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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

Gaza Strip:

- Intensification of hostilities in the Gaza Strip:
 - A total of 24 Qassam rockets and five mortar shells were fired by Palestinians towards Israel. One of the rockets impacted in Israel, injuring two Israelis.
 - The IAF launched two air strikes, one targeting a Palestinian vehicle carrying suspected Islamic Jihad members and resulting in the death of one of the occupants and a second time targeting a rocket launch site.
 - IDF soldiers opened fire from the border fence at two Palestinians north of Beit Lahia, killing one Palestinian and arresting the other. In another incident an IDF tank stationed at the border fence east of Khan Younis fired five tank shells (no injuries were reported).
 - The IDF opened fire at fishing boats off the Gaza Strip coastline on three occasions (west of Beit Lahia, Nuserit camp and Rafah).
 - The IDF entered the Gaza Strip on five separate occasions; twice to conduct levelling and excavation operations in the south; twice in the north, arresting two Palestinians and opening fire at Palestinian farmers; and to conduct a house-to-house operation near Sufa crossing under heavy helicopter gunfire.
- A total of three Palestinians were killed and 23 injured during internal violence, including two women killed in honour related crimes.
- The BBC's Gaza correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for more than eight weeks after being abducted on 12 March. This week his capturers made demands for the release of Muslim prisoners in British jails.

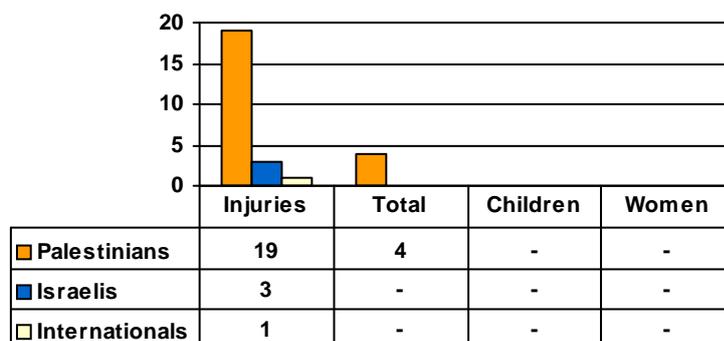
West Bank:

- Three Palestinians were killed by an IDF Undercover Unit in Jenin when the Unit fired at their vehicle. A total of 17 Palestinians were injured by the IDF and Israeli settlers.
- An Israeli man guarding a gas station in Ramallah governorate was seriously injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at him from a passing vehicle. The IDF subsequently put the nearby Deir Qaddis village under curfew.

Ongoing and escalating PA strikes:

- Industrial action amongst government workers continues across the oPt (teachers, healthcare practitioners and other PA workers in the West Bank and municipalities in the Gaza Strip).

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties¹:



¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **2 May:** A 34 year-old Palestinian man was killed and his brother arrested when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence opened fire at two Palestinians who were reportedly collecting scrap metal from the former Eli Sinai settlement north of Beit Lahia. The Palestinian man was arrested approximately 250 metres inside the Palestinian area.
- **7 May:** An Islamic Jihad member was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying suspected Islamic Jihad members travelling north of Beit Lahia Junction.
- **7 May:** Two Israelis were injured by shrapnel when a Qassam rocket fired from the Gaza Strip landed near a petrol station in Sderot (Israel).

West Bank:

- **1 May** (*previously unreported*): At 11:20 hours at Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem), Palestinians commemorated Labour Day by demonstrating against the IDF deployment of checkpoints throughout the West Bank. Clashes erupted and the IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters to disperse the demonstrators. Ten Palestinians were reported injured and another was detained (*not included in weekly total*).
- **3 May:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy from the town of Sa'ir (Hebron) was injured when he has hit by a rubber-coated metal bullet fired by IDF soldiers at a group of stone-throwing Palestinians.
- **3 May:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy from Al 'Arrub Refugee Camp (Hebron) was injured when a rubber-coated metal bullet hit him in the face during an IDF incursion into the Camp.
- **4 May:** An IDF Undercover Unit (dressed in civilian clothes) opened fire at a Palestinian plated car near Silat al Harithiya village (Jenin) killing three Palestinians, aged 19, 24 and 27 years. The IDF reportedly seized two AK 47 machine guns from the Palestinian vehicle.
- **4 May:** Three Palestinian minors were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF and Border Police during the weekly a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Many cases of tear gas inhalations were also reported (*not included in weekly total*).
- **5 May:** At approximately 11:00 hours, unknown gunman in a vehicle shot and seriously injured an Israeli man, guarding a gas station near Deir Qaddis village (Ramallah). According to the Israeli DCL, eyewitnesses reported that the vehicle went to Deir Qaddis village after the shooting. At approximate 13:30 hours the IDF imposed curfew on the village and carried out a house to house operation. No arrests were reported before the curfew was lifted at 16:00 hours.
- **5 May:** A Palestinian man aged in his mid 20s from An Numan village (Bethlehem) was injured when a sound bomb hit him in the back during a peaceful demonstration against the cutting off of the village by the construction of the Barrier from the rest of the Governorate.
- **5 May:** An international peace activist aged in his early 20s was injured when he was attacked by Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassah, in the H2 section of Hebron city, while escorting a Palestinian woman down the stairs leading to the Qurduba School.
- **6 May:** Confrontations occurred between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Jenin Refugee Camp, injuring seven Palestinians males (two of the Palestinians were injured by shrapnel (aged 14 and 19 years), four by rubber-coated metal bullets (aged 15 (2), 17 and 19 years) and a 17 year-old Palestinian male by live ammunition).
- **6 May:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy from the hamlet of Jinba, located south of the town of Yatta (Hebron), was injured when a group of three Israeli settlers from the settlement of Mazadot Yehuda attacked him while riding his donkey en route to the hamlet. The settlers also stole the donkey and the supplies it carried.
- **7 May:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy from the town of Halhul (Hebron) was injured when a group of IDF soldiers beat him at Al Nashash at the southern entrance of Bethlehem city.
- **8 May:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy from the town of Ad Doha (Bethlehem) was injured when a rubber-coated metal bullet hit him in the back when the IDF surrounded Palestinian house for seven hours during a military operation.

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **3 May:** A 23 year-old Palestinian woman was shot and killed by unknown gunmen in the Al Amal Quarter in Khan Younis. Local reports indicate the motive was an honour related crime.
- **3 May:** Two Palestinians were injured in a celebratory shooting at a wedding party in Beit Lahia.
- **3 May:** A Palestinian teenage boy was shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Jabalia Camp. Local reports indicate the motive was an honour related crime.
- **3 May:** One Palestinian was injured during an internal armed dispute among cousins in Maghazi camp.
- **4 May:** An eight year-old Palestinian girl was injured in the head by a stray bullet as she was standing in front of her house in Jabalia. The source of the shooting is unknown.
- **4 May:** A Palestinian man was injured by a stray bullet while standing near his home. The source of the shooting is unknown.
- **5 May:** One Palestinian was injured while he was handling an explosive device near his home in the Tel Ezzatr area in Jabalia Camp.
- **5 May:** Five Palestinians were injured (three ESF members and two bystanders) during an exchange of gunfire between the ESF and a local family in the Toufah area in Gaza City.
- **6 May:** The 28 year-old Palestinian bodyguard of a PLC member was mistakenly shot and killed by his colleagues and seven others injured, including UNRWA teachers and pupils outside UNRWA Al Omaryia School compound in Rafah. The incident occurred when an unarmed group of protestors gathered outside the school compound, demonstrating against UNRWA's summer recreation programme and blocked the path of a PLC member car on the road in front of the school and threw stones at the car.
- **6 May:** An Islamic Jihad member was injured while he was preparing an explosive device at his home in Bureij Camp.
- **7 May:** A Palestinian family member was injured as a result of an armed family dispute among members of local family in Bureij Camp for ten minutes.
- **7 May:** An Islamic University student was stabbed and injured by two members of local family at the Al-Aqsa University.
- **8 May:** A 35 year-old Palestinian female was shot and killed by her brother in Rafah in an honour related crime.
- **8 May:** A Palestinian man was injured when he accidentally shot himself while handling his weapon in Deir El Balah.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **2 May:** PA National Security Forces discovered and detonated an unexploded Qassam rocket found in an open area east of Bureij Camp near the border fence. No injuries were reported.
- **5 May:** An exchange of gunfire that lasted for ten minutes took place between Arab Liberation Front members and local family members in Nuseirat Camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown. No injuries were reported.
- **6 May:** Unknown gunmen hurled a hand grenade at the Fatah-affiliated Jineen base located on Salah Ed-Din road in Bureij Camp. There was an exchange of fire for 15 minutes between Jineen members and the gunmen. No injuries were reported.
- **6 May:** An unknown Palestinian carrying a hand grenade approached an UNRWA minibus parked outside the UNRWA Al Omaryia School in Rafah. He asked the driver and the four passengers all UNRWA Education staff members to evacuate the vehicle. The man then hurled the hand grenade at the empty minibus, causing damage but no injuries.
- **8 May:** 50 Fatah members broke into the Al Salafia (local Islamic group) Al Bayan Centre Office in Rafah, confiscated the furniture, and set the office ablaze. No injuries were reported.

² Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. 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.

West Bank:

- **5 May:** Armed Palestinians attacked the manager of the Palestinian Detainees' Committee in Tubas city (Tubas). The gunmen also fired towards the office of the committee.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **2 May:** Two UNRWA vehicles were seized by Palestinians in Jenin Refugee Camp over a dispute between a Palestinian refugee and the UNRWA camp office. The vehicles were given back after some hours.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
6 May 07	Jenin RC, Jenin	-	1 (wall)	NA	NA
8 May 07	Wadi al Joz, Jerusalem	1	-	NA	Unknown
8 May 07	Ad Doha, Bethlehem	-	1	NA	NA
Total		1	2	NA	Unknown

- **6 May:** During a raid into Jenin Refugee Camp (Jenin), an IDF bulldozer damaged a wall belonging to one of the houses in the camp.
- **8 May:** At 06:45 hours, Israeli authorities demolished the Jerusalem Disability Centre for reportedly being built without a permit. Further details are currently being sought of the implications for the demolitions.
- **8 May:** The IDF partially demolished a house it had surrounded in the town of Ad Doha (Bethlehem) for more than 7 hours.

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the roof of an uninhabited four-storey Palestinian building in Huwwara village (Nablus) and converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60.
- **2 May:** The IDF issued three eviction orders to Palestinian farmers from Beit Furik (Nablus). The area in question is located in Area C and is – according to the order – described as closed military area. The area is planted with olive and almond trees and one structure was built in the area.
- **3 May:** The IDF issued 12 demolition orders against the Roman Orthodox Housing Complex in the town of Beit Sahur (Bethlehem) for reportedly being built in Area C without proper permits.
- **4 May:** The IDF issued one demolition order to the owner of a house under construction in Jinsafut village (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without a permit in Area C.
- **5 May:** A group of Israeli settlers from Eli settlement occupied a house in Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village (Nablus) for five hours. The settlers left only after the IDF arrived (and the IDF remained in the house for a further two hours).
- **5 May:** The IDF ordered the remaining 30 residents of Al Hadiya community to leave the area following an Israeli High Court decision that ruled that they were the threat to the safety of nearby Roi settlement. The IDF warned the families remaining in the location that their tents and animal shacks will be demolished.
- **6 May:** A group of Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Karmi Tzur, both located in the vicinity of Hebron city (Hebron), occupied a hilltop overlooking Road 60 near the Halhul-Sa'ir Junction in attempt to establish a new outpost. They placed a number of tents and raised the flag before leaving the location.
- **8 May:** The IDF issued six demolition orders to the owners of six houses in Al 'Aqaba village (Tubas). The orders describe the area as closed military area. With these orders, the number of structures that have received demolition orders in the village reached 28.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 January 2007 the IDF have continued to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was earlier requisitioned on 10 July 2005 (Military Order T/106/05).

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

7 May: The IDF handed out requisition order Number T/15/07 for land belonging to Kafr Qaddum village (Qalqiliya). The order concerns 9.52 dunums of land, which will be used for the construction of a military road near the village. However, the road will constitute yet another obstacle between the village and 1,000 dunums of land caught between the road and the settlement of Qedumim (400 dunums planted with field crops and 600 dunums planted with olive trees). This area has already been restricted to Palestinians and access to it has only been allowed during the olive harvest and after liaison with the IDF.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages.
 - The Barrier construction and what is called by the IDF the "special security arrangement" around Ateret settlement is complete. A fence now encircles the settlement on land earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belonging to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.
 - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira village is complete between Beit Sira and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed.
 - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud, Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
- Construction of 'fabric of life' roads:
 - Construction continues of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba. The road is parallel to bypass Road 465 (now primarily for Israeli use and to form part of the Barrier around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements) and construction is proceeding very quickly. This road is part of the Israeli plan to create alternative roads for Palestinians or "fabric of life roads".

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

- Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan. This road is being constructed by the Israelis on Palestinian land as part of the "fabric of life roads" plan.
- Construction of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443 is continuing. This road is the third of the so-called "fabric of life roads" that are being constructed by the Israeli authorities to alternate roads closed for Palestinians due to the closure/Barrier in the Jerusalem area.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- 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 continues along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Only one detour between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible due to the continued construction. Even pedestrians have been stopped going through these areas this week and clearly the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank, encompassing it into Jerusalem. The once open area through the wall, is now a 'Gate' sealed off with a large iron structure. This week, the Iron Gate was open some days, while further construction work was carried out on others parts of the wall in Dahiyet al Bareed. Vehicles use the rough road a few metres beyond the gate, when it is closed. Construction of the Barrier in this neighbourhood is progressing at a rapid pace.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1, or East 1, an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
 - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem city). Additional sections of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
 - Land levelling continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and in the vicinity of Har Gilo and Efrata settlements for the construction of the Barrier.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the junction with Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khadr village has been accelerated. Land levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60 leading to the western villages.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy School. A one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.

- Land levelling is on-going east of the Gush Etzion checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land levelling, including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.
- A Palestinian internal road (parallel to Road 35) connecting Hebron city and the towns of Idna and Tarqumiya remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

Gaza Strip:

3 May: Four IDF tanks and four bulldozers moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing and entered 300 metres into the Palestinian area south of the crossing to conduct a levelling and excavating operation. The IDF discovered and detonated two road-side bombs and withdrew at 18:15.

4 May: Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 50 metres into the Palestinian area east of Gaza City near Nahal Oz energy pipelines to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 22:00 hours the IDF withdrew to the border fence.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
5 May 07	Dei Qaddis, Ramallah	3.5
5 May 07	Iskaka village, Salfit	12
6 May 07	Yasouf village, Salfit	12
Total Week		27.5 hours

- **5 May:** The IDF imposed curfew on Deir Qaddis village (Ramallah) between 13:30 and 16:00 hours following the shooting an Israeli guard of a gas station near the village.
- **5 May:** The IDF imposed curfew on Iskaka village (Salfit) for 12 hours after a Molotov cocktail was reportedly thrown an Israeli vehicle travelling to Ariel.
- **6 May:** The IDF imposed curfew on Yasouf village (Salfit) for 12 hours after a Molotov cocktail was reportedly thrown an Israeli vehicle travelling to Ariel.

b) Access to education

- **5 May:** The IDF entered Al Lubban ash Sharqiya secondary school for girls (Nablus) and ordered the teachers to put the Palestinian flag down. When the teachers refused, the IDF brought the flag down by force.
- **5 May:** The IDF forced the students of Iskaka mixed elementary school (Salfit) to leave the school early because of the curfew that was imposed on the village.
- **6 May:** The IDF forced the students of the schools in Yasouf (Salfit) (one mixed elementary school, one secondary school for girls and one secondary school for boys) to leave their schools early because of the curfew that was imposed on the village.
- **5- 7 April:** The IDF and Israeli Police came on time to escort Palestinian students to and from their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid to their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron). On other days during the reporting period students did not go to school due to the strike by PA teachers. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

c) Access to employment

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 12 March 2006, Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply directly to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years, married with a child and with no security file. Criteria to apply for a work permit inside Atarot industrial zone is slightly more relaxed; a person should be above 21 years old, married with a child and no security file.

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

5 – 8 May: Long queues and delays were reported at Al Badhan checkpoint north of Nablus. On 7 May the IDF used teargas to control hundreds of Palestinians waiting at both sides of the checkpoint.

6 May: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint for one hour because of a suspicious object found at the checkpoint.

7 May: The IDF closed Beita vegetable market (off Road 60) for three hours. According to the IDF, stones were thrown from the area earlier the same day.

8 May: The IDF closed Beita vegetable market (off Road 60) for three hours. According to the IDF, stones were thrown from the area earlier the same day.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 29 April 2007, the IDF closed the southern entrance of Qaryut village with an earth mound. The road connects the village with Road 60 and the water filling point for the village. Palestinians are now forced to take a long detour to reach the filling point.
- Since 28 March 2007, the IDF closed Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August 2006, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials still require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

2 May: The IDF closed 'Anata checkpoint due to construction near the checkpoint.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

5 May: The IDF closed Jaljoulia checkpoint for two hours because of a suspicious object found at the checkpoint.

Salfit Governorate:

5 May: The IDF closed the road between Yasouf and Iskaka villages (Salfit) by an earth mound. However, Palestinians managed to bypass the earth mound the next day.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

4 May: Israeli settlers from the Gush Etzion area prevented land owners from the town of Al Khadr from accessing their land located to the west of Road 60.

Hebron Governorate:

3 May: Palestinians from the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron) along with international activists opened the closure at the entrance of the town on Road 60. The opening was re-closed by the IDF after two hours.

3 - 8 May: Despite an Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 dictating the dismantling of the Road Barrier along Road 317, the Road Barrier is still present and no attempts to remove it have been carried out. Rather, the IDF have closed some of the gaps Palestinian herders used to use to reach their lands.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: Denial of access was reported at Tayasir checkpoint despite the IDF announcement of an easing of closures into the Jordan Valley (see below). On several occasions, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint denied access for Palestinians residents of other West Bank governorates. Long delays were also experienced by pedestrians and vehicles trying to cross the checkpoint throughout the week.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 26 April 2007, access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley improved. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints – Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav – however, a permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.
- Since 9 January 2007, Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- Since 14 September 2006, the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian traders throughout the week (see appendix for daily log of movement). The crossing remains closed since 12 March 2006 for Palestinian workers.
- Rafah crossing was open two out of seven days this week (see appendix for daily log of movement).
- Karni was open on all six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays). Between 2 - 4 May the crossing was closed to container traffic due to construction on the Israeli side of the crossing.
- Sufa crossing was open on all five scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Friday and Saturdays).
- Kerem Shalom was open one day this week (3 May).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open all six scheduled operating days (the pipelines are scheduled to close on Saturdays).
- Gaza fishermen are 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. Officially, entry into the area for the 250 residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF, however this is not enforced.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Beita (1), Deir Sharaf (1), Salim(1), Huwwara (1)	4
Jenin	Az Zababida (3), 'Arraba (5), Rummana (1), As Suweitat (1), Al Mansura (1), Deir Abu Da'if (1), Fahma (1), Kafr Ra'l (1), Al Jarba (2), Qabatiya (2), Al Kufeir (5)	23
Tubas	Al Fara'a village (1)	1
Tulkarm	Balá (1), Al Jarushiya (1), 'Attil (1)	3
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (5), Habla tunnel (7), Jayyus (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras 'Atiya (1), Izbat at Tabib (2), An Nabi Elyas (1), Jinsafut (1), Hajja (1), Kafr Qaddum(1)	28
Salfit	Yasuf (1), Iskaka(1), Haris(2)	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road Shuqba (1), Ni'lin (1)	2
Jericho	Road 90 (5)	5
Jerusalem	Za'ayyem (7), Sheikh Jarrah-St John hospital (7), Sheikh Jarrah 4	18
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (4), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Ad Doha (1)	19
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1 (3), Halhul, Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (1), Surif, Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya(1), Beit Ummar (3)	18
Total West Bank		125

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	'Aqraba (1), Deir Sharaf (1), Beita, Salim (1), Flying CP, Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP,Beit Furik CP, 'Ein Shibli (1), Balata RC (2), Sarra (2), Deir Al Hatab (1), Madama (1), Burqa (2), Till (2), Al Badhan CP, Deir Al Hatab (2), Nablus City (5)	21	19
Jenin	Flying CP, Az Zababida (1), Flying CP, Silat al Harthiyia (1), Flying CP, Qabqtiya (2), Al Yamun (2), Jenin RC (3), Kafr Ra'i(2), Jenin City (5)	16	14
Tubas	Al Far'a village(1), Tammun (1), Tubas city (1)	3	0
Tulkarm	Dhinnaba, (1)'Anabta (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Al Jarushiya (1),Seida (1),Nazlat 'Isa (1), 'Anabta (1), Tulkarm DCL, Bal'a (1),Nur Shams RC (3),Tulkarm RC (4), Tulkarm city (5)	20	28
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (7), Habla (1), Al Funduq (1), Jayyus (2), Jinsafut (1), Jit (1), Flying CP, 'Izbat at Tabib (1), Kafr Qaddum (1),'Azzun (4)	19	4
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (1), Bruqin (1),Iskaka (1),Salfit City(1),Haris(1), Yasouf (1)	6	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (3), Bil'in (1), Deir Qaddis (1), Bir Zeit	5	16
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Al Eizariyya (1), Bet Ijza	1	6
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (2), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar(1), Husan (1), Beit Jala(1).	17	18
Hebron	Hebron City (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir, As Samu(1), Bani Na'eem(1). Halhul (1)	16	9
Total Week West Bank		124	115
Gaza Strip			
	near Sufa crossing (1), north of Beit Lahia	1	6
Total Gaza Strip		-	-
Total oPt		125	121

Appendix: Checkpoints: 2 – 8 May 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. 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; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Closed on 2 May due to construction.
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 subject to security checks. Closed on 5 May for two hours.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 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, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm 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. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm 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 pass the checkpoint. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron (Open) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians and since 28 March 2007 closed for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations after previously opening earlier in the month for these types of vehicles.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Delays and long queues reported this week. Delays and long queues reported this week.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.

Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
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. 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.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the checkpoint is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back to back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Officially open between 5am-10pm. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. However, long delays were reported on a daily basis as the IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint continue to implement the closure of the Jordan Valley on many occasions.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 3am-10pm. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. However, long delays were reported on a daily basis as the IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint continue to implement the closure of the Jordan Valley on many occasions.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays during the morning and evening rush hours reported in the pedestrian lane.
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Some delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.
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	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, 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 have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. Delays were reported during morning rush hour. Problems of access were reported by Americans carrying passports with valid entry visas.
Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been 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.
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. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated 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. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. (Except for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira village, Bethlehem and Hebron are also allowed to exit

	Jericho via the DCO checkpoint starting from 10 February 2007. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Some delays were reported by people travelling to Al 'Auja.
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.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. Some of the workers arrive at 2 am and came overnight to be able to cross into Jerusalem in a timely fashion.
An Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, 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. On 5 May members of the villages of An Nu'man and Al Khas staged a symbolic demonstration in which they met at the checkpoint separating them.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local ID with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11 am and 4 pm. Security at the checkpoint is jointly manned by private security firm and the Israeli Border Police.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.

Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police and open 24 hours. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. Terminal set up is almost complete as a new monitoring tower was installed and the ring road was completed.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
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. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
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 the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
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 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.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. During the reporting period the IDF manned the checkpoint. All Palestinians with a Ramadeen address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir Located at the junction of the two towns on Road 60 (also called 'Nabi Younis' checkpoint)	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was partially open for Palestinians merchants, senior traders (over the age of 35 years), internationals, humanitarian cases and Palestinians working for UN organisations this week. The following log of movement was recorded during the week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 May: 397merchants and 26 senior traders crossed - 3 May: 394 merchants and 31 senior traders crossed - 4 May: 298 merchants and 17 senior traders crossed

- **5 May:** 368 merchants and 32 senior traders crossed
- **6 May:** 384 merchants and 27 senior traders crossed
- **7 May:** 391 merchants and 29 senior traders crossed
- **8 May:** 383 merchants and 27 senior traders crossed

The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.

Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah was open two out of seven days this week. The following log of movement was recorded on the three days Rafah was open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 May: Open from 9:00 - 17:00 in both directions (arrivals: 1,078, departures: 1,208) - 8 May: Open from 9:00 - 17:30 in both directions (arrivals: 1,263 and departures: 1,218)
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Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Qusin Checkpoint (closed)	Open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus. Since 10 March 2007 to date closed and commercial trucks diverted to Beit Iba checkpoint.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back-to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	Karni was open on all six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays). Between 2 and 4 May the crossing was closed to container traffic due to construction on the Israeli side of the crossing.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on all five scheduled operating days (scheduled to close Fridays and Saturdays).
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open one day this week for the import of humanitarian supplies (3 May).
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open all six scheduled operating days (the pipelines are scheduled to close on Saturdays).

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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.