road and a tunnel for use by Palestinians travelling between Al Jib and Biddu villages is complete. The sunken road is located under Road 436 which connects the settlements of Ramot Allon and Givat Ze'ev and is primarily for Israeli use and use by Palestinians from An Nabi

Samwil village to access Beit Iksha via Ramot checkpoint. The “fabric of life” road replaces the dirt track between Beit Hanina al Balad and Beit Iksha through Ramot checkpoint, which was closed with cement blocks by the IDF when the sunken road was opened.

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3-km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
 - The Barrier between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. On 20 May, the IDF closed with cement blocks the only route connecting these two neighbourhoods. Concurrently, the IDF opened a military gate through the Barrier at a nearby location; this route used to be main road connecting the two neighbourhoods but had been closed by the IDF since late February 2007. When the Barrier is complete, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be completely separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
 - Since **26 November 2007**, Barrier construction has been halted between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages due to budget constraints.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is mostly complete. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Construction of a road leading to the police station was completed and the road is currently being widened.
- A new “fabric of life” road between Anata and Az Za'ayem (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Az Za'ayem without using the entrance lane off Road 1 near Zayem checkpoint.
- Construction of a “fabric of life” road around Ma'ale Adummim settlement bloc has not begun. The road is planned to connect the southern and central West Bank such that Palestinians will no longer need to travel on Road 1 through the Ma'ale Adummim settlement bloc. A military order number T/19/07 had been issued to confiscate 1,128 dunums to construct this road.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction of the patrol road along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint continues.
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).
 - The Barrier contractor suspended land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
 - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was suspended in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was suspended around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was suspended during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for new crossing continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man crossing is ongoing.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, El'azar, Allon Shevut and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of new buildings continued in Karmel, Susyia, Kiryat Arba' and Shani settlements.

Gaza Strip:

- **14 May:** IDF tanks and bulldozers entered 1,000 meters into Khuza'a and Abbasan east of Khan Younis. The bulldozers conducted levelling operations, uprooting olive trees and destroying 100 dunums of agricultural land and greenhouses. At 1030 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border line (Khan Younis).
- **14 May:** Six armoured vehicles and two bulldozers entered into the area south of Karni industrial zone. The bulldozers conducted excavation and bulldozing operations near the border and withdrew at 1810 hours (Gaza).
- **15 May:** Two IDF tanks, two bulldozers and one jeep entered 200 meters into Al Farheen area east of Khan Younis. IDF bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations and withdrew to the border at 1330 hours (Khan Younis).
- **17 May:** IDF bulldozers uprooted and levelled eight dunums of agricultural land planted with vegetables in El-Shoka southeast of Rafah as well as destroyed a chicken farm containing 50,000 chickens. (Rafah)
- **19 May:** Two IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered approximately 400 meters into Gaza east of Al Maghazi and conducted levelling and excavation operations. The IDF withdrew at 2000 hours (Central Gaza).
- **19 May:** Two IDF bulldozers accompanied by two Anti-Personnel Carriers (APCs) entered approximately 150 meters into Gaza northeast of Karni commercial crossing. The IDF bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations and withdrew to the border (Gaza).
- **20 May:** Two IDF bulldozers accompanied by six armoured vehicles entered 400 meters southeast of Karni Industrial Zone. The bulldozers carried out an excavation operation, damaging the road leading to Johr Ed-Dik dumping station. At 1440 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Gaza).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Incidents of curfews****Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
-	-	-
Total Week	-	-

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (northeast of Beit Hanun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahiya) continue to maintain a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

b) Access to education

- **14 April:** Attendance at UNRWA Khuza'a Elementary Co-ed "B" school was zero due to the IDF incursion east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 April to date:** Teachers and students are unable to report to their schools due to the fuel shortage. Student attendance in all universities in Gaza Strip was disturbed for the same reason.
- The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani—the escort has been provided since 2004 to protect students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement—continue to leave school children half-way through. The children thus have to walk the remaining distance alone, including passing immediately near the outpost of Havat Ma'on. Moreover, while the IDF escort includes soldiers walking beside the children, the soldiers usually stay in the IDF jeep while the students walk in front of the jeep (Hebron).

c) Access to employment

- **14–17 May:** All Palestinian workers and traders holding valid permits were denied access into Israel and East Jerusalem due to the closure imposed on the West Bank.

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.

d) Closures/movement restrictions**Nablus Governorate:**

During the reporting period: Delays at 'Atara checkpoint were experienced on a daily basis and very long delays of up to 80 minutes were experienced during the weekend. This was due to the slow IDF checks of Palestinians and their vehicles which created long lines that almost blocked bypass Road 465 used by settlers.

14–16 May: The IDF continued to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint until 1200 hours on 16 May due to security alert. The closure began at 0600 hours on 13 May.

14, 15, 18 and 19 May: Delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara and Tappuah checkpoints.

19 May: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for three hours after killing a Palestinian child at the checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- **7 May to date:** The IDF continue to close with an earth mound a dirt road connecting Qusin with Road 60.
- **29 October 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'in village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **28 March 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF prohibits the free movement of all commercial trucks to the Barta'a enclave surrounded by the Barrier. Forty trucks, registered with the IDF at the checkpoint with a freight load of under two tonnes are allowed to transport food products. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **15 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Shuweika to Iktaba village with an earth mound.
- **8 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close four roads connecting Bal'a with Road 57, 'Anabta, Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba with earth mounds.
- **12 December 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **2 March to date** The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Hajja with Baqat al Hatab.
- **9 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the northern entrance of 'Azzun with concrete blocks and an earth mound. The IDF also continues to close with an earth mound a dirt road connecting 'Azzun with Kafr Laqif, after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 en route to Israeli settlements.
- **13 July 2007 to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City with vehicles.

Salfit Governorate:

17 May: The IDF removed the earth mound at the western entrance of Marda, thereby opening the road connecting village with Road 505.

Ongoing incidents:

- **27 November 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the entrance of Kifl Haris with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: An Nabi Saleh partial checkpoint operated. Delays of up to 25 minutes were experienced and many Palestinians had to turn back and use the longer road via 'Abud village to bypass the checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July 2007 to date** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis are permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **2 January 2008 to date:** The Dead Sea checkpoint functions as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians with West Bank IDs and Palestinian-plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area when the checkpoint is not staffed. When the checkpoint is staffed, however, the Israeli Border Police denies passage to all Palestinians and their vehicles. The checkpoint is staffed on weekends, Jewish holidays, and randomly during the week.
- **26 September 2007 to date:** All West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO and Yitav checkpoints. For exiting Jericho city, only Palestinians from the northern West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to use the DCO checkpoint and are forced to use Yitav checkpoint north of Jericho City.
- **26 April 2007 to date:** Movement of Palestinians who are not Jordan Valley residents into areas north of Yitav checkpoint continues to be controlled through four checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley north of Yitav checkpoint but non-Jordan Valley residents no longer require a permit to enter the Jordan Valley using public transportation through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints. All Palestinians have access to Jericho City with their personal vehicles.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **25 March 2008 to date:** The road between Beit Hanina al Balad and Ramot checkpoint is closed. Travel for all Palestinians between the Bir Nabala and Biddu areas is via the new sunken road/tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu. Ramot checkpoint continues to operate only for Jerusalem ID holders and residents of An Nebi Samwil, which is located within the seam zone near Har Smuel settlement, and provides access in the direction of Beit Ikse only.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

13 May: The IDF closed for three hours all entry points leading from the Old City of Hebron to the Ibrahimi Mosque, both located in the H2 area, due to suspecting the presence of a Palestinian militant in the area.

18 May: IDF removed al Fahs closure (a.k.a. Sheep Junction) and allowed free access to Road 60 and between the H2 area and Yatta. Three days earlier, the IDF placed iron gates in the vicinity of the closure. On 16 and 20 May, Israeli settlers held demonstrations to protest against the opening of the closure, during which the flow of Palestinian traffic was interrupted.

20 May: The IDF lifted two closures (an earth mound and cement blocks) in the town of Beit Ummar, one at the entrance of the vegetable market and the other at the town's northern entrance.

Ongoing incidents:

- **2 April to date:** The IDF continues to reinforce the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to areas inside Israel.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on five days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements; however, national UN staff members continue to be denied entry to Israel, even with permits and prior co-ordination. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).

- **Rafah** crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June but it was operated since then on a few occasions on an exceptional basis.
- **Karni** crossing: the conveyor belt/chute was open on two days this week to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. Since 12 June, however, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on three days this week. After being closed between 28 October and 22 December, Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities. Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing was closed this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, Kerem Shalom was effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- **Nahal Oz energy pipelines** were open on four scheduled operating days this week.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north of Beit Hanun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF.

Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (1), Al Badhan village (1), Huwwara (2), Deir Sharaf (2)	6
Jenin	'Arraba (3), Sanur (1), Az Zababida (1), Fahma (1), Ti'nnik (1), ash Shuhada (1), Kafr Dan (1), At Tayba (1)	10
Tubas	Tayasir (1), Tammun (1)	2
Tulkarm	'Illar (2), Bal'a (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Beit Lid (3), 'Attil (1), Kafr Sur (2), Iktaba (1)	11
Qalqiliya	Izbat at Tabib (4), Kafr Laqif (3), Habla (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), An Nabi Elyas (1), Kafr Tulth (3), Wadi Qana (2)	16
Salfit	Salfit City (1), Iskaka (1), Marda (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	'Ein 'Arik (2)	2
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Hizma (1), Road 60 (2), 'Anata (1)	4
Bethlehem	Al Shawawreh (3), Tuqu' (3), Al Nashash (3), Bethlehem (4), Zatarra (2)	15
Hebron	Halhul Overpass (1), Al Fawwar (2), Yatta (3), Beit Kahil (2), the H1 area of the City of Hebron (4)	12
Total West Bank		82

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)¹

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (6), Balata RC (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Qaryut (1), Beit Furik (1), Al Lubban ash Sharqilya (1), An Nasariya (1), Huwwara CP, Tappuh CP	12	18
Jenin	Jenin RC (2), Qabatya (1), Jenin City (3), Ya'bad (1), Silat al Harithiya (1)	8	7
Tubas	Al Far'a (1), Tammun (1), Tayasir (3)	5	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), Zeita (1)	3	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (3), 'Azzun (3), Izbat at Tabib (2), Habla (2), Ras 'Atiya (1), Jayyus (2), Hajja (1), Kafr Thulth (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), Kafr Laqif (1), 'Asla (1)	20	2
Salfit	Marda (1), Deir Ballut (1), Biddya (1), Kifl Haris (1), Deir Istiya (1)	5	0
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2), Deir Abu Mash'al (1), Beit Ikksa (1), Deir Nizam (1), Beitillo (2), Rammun (1), Um al Sharayet (1)	9	15
Jericho	Fasayel (1)	1	1
Jerusalem	Hizma (1), Jabal al Mukaber (1), Jerusalem, Al 'Isawiya (4), Al 'Eizariya (1)	7	19
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (4), Beit Fajjar (2), Beit Sahur (2), Ad Doha (1), Tuquu' (1)	10	5
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (3), Beit Ummar (2), Yatta (4), H2 area of Hebron City (1), Dura (3), Adh Dhahiriya (1), As Samu' (1)	15	11
Total West Bank		95	79
Khan Younis	Khuza'a (1,4)	1	4
Rafah	Al Shouka (1,17)—14 were subsequently released	1	17
Total Gaza Strip		2	21
Total oPt		97	100

¹ Figures exclude the number of West Bank Palestinians arrested in Israel due to the lack of work permits.

Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Jenin	Jenin City (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (2,3)	2	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (1,1)	1	1
Total Week West Bank		4	5
Gaza Strip			
Khan Younis	Khan Younis (1,1)—the governor of Khan Younis was detained by the police and interrogated for four hours.	1	1
Total Gaza Strip		1	1
Total oPt		5	6

*Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 14 – 20 May 2008

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green Line CP)	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel. Between 14 and 17 May, the checkpoint was closed due to Nakba day and President Bush's visit to Israel.
Kafriat	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jubara. Movement to Israel via the closed area behind the barrier is permitted only for Israelis and international organisations.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	Manned by the IDF. Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
Jubara	A Barrier gate manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Only allows Jubara community behind the Barrier to pass through.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras at Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances travelling from Qalqiliya City to these five villages need prior coordination with the DCL. Between 14 and 17 May, the checkpoint was closed due to Nakba day and President Bush's visit to Israel.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel. Between 14 and 17 May, the checkpoint was closed due to Nakba day and President Bush's visit to Israel.
Qalqiliya DCO	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Ras 'atiya	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours.
'Azzun Atma	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0430 to 2200 hours.
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem On Road 5	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations, Israelis and allows them to enter Israel via the closed area behind the Barrier. Between 14 and 17 May, the checkpoint was closed due to Nakba day and President Bush's visit to Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to cross between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to cross. Only 63 trucks with special permits are allowed to use the checkpoint. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.

Beit Furik <i>Eastern checkpoint</i>	Manned by the IDF. A major linkage between Nablus and the Jordan Valley area. Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours. Palestinians travelling out of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan must enter Nablus City through this checkpoint and then cross through other Nablus checkpoints to reach their destinations.
Shave Shomeron <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	Manned by the IDF. Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Tappuah <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Manned by the IDF. As of 28 April 2008, the IDF manning the checkpoint allows all traffic through during the opening hours (0500 hours to 2300 hours). Random checks were reported. Between 14 and 17 May, the checkpoint was closed due to Nakba day and President Bush's visit to Israel.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	Manned by the IDF. A crossing for workers and traders to enter Israel. Operating between 0530 to 2000 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0530 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Reikhan/ Barta'a <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Manned by an Israeli private company. Operating between 0500 to 2200 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Manned by the IDF. Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles.
Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 to 2200 hours. Only Palestinians who are residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to use this checkpoint.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles. Long delays were reported for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic on a daily basis.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August 2007 the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 14 January 2008, a Border Police company now mans the checkpoint.
'Atara Bridge	Manned by the Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December 2007, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint are reported in both directions. During the reporting period, long delays were experienced by commuters on both sides of the checkpoint due to the slow process of checking IDs and vehicles conducted by the Israeli Border Police. Long delays of up to 80 minutes were reported during the weekend.
An Nabi Salih gate,	Usually Open. During the reporting period delays of up to 25 minutes

Partial CP	were reported during the weekend.
At Tayba / Rimmonim <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449</i>	On 31 March 2008 , some but not all installations were removed. Passage is permitted for all Palestinians and the checkpoint continues to operate on a random basis several times a week.
Partial CP	
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.
Ni'lin	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Rantis	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. As of 26 September 2007, all West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Palestinians from the north of the West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint and are hence forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint. All other West Bank ID-holders may exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint or Yitav. During the reporting period, delays for Palestinians exiting Jericho were reported on a daily basis.
Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho governorate. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are not Jordan Valley residents are prohibited from crossing northward to Al Auja through this checkpoint unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling between Jericho and Ramallah. During the reporting period, some delays were reported.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008	Located on Road 90 near the Dead Sea. Since 2 January 2008, operates as a partial checkpoint. As of early May 2008, the Israeli DCL reported that Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles will be denied access to the Dead Sea area between 0800 hours on Thursday and 2200 hours on Saturday (operating hours). At all other times during the week, the checkpoint should be open 24 hours.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers and their family members are allowed to cross while staying inside the vehicle. All other persons, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays during rush hours continue to be reported on a daily basis at both the vehicular and pedestrian lanes.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
Zayem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross.
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem. During the reporting period, long delays were reported during rush hours.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. Residents of the Palestinian village An Nabi Samwil are permitted to cross to access their village

	only.
Ramot Allon <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As of 25 March 2008, Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves are no longer allowed through the checkpoint and all movements are directed to the new “fabric of life” sunken road and tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu under Road 436.
Shu’fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shu’fat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container (“Wadi nar”) <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
Az Zaytoun (olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
Lazarus	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for 300 residents of the Abu Dis neighbourhood adjacent to the checkpoint who have Jerusalem IDs and have their names on a list held at the checkpoint.
Sheikh Sa’d	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for Jerusalem ID holders who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa’d, which is located to the east of the Barrier. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa’d are allowed into Jerusalem through this checkpoint if they possess an Israeli permit.
As Sawahira ash Sharqiya	Manned by the IDF. Allows Jerusalem residents of As Sawahira al Gharbiya who live adjacent to the barrier to access As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, which is located to the east of the Barrier.
Rafat / Al Masyion <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	On the “Fabric of Life” road between Ramallah and Bir Nabala, near Rafat village. As of 5 March, the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Delays continued to be reported on a daily basis.
Shu’fat – Ras Khamees	Manned by the Border Police. Open for vehicular and pedestrian movements for Jerusalem ID holders. Palestinians with West bank IDs and possess permits to cross into Jerusalem are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint.
Jaba’ Between Jaba’ Junction and Qalandiya CP	Open.
Qawasmi <i>Northern entrance at roundabout on road between Atarot and Qalandiya</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards or valid permits and internationals. Vehicle checks for those traveling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
Al Jib <i>A checkpoint and a gate</i>	Manned by Border Police. Allow 24/7 access for residents of Al Khalayleh neighbourhood (about 700 Palestinians caught between the barrier and Giv’at Ze’ev settlement). Palestinians with work permits to work in Giv’at Ze’ev settlement are allowed access according to the times stipulated on their permits. The checkpoint serves as a seasonal gate for farmers from Al Jib to access their land following prior coordination with the Israeli Civil administration.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel’s Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning. Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule. Between 14 and 17 May, Palestinians holding valid entry permits (for work and otherwise) were denied access to Israel and East Jerusalem due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank.
An Nu’man <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu’man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu’man and listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation’s ID and

	their national IDs and/or passports. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers from 0600 to 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
Ein Yallow / Al Walaja <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
Settler checkpoint: Mizpe Shalem – Efrata	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 hour for Palestinians with work permits to cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 3 March, the IDF and Israeli security personnel operating the checkpoint informed commercial trucks holding the appropriate papers to access Israel that they would not be allowed to go through the checkpoint anymore and that all commercial traffic will be re-directed to Tarqumiya crossing.
Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
Mitzpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa, Partial CP <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. During the reporting period, long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal. On 6 April 2008, a private company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overall supervision responsibilities. Between 14 and 17 May, Palestinians holding valid permits (for work and otherwise) were denied access to Israeli and East Jerusalem through the checkpoint.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 30 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. This week, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work places inside Israel through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported. Between 14 and 17 May, Palestinians holding valid permits (for work and otherwise) were denied access to Israeli and East Jerusalem through the checkpoint.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can

	now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint have their names listed with the IDF to allow them passage. Friends and family members holding Palestinian IDs cannot visit their relatives in the area since their names are not on the list. Between 2 and 8 April 2008, the IDF reinforced the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to areas inside Israel.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Ibrahim Mosque. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 6 and 11 February, the IDF erected a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar Camp, east of Al Fawwar partial checkpoint.
Tarquimiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was open on five days this week for internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination only. On 9 May it was only open for internationals. On 16 May, Erez was open from 1200 to 1400 hours. On 15 and 17 May Erez was closed. The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
Rafah Passenger Crossing	Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June but it was opened on several occasions on an exceptional basis (e.g. pilgrimages; medical cases). On 18 May Rafah crossing was open from 1400 to 1415 hours to enable 14 injured Palestinians – who had received medical treatment in Egypt – to return to Gaza.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green Line CP)	Manned by an Israeli private company. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays. Open between 0730 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0730 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on 8 May from 1100 hours until Friday morning due to Jewish celebrations.
Nablus	

Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.
Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on 8 May from 1100 hours until Friday morning due to Jewish celebrations.
Tubas	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system). Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July 2007, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.
Hebron	
Tarqumiya <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in place. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported. On 6 April 2008, a private company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overall supervision responsibilities.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt was closed this week. Since 12 June, however, Karni remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on six days this week. It was closed on 17 May for the weekend. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed this week. Kerem Shalom has been open since 4 March, when it re-opened following its closure on 23 January.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on four scheduled operating days this week. The pipelines are generally scheduled to open six days a week.

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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 Organisation (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.