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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

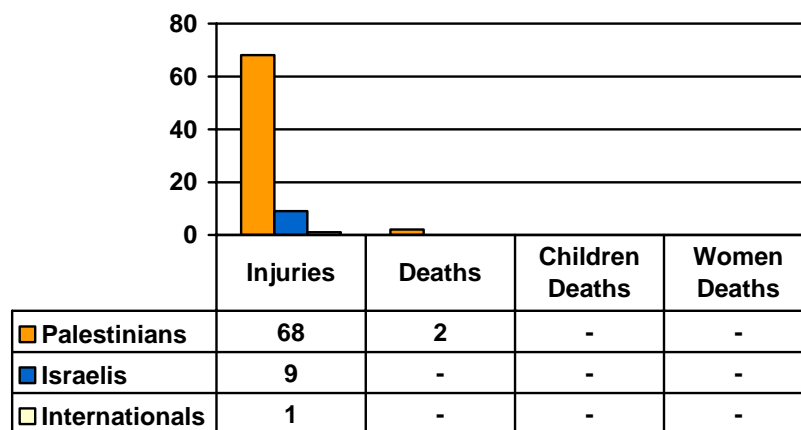
8 – 14 March 2006

Of note this period

- IDF operation in Jericho prison kills two and injures 30. The operation sparks of demonstrations and violence in the oPt.
- Israeli settlers continue to attack and injure Palestinians in Hebron.

1. Physical Protection

Casualties and protection¹



- **8 and 11 March:** Palestinian and Israeli activists demonstrated in Kharbatha al Misbah (Ramallah) against the construction of the Barrier. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at the demonstrators. One Israeli activists and two IDF soldier were injured.
- **8 March:** A Palestinian 14-year-old minor was injured while playing with an unexploded ordinance in Ad Dahiya area (Nablus).
- **8 March:** An Israeli settler in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) struck a 13 year-old Palestinian girl with his car. The girl sustained bodily injuries. The settler continued driving away.
- **8 March:** A group of Israeli settlers attacked and injured a 43 year-old Palestinian man near the Ibrahimi Mosque in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **9 March:** Four members of a Palestinian family, including a seven month old infant, were injured in IDF artillery shelling north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **9 March:** IDF soldiers attacked and injured a 28 year-old Palestinian man on route to work near Ar Rifa'iyya (Hebron).
- **9 March:** Israeli settlers chased after a 10 year-old Palestinian boy in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron). The boy broke his leg as a result.
- **10 March:** The IDF opened fire and injured one Palestinian in Rujeib village (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign.
- **10 March:** Palestinian and Israeli activists demonstrated in Beit Sira (Ramallah) against the construction of the Barrier. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at the stone-throwing demonstrators. Eight Palestinians and six Border Police were injured.
- **March 10:** Palestinians, Israeli and International activists demonstrated against the construction of the barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. Four Palestinians were injured.

¹ One of the Israeli injuries includes an Israeli activist injured by the IDF.

- **11 March:** IDF soldiers injured a 39 year-old woman from H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) during a search in her house.
- **11 March:** An IDF jeep ran over a 30 year-old Palestinian male journalist covering clashes in Ash Shuyukh (Hebron). The journalist was injured in his leg.
- **11 March:** The IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets during a military operation in Ash Shuyukh (Hebron). Two male Palestinians (18 and 20 years-old) were injured as a result.
- **12 March:** Israeli settlers attacked and injured a 17 year-old Palestinian boy in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **13 March:** Masked Israel settlers from Suseya settlement attacked and injured three Palestinians (a 23 year-old man, a 30 year-old woman and a 65 year-old woman) in Susiya (Hebron). The attack took place while an Israeli peace group was planting trees in the nearby Palestinian fields in support of the Palestinian community.
- **14 March:** Israeli settlers threw stones at Palestinians in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron), injuring a 13 year-old Palestinian girl and a 10 year-old boy. In addition, an international male accompanying them sustained head injuries after being hit by a number of stones.
- **14 March:** The IDF injured seven Palestinians with rubber-coated metal bullets in Nablus city (Nablus) during confrontations with Palestinian stone throwers.
- **14 March:** The IDF surrounded the prison in Jericho where five Palestinians are jailed over the assassination of an Israeli minister in 2001. The IDF troops used machine-gun fire, tank shells and bulldozers to knock down the walls in order to force the prisoners to surrender. Two Palestinians was reported killed and 30 others wounded (four of them prisoners). According to the Israelis, one Palestinian was killed. Access into and out of Jericho was denied except for ambulances leaving through the Jericho DCO checkpoint with prior coordination from the IDF.
- During the reporting period **47** home made rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel. No injuries were reported.
- During the reporting period the IDF fired more than **75** artillery tank shells towards targets in the Gaza Strip.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
6 March	Jaba', Jerusalem	1	-	0
9 March	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	0
Total Week		1	1	0

- **6 March:** The Israeli Civil Administration demolished a two-storey building in the final stages of construction in Jaba' (Jerusalem) due to lack of building permit.
- **8 March:** The Israeli Civil Administration issued demolition orders against three houses and two animal pens in Khamat an Nu'man (Bethlehem).
- **8 March:** The IDF issued three demolition orders against three uninhabited houses in the Al Burj, (Hebron).
- **9 March:** One house was partially destroyed by IDF artillery shelling in northern Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **13 March:** The IDF issued two evacuation orders to two herding families east of the Barrier near Deir Ballut (Salfit).

Other related incidents:

- No incidents to report.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

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

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue installing 3m high concrete slabs along Road 60 from Shave Shomeron checkpoint south to Deir Sharaf Junction to build a security zone and a wall/fence around the settlement.

Jenin and Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:**

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:**

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

Salfit Governorate:

9 March: The IDF installed a road fence along the road north of Kafr ad Dik and Bruqin villages.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

8 March: The IDF have replanted about 700 out of 1200 olive trees that have been uprooted for the Barrier construction in Beit Sira area.

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing between Kharbatha Bani Harith and Bil'in villages, and is also continuing between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira.
- The construction of the Barrier around Ofarim and Bet Arve settlements is continuing parallel to bypass Road 465 and east of 'Abud village.
- The IDF continues levelling land around Ateret settlement to create a buffer zone around the settlement as part of "special security areas around isolated settlements". This is a new measure confirmed by the Israeli DCL to secure small isolated settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

13 March: IDF soldiers began land leveling in H2 to construct a planned road connecting between Al Shohada Street and the Israeli settlement of Tel Rumeida.

8-14 March: The IDF continued land leveling in Deir al 'Asal for the possible purpose of placing a military tower.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya where the new commercial checkpoint will be built.
- Land levelling continues in the southern part of the Governorate near the Israeli settlement of Shani and the Palestinian village of Imneizil for the construction of the Barrier.
- Road paving and land levelling continues for the construction of the Barrier in the western side of the village of Al Ramadin.
- Land levelling continues at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar. During the reporting period a roundabout in the terminal has been finalised and two roads leading to the terminal merged together and paved. Lighting poles were also put in place.
- Land levelling for the construction of the road barrier has continued near the Palestinian hamlet of Khirbet Zanuta
- Land levelling and road paving is continuing for the purpose of constructing the Barrier in the towns of Surif, Nuba and Kharas.
- Land leveling and road paving continues in the vicinity of Ar Rifa'iyya military base in an effort to create a buffer zone around it.

- Land levelling for the construction of the road barrier has continued along Road 317 in the area between the Israeli checkpoint of Shani and Road 60 and 317 junction near the Israeli settlement of Shima.
- New housing construction continues in the Israeli settlements of Susiya, Karmeit Tsur, Kiryat Arba and Karmel.

Bethlehem Governorate:

10 March: The IDF issued military order no. T/24/06 requisitioning 170 dunums of Palestinian land from Beit Jala and Al Khadr (Bethlehem) for the purpose of creating a buffer zone around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.

10 March: The IDF issued military order no. T/25/06 requisitioning 39.8 dunums of Palestinian land from Beit Jala and Al Walaja (Bethlehem) for the purpose of establishing a new checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues next to Rachel's Tomb in preparation for the Barrier around a Palestinian empty apartment building.
- Land levelling continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site.
- Land levelling continues near Al Jab'a checkpoint to expand the site.
- Continued construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.
- New housing construction continues in the Israeli settlement of Efrat as well as northeast of Neve Daniel (in its most recent expansion), and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.

Jerusalem Governorate:

3 March (previously not reported): The Israeli high court issued a 14-day interim decision to suspend the construction of the Barrier in Ma'ale Adumim following a petition by Abu Dis residents and landowners.

10 March: The IDF cancelled requisition order T/51/05. The order originally requisitioned 91 dunums from the villages of Beit Iksa and Beit Duqqu for military purposes.

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariyya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3km of the Barrier south of Maale Adumim and Kedar.
- The IDF closed the road from Qalandiya checkpoint towards Atarat checkpoint; construction is taking place in the area to continue the part of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.
- Construction continues on the new road which divides Bir Nabala and Ar Ram parallel to the constructed Barrier, and on a new road between Bir Nabala, Qalandiya village and Rafat, that will allow access of residents from Bir Nabala, Al Jib and Al Judeira to Ramallah.
- Construction of a road barrier is continuing on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem checkpoint.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The borders are also being reinforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.

4. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
9 March	Madama, Nablus	10 hours

14 March	Jericho city, Jericho	9 hours
Total Week	2 Incidents	19 hours

- **9 – 10 March:** The IDF imposed curfew at 7:00pm lasting to 5:00am following day in Madama village (Nablus) for 10 hours after Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles passing on Road 60.
- **14 March:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Jericho city after they surrounded the prison.

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinians' movement inside As Siafa area in the northern Gaza Strip continues to be restricted following the IDF announcement of parts of the northern Gaza Strip a "no go" or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December. The 250 Palestinian residents of As Siafa (within this buffer zone) continue to limit their movement during the day and do not move after dark. Entry into the area is only possible with prior coordination from the IDF.

b) Access to Education

Bethlehem:

8-14 March: Students walking from Al Jab'a to their school in Surif (Hebron) were delayed by Border Police soldiers who are stationed at Surif gate.

8 March: Israeli Border Police stationed at the entrance of An Numa'an delayed school children from the village while en route back from school.

Hebron:

8-14 March: IDF soldiers manning the Shohada Street checkpoint in H2 area of Hebron city prevented students from Al Mohammadiya and Cordoba schools from reaching their schools on time.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron Governorate. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried out by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.
- Imneizil elementary school was delayed as teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' were unable to reach the school on time. IDF soldiers manning Beit Yatir checkpoint denied the teachers' access. The teachers were sent back and advised by the soldiers to use risky alternative roads.

Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- 60 Students from As Siafa living inside the newly announced "no-go" or enlarged buffer zone in the northern Gaza Strip and surrounding areas are experiencing difficulties reaching their schools on time.

c) Access to Employment

A general closure was imposed on the oPt on 11 March stated to last until 15 March in light of the Jewish holiday of Purim. Workers and traders with valid permits were not allowed access to Israel and East Jerusalem in this period.

West Bank: permits valid for February 2005

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	343	1,400
Jenin	535	740
Tubas	29	410
Tulkarm	725	1,000
Qalqiliya	837	680
Salfit	386	300
Ramallah and Al Bireh	780	1,500
Jerusalem	390	38
Jericho	52	79
Bethlehem	650	690
Hebron	2,491	834
Total Permits Issued West Bank	7,218	7,671

Gaza Strip:

As of 12 March the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is 5,129. In order to be eligible for a permit Palestinians must be over 35 years old and married with children. All overnight permissions (about 1,000) were cancelled in the aftermath of the Netanya suicide bombing in Israel on 5 December. As of 14 February, the total number for traders with valid permits is 531.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel	Comments
8 March	3,179	169	OPEN
9 March	3,247	154	
10 March	1,758	139	
11 March	156	10	
12 March	0	0	CLOSED
13 March	0	0	
14 March	0	0	

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

A general closure was imposed on the oPt on 11 March stated to last until 15 March in light of the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Nablus Governorate:

8 March: The IDF lifted the age restrictions on Palestinians from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan crossing at Beit Furik checkpoint.

8 March - ongoing: Delays and long queues are experienced at the flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road.

9 March: Palestinians opened the roads connecting Beita village to the nearby villages of Osarin, 'Awarta and Aqraba.

10 March: IDF prohibited all movement at the flying checkpoint at al Badhan road for ten hours.

12 March: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for half an hour.

12 March: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF have closed Shave Shomeron checkpoint for Palestinians during erection of concrete blocks. It remains open for humanitarian organisations from 6am – 8pm provided they have prior coordination.
- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin from leaving Nablus through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints. Long delays are experienced at these checkpoints.
- The IDF at Za'atara checkpoint continue to deny access for Palestinians from Jenin heading south through the checkpoint. Palestinians heading north continued to be allowed access.

Jenin Governorate:

11 March: The IDF closed the road between Arraba and Fahma with a flying checkpoint for several hours.

11 March to date: The IDF closed Al Jalama checkpoint and prevented workers and traders to enter Israel during the Purim holidays. The commercial checkpoint (back to back) remains open.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinians experiences daily long delays at Tayasir checkpoint, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.

Tulkarm Governorate:

11 March: The IDF closed 'Anabta partial checkpoint on Road 57 preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.

11 March - ongoing: The IDF closed Efrayim checkpoint and prevented workers and traders to enter Israel during the Purim holidays. The Taybeh commercial checkpoint (back to back) remains open.

14 March: The IDF moved 'Anabta partial checkpoint on Road 57 to Bizzariya junction after they closed it for several hours in the morning.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- Delays and long queues continue to be experienced at 'Anabta partial check point and at the flying checkpoint near Kafriat tunnel.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Deir al Ghusun village with 'Attil village with earth mounds.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

All week: A flying checkpoint at the entrance of Qalqiliya city (DCO) prevented Israeli registered vehicles from entering the city.

8 March: The IDF closed the entrance of Qalqiliya city (DCO) for several hours for Palestinian movements during a military operation in the city

11 March - ongoing: The IDF closed Qalqiliya north checkpoint and prevented workers and traders to enter Israel during the Purim holidays.

14 March: The IDF closed the entrance of Qalqiliya (DCO) and prevented access in and out of the city following the situation around the prison in Jericho.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close a dirt road between Haris and Deir Istiya with an earth mound.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

14 March: The IDF closed DCO checkpoint for some hours following the incident in Jericho.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed by road blocks.
- Delays continued to be experienced at Gilo checkpoint.

Hebron governorate

During the reporting period the IDF increased the frequency of flying checkpoints at the Halhul bridge and Halhul-Sa'ir junction.

March 11: IDF soldiers tightened movement restrictions on Palestinians in the H2 part of the city of Hebron due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Ongoing incidents:

- Closure remains tight in the governorate along bypass roads. On Road 35 the IDF has reinforced the earth mounds on both sides.
- Closures on Road 317 and Road 60 remained strict and a large number of cement blocks before and in the vicinity of Zif gate were added.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road 60 remain closed with a roadblock and earth mounds.
- The entrance to Adh Dhahiriya remains closed by a road block.
- All primary entrances to Hebron from Road 35 and 60 are closed. Alternative entrances via Halhul and Dura are possible through IDF positions permanently manned.
- The earth mound which replaced Yatta Gate was re-established by the IDF after being removed in the past weeks.
- Entrances of Idhna and Tarqumiya from Road 35 are still closed with road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

12 – 15 March: Israel imposed a tight closure on the West Bank due to the Jewish holidays. All Palestinians even those with permits were denied access to Jerusalem, except for medical purposes. Except for medical permits, no new permits were issued in the reporting period. It is expected that closure will be lifted by the end of the Jewish holidays on Wednesday, March 15.

Jericho Governorate:

14 March: The IDF closed off the entrances to Jericho.

14 March: The IDF denied all ambulances access in and out of Jericho through Nwemeh checkpoint

14 March: The IDF denied the PRCS access to the prison in Jericho to evacuate the wounded until the military operation around was completed.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prohibit all Palestinians from entering the Jordan Valley unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley. However, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to stay over night in the area.
- Delays at the DCO checkpoint is continuing on a daily basis in the morning and evening hours.
- The IDF continue to operate the former partial checkpoint at An Nwemeh with official opening hours from 5am to 8pm.

Gaza Strip

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.
- The IDF continues to enforce the “no go” or enlarged buffer zone in the Palestinian areas which lies to the north of Gaza on the border with Israel. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Road No. 60 near; Yits'har junction (7). Road No. 60 near Al Madina club (7), Al Badhan Rd (7), Jamma'in.	22
Jenin	'Anza, Kufeirit, Fahma.	3
Tubas	Tubas (2).	2
Tulkarm	Deir Al Ghusun (3), 'Illar, Seida, Áttil, Balá (2).	8
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun, Izbat at Tabib, Jayyus, Jit junction (7), Ázzun tunnel, Al Fundug and Hajja, Habla tunnel (2).	22
Salfit	Deir Istiya (7), Haris, Biddya (2), Az Zawiya tunnel (2), Qarawat Bani Hassan. Marda (2).	15
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 near Binyamim junction (14).	14
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0
Jericho	No incidents reported.	0
Bethlehem	Husan, Beit Sahur, Al 'Aza camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya, 'Ayda camp (4), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara, Bethlehem (2).	18
Hebron	Yatta, Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im, Dura(2), H1 (2), Halhul (2), Beit Kahil, Al Arrub camp (5), Ad Dhahiriya, Ar Ramadin, Twani (2), Sa'ir (2)	24
Total West Bank		128

5. Additional Protection Issues

- **14 March:** Following the Israeli operation in Jericho demonstrations and violence erupted in the oPt. In the Gaza Strip, hundreds of gunmen and protesters burned tires and shot in the air and U.K, E.U, U.S and U.N offices/personnel were attacked. Nine internationals were kidnapped. All UN international staff left Gaza Strip. In Jenin, one U.S citizen was kidnapped and released after some hours. Demonstrations were also held in Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Hebron. UN international staff members have also left the West Bank.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (3), Balata camp (2), Āskar (1), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (1). At CP/Flying CPs; Huwwara, Beit Iba.	7	8
Jenin	Jenin city (2), Jenin camp (2), Qabatiya (1), CP/Flying CPs; Ānza.	5	10
Tubas	Tubas (3) Āqqaba (2), Tammun (1). At CP/Flying CPs: Tayasir	6	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (2), Tulkarm camp (2), Ānabta (1), Irtah (1), Ar Ras (1).	7	9
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (2) Āzzun (2).	4	7
Salfit	CP/Flying CPs; Haris	0	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2), Bil'in (1), Umm Saffa (1), Al Janiya (1). At CP/flying CPs; Qalandiya CP	5	9
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (2). At CP/Flying CPs; Wadi an Nar CP.	2	15
Jericho	No search/arrest operations reported.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (1), 'Ayda camp(3), Al Khadr (6), Dar Salah (1), Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza camp (3), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (1), Ash Shawara (1).	22	11
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (1), Yatta (2), Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (1), Al Arrub camp (3), Bani Na'im (1), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (1), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Beit Ummar (1), Surif (1), Beit Awwa (1).	21	5
Total Week West Bank		79	76
Gaza Strip	Attempted infiltration: Near Sufa crossing	0	4
Total Week oPt		79	80

Appendix: Checkpoints: 8 – 14 March 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 5pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The gate leads to the back-to-back 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. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian company operating at the checkpoint. Closed 11 – 15 March due to the Purim holiday.
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.
Kafriat Tunnel	On 1 March IDF Installed concrete barriers on Kafriat Tunnel flying checkpoint situated 1km south of Kafriat Tunnel upgrading the flying checkpoint observed on a daily basis to partial checkpoint. The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on road 57.manned daily during the reporting period. The gate was closed on 7 March for vehicular movement.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. Closed 11 – 15 March due to the Purim holiday.
Qalqiliya North (new)	Open between 4am to 7pm for Palestinian permit holders. Closed 11 – 15 March due to the Purim holiday.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open between 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Closed 11 – 15 March due to the Purim holiday.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open between 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open between 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF.
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 between 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. The IDF continues to restrict villages between 16 – 40 years old from crossing.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access. Since 1 February humanitarian organisations need prior coordination for crossing due to the installation of concrete slabs as a security wall for the settlement.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.

Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. A security zone has been declared by the IDF around Hamra checkpoint. No land has been confiscated; however any Palestinian crossing the area that is not owner of the land will be arrested. Landowners names have been compiled in a list at the checkpoint. Delays for traders crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The IDF maintained restrictions on Palestinians from Jenin accessing Zaatara checkpoint.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Friday. Closed 11 – 15 March due to the Purim holiday.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash- Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Long delays are reported for Palestinians crossing the checkpoint on a daily basis.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open only for Internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West bank ID with valid permits. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening rush hours.
Bet El/DCO	Open between 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
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 and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid 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, Palestinians with valid 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 and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.

Container (“Wadi nar”) East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plate cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. Long delays are reported.
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. Delays are reported especially during morning rush hours. Closed on 14 March.
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 unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. Closed on 14 March.
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. Closed on 14 March.
Nwemeh North Jericho	Since 15 February the partial checkpoint has become permanent with regular opening hours from 5am to 8pm. Palestinian vehicles and ID cards are subjected to regular checks. Closed on 14 March.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel’s Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint. As of March 11 th until the end of the reporting period Palestinians holding valid permits (including workers and otherwise) were prevented from crossing the checkpoint due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Since 3 February Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. However, on 3 February, the checkpoint was manned and causing slow traffic and congestion.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Local members of international organizations are also permitted to cross into Jerusalem through this checkpoint. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint.
Settlers’ Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers are checking vehicles in both directions but are not always manning the checkpoint. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Not open for Palestinians as of 3 February 2006.
Al Jab’a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Not open for Palestinians as of 3 February 2006. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint..
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours. On bypass road 90, restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Complaints of mistreatment by soldiers manning the checkpoint were reported during the reporting period.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods	Open for both Palestinian workers and commercial goods from Palestinian areas to Israel. Workers are usually allowed to cross from

(back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	5am – 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 7pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Structures are already in place for the possible future movement of people and goods from and to Gaza under the Rafah Agreement. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint while construction on the crossing point is still ongoing at a massive scale. As of March 11 th until the end of the reporting period, Palestinian workers holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside of Israel due to closure measures imposed by the IDF due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Between March 8 th and 10 th , Palestinian workers and traders were able to cross. As of March 11 th until the end of the reporting period, Palestinian workers holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside of Israel due to closure measures imposed by the IDF due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF; The soldiers manning the checkpoint are not allowing teachers coming from As Samu towards Imneizil school from accessing Road 317. Work on the new road barrier is taking place near the checkpoint.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Moved south by 1 km to the section of road where the Barrier will cross road 316. IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented school teachers from accessing the school in the nearby Palestinian community of Imneizil.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim 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. During the reporting period, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented students from the schools of Cordoba and Al Mohammadiya from reaching their schools in a timely fashion.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by IDF soldiers and Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check is performed which a departure from last previous weeks where only Palestinians living in Al Ramadin were allowed access. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Delays have been reported by Palestinians trying to cross the checkpoint during the reported period.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower. The checkpoint was manned at certain periods during the reported period.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower. During the reported period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint. The checkpoint was manned for disconnected periods during the reported period. On 11 March, soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed a PLC Member for more than an hour.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Since 12 March, Erez crossing has been closed for Palestinian labourers due to the Israeli Purim holiday. It remained open for

	internationals and humanitarian cases.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4 – 5:00pm; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 March: 526 arrivals, 733 departures. - 9 March: 729 arrivals, 585 departures. - 10 March: 622 arrivals, 684 departures. - 11 March: 540 arrivals, 539 departures. - 12 March: 603 arrivals, 668 departures. - 13 March: 584 arrivals, 720 departures. - 14 March: Closed at 3:45pm due to E.U monitors leaving. 541 arrivals, 587 departures
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling checkpoint. Delays were experienced. The back-to-back system has been operational from 7am to 5pm except on Saturday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday.
Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	
Jenin	
Al Jalama	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
Back-to-back checkpoint	
Jericho	
Checkpoint/ DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours are 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Since 14 February, Sufa crossing was closed because of a security threat as IDF said.
Karni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9 March, Karni crossing was reopened for importing commodities only. ▪ 10 March, Karni was opened at 2.00pm for two hours. ▪ 11 March, Karni was closed for Shabat. ▪ 12 and 13 March, Karni crossing was partially open both ways. ▪ 14 March, Karni crossing was closed.

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Method and Sources

The information used to compile these Briefing Notes comes from a range of sources with a field presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The accuracy of the reported information is ensured through the corroboration of reports by two additional sources. Typically, the OCHA Field Coordination Unit (FCU) receives an initial incident report from a source, which is verified through visits to the incident site in addition to further corroboration with a third source, such as an NGO. In addition, OCHA FCU collects military orders as documentary evidence and provides information on incidents witnessed in person.

In the interests of timeliness and readability, the sources are not listed for each incident within the texts of the report. Listed below are the sources relied upon each week in compiling this

Briefing:

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.