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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 16 – 22 May 2007

### Of note this week

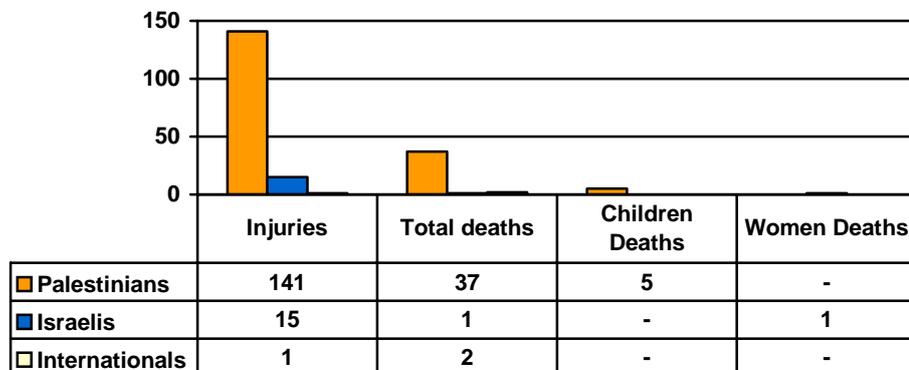
#### Gaza Strip:

- Palestinian inter-factional violence continued between 16 and 19 May before a ceasefire came into effect that has largely held. 40 people were killed (including three children and one woman) and 106 injured during internal violence. With the ceasefire rival factions exchanged abducted persons, withdraw fighters from the streets and dismantled roadblocks.
- Palestinian/Israeli hostilities escalated this week following continuing Qassam rocket fire from the Gaza Strip:
  - Approximately 190 Qassam rockets and five mortar shells were fired from the Gaza Strip killing one Israeli woman and injuring 15 others in and around Sderot. The rockets have damaged Israeli property including private homes, a synagogue, school and other public buildings.
  - 37 Palestinians have been killed (including five children) and 113 injured during IAF air strikes (approx. 33 strikes), IDF tank and artillery shelling and fire from the Border Fence. In one incident seven members of a family were killed. A total of 21 Palestinian structures including Palestinian homes, workshops and stores were damaged.
  - At the end of the reporting period, the IDF remain in three areas in the northern Gaza Strip (Erez Industrial Zone, east of Beit Hanoun and Siafa area northwest of Beit Lahia). The IDF have maintained these locations since 17 May.
- The BBC's Gaza based correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for more than ten weeks after being abducted on 12 March 2007.

#### West Bank:

- PA workers continued strike action during this week throughout the West Bank with all PA workers holding a one day strike on 19 May. The health sector strike has continued since mid-February with only emergency cases being treated in hospitals. An agreement has reportedly been reached in the Education sector with PA teachers suspending strike action.
- During one day of external closures, Palestinians with valid permits from the Israeli authorities were denied access to East Jerusalem and Israel.

#### Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties<sup>1</sup>:



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

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

*NB. This weekly report includes incidents that occurred after 15:00 hours on 15 May 2007 in the Gaza Strip as they were previously unreported.*

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **16 May:** Three members of the Hamas dominated Executive Support Force (ESF) (aged 23, 28 and 32 years) were killed and 27 others injured when an IAF helicopter fired three missiles targeting an ESF military base located east of Rafah.
- **16 May:** Two Hamas members (aged 25 and 30 years) were killed and three others injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at the Hamas members after they had surrounded a PA National Security base located east of Jabalia camp on the Salah Ed-Din street
- **17 May:** A 35 year-old Hamas member was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying Hamas members travelling on Jala'a street in Gaza City.
- **17 May:** A 22 year-old Palestinian was killed and 23 others injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at an ESF military base located in the Shejayeh neighbourhood of Gaza City. The Hamas ESF base and several houses nearby were damaged.
- **17 May:** A 32 year-old bodyguard was killed and four others injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting the home of Interior Ministry spokesman in the area around Jala'a Street in Gaza City.
- **17 May:** A 10 year-old Palestinian boy and 18 year-old man were killed and two others injured including an UNRWA school student when IDF tanks stationed at the border fence east of Khan Younis fired a shell at a group of Islamic Jihad members who were reportedly intending to fire homemade rockets into Israel. The Islamic Jihad members escaped unharmed when the shell missed the target and hit a civilian home.
- **18 May:** A 36 year-old Palestinian bystander was injured when an IAF aircraft fired three rockets targeting a Hamas military base west of Deir El-Balah. Hamas members had evacuated the base prior to the attack.
- **18 May:** Four Palestinian bystanders were injured when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting Hamas-affiliated Al Arqam Private School west of Jabalia. The rockets missed their target and landed in an open area.
- **18 May:** A Palestinian bystander was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying suspected Hamas members travelling west of Jabalia. The vehicle occupants escaped unharmed.
- **18 May:** Five Hamas members (aged 20, 23, 25 and 26/2 years) were killed and four others injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a group of Hamas members who were situated near a metal workshop east of the Shejayeh area in Gaza City.
- **18 May:** Two Hamas members (aged 27 and 28 years) were killed and eight others injured when an IAF aircraft launched an air-strike at a bus carrying Hamas members travelling on Naser street in Gaza City.
- **19 May:** Three Palestinian shepherds including two children (aged 15, 16 and 19 years) were killed when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at group of shepherds situated in Beit Hanoun Village.
- **19 May:** Three Palestinian children (aged two, four and nine years) were injured during IDF shooting at an open area northeast of Beit Hanoun
- **19 May:** A Palestinian woman was injured when IDF tanks stationed at the border north of Beit Hanoun opened fire in the direction of a group of people nearby.
- **19 May:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting a reported rocket-launch site. Reports indicate that the child was not involved in hostilities.
- **19 May:** A 10 year-old UNRWA school student was injured after reportedly being shot in his jaw by the Israeli military while on his way home from school. He remains in a coma in Shifa hospital.
- **19 May:** A Palestinian was injured when the IDF stationed at the border fence north of Beit Hanoun opened fire in the direction of a group of people nearby.
- **20 May:** Five Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a reported metal workshop Gaza City. The workshop was damaged.
- **20 May:** Three Palestinian men (aged 22, 30 and 45 years) were killed when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a vehicle carrying Hamas members in the Daraj quarter in Gaza City.
- **20 May:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two rockets targeting two workshops in Nuseirat Camp. Both workshops were damaged.

- **20 May:** Six Palestinians were injured, including five children, when an IDF tank shell hit a Palestinian home. The IDF were responding to a Qassam rocket fired from an area north of Beit Lahia towards Sderot.
- **20 May:** Eight Palestinians (aged 16, 22/2, 27/2, 33, 50, and 60 years) were killed including seven members from one family and four others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a house used as a meeting place for the Haya family near the home of Khalil Al Haya, a Hamas representative of the PLC in Shejayeh area in Gaza City.
- **21 May:** Four Islamic Jihad members (aged 21, 24/2) and 25 years) were killed when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at vehicle carrying suspected Islamic Jihad members travelling on Salah Ed-Din road east of Jabalia.
- **21 May:** A 20 year-old Palestinian bystander was killed and four others injured when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting a workshop in Gaza City. The workshop and several houses nearby were damaged.
- **21 May:** A 31 year-old Hamas activist was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting him while he was riding a bicycle on Asqola Street in Gaza City.
- **22 May:** Four Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a group of Hamas members who were situated on Salah Ed-Din road inside Bureij Camp. The rocket missed the target and hit a carpentry workshop.
- **22 May:** Three Palestinians were injured when the IDF responded to homemade rockets fired from an area north of Beit Hanoun towards Sderot by firing two artillery shells and heavy machinegun fire towards the area.
- **22 May:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was injured when the IDF stationed at the border line north of Beit Lahia opened fire in the direction of a group of people situated nearby.
- **22 May:** A 65 year-old Palestinian man died of his wounds sustained as a result of IAF air-strike in Gaza City on 18 May.
- **During the reporting period:** One Israeli woman was killed and 15 others injured, including two IDF soldiers, by Qassam rockets fired from the Gaza Strip (source: COGAT).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **17 May:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border line east of Jabalia fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a Hamas base west of Sheik Zayed city in Beit Lahia.
- **17 May:** The IAF fired a rocket targeting a group who were reportedly attempting to launch rockets in Jabalia.
- **17 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a group of Hamas members who were reportedly attempting to launch rockets.
- **18 May:** The IDF fired two artillery shells and heavy machine gun fire after seven Qassam rockets were launched from an area. Sporadic IDF shelling continued for several hours.
- **18 May:** The IDF shelled open areas around Beit Hanoun village.
- **18 May:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence north of Beit Lahia fired two tank shells at an open area east of Sheikh Zayed City.
- **18 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting an open area in the Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City.
- **18 May:** IDF vessels fired heavy machineguns for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of the Sheikh Ejleen area in Gaza City.
- **20 May:** An IAF drone fired a rocket at an open area southeast of Jabalia.
- **20 May:** Two mortar shells were fired from an area west of Karni towards the border line. The IDF stated that the shells hit two trucks on the Israeli side of Karni crossing.
- **22 May:** IDF stationed at the border line north of Beit Lahia fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a Hamas base east of Sheik Zayed City in Beit Lahia, the base had been evacuated prior the strike.
- **22 May:** IDF stationed at the border line east of Rafah fired four surface-to-surface missiles targeting a Hamas ESF military base located east of Rafah, the missiles landed in a nearby open area.

**West Bank:**

- **16 May:** Three Palestinian men (aged 25, 47, 48 years) were injured when IDF physically assaulted them as they tried to open the road block leading to the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron).
- **17 May:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was shot in the head and injured when the IDF opened fire towards Palestinian stone throwers in Beit Fajjar village (Bethlehem). A 20 year-old man was also injured by live ammunition in the same incident when the IDF entered the village.

- **17 May:** A 33 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Yasuf (Salfit) when a sound bomb exploded in his hands while he was trying to throw it out of his house after the IDF fired it inside during a search and arrest campaign.
- **18 May:** Three Palestinian men aged 23, 27 and 38 years were injured in Kafr Dan village (Jenin) by live ammunition when an exchange of fire occurred between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen during a search and arrest campaign.
- **18 May:** Two Palestinians males were injured in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) during an IDF search and arrest campaign. A 17 year-old child was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and a 22 year-old man was injured in by live ammunition.
- **18 May:** Five Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF and Israeli Border Police during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Other cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported (not included in weekly totals).
- **18 May:** Four Palestinian journalists (aged in their mid-30's – early 40's) were injured when the IDF physically assaulted them while they were covering a demonstration held by Palestinians from Bani Na'im town (Hebron) and international and Israeli activists near Pene Hever settlement. Three other Palestinian men (aged 25, 32, 37 years) were also injured when IDF soldiers tried to disperse the demonstration.
- **19 May:** Two international activists (aged 35 and 45 years) were injured when a group of six teenage Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tel Rumeida (located in the H2 area of Hebron city) physically assaulted them. The incident occurred when the two internationals tried to stop the Israeli settlers from injuring Palestinian children near the settlement of Beit Hadassah.
- **20 May:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Tubas city by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire during a search and arrest campaign in the village.
- **20 May:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man from the town of Halhul (Hebron) was injured after being bitten by dog unleashed by Israeli settlers from Karmi Tzur settlement. The incident occurred while the man was working his land in the vicinity of the settlement.
- **21 May:** A 52 year-old Palestinian woman from the Bedouin community of Hathaleen, south of Yatta town (Hebron) was injured when teenage Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karmel threw stones at her while she was walking near her tent, near the settlement fence. The woman had to receive eight stitches to her head.
- **22 May:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) when an IDF jeep hit him during confrontations in the city.
- **22 May:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 14 and 16 years, were physically assaulted in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) during confrontations in the city by the IDF.

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties)

- **16 May:** A group of Israeli settlers from Itamar settlement opened fire towards the houses of Palestinians in Beit Furik village (Nablus). The IDF came and removed the settlers.

## **2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>**

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **15 May:** An ESF member was injured during an exchange of gunfire between the ESF and a local family in Beit Hanoun.
- **15 May:** Four Palestinian men (aged 22/2, 28 and 46 years) were killed and ten others injured during intense armed factional clashes throughout Gaza City.
- **15 May:** Four Palestinians were injured during armed factional clashes which expanded to Naser Street, Gaza City, and around the home of prominent Fatah leaders. Hamas members targeted the home with several mortar shells and RPGs.
- **15 May:** Four Palestinians were killed (including a 16 year-old boy and 23 year-old man) and 19 others injured during an exchange of gunfire erupted between the ESF and Fatah members around the house of Fatah Leader on Salah Ed-Din road north of the Sheijaya quarter.
- **16 May:** A 30 year-old Palestinian Medical Relief Services employee was injured by stray bullet while he was standing near his home. The source of the bullet is unknown.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

- **16 May:** A 25 year-old PA NSF member was killed after Hamas members surrounded the PA national security base located east of Jabalia camp on the Salah Ed-Din street.
- **16 May:** Four bodyguards of the head of PA Internal Security Rashid Abu Shabk (aged 22, 26/2 and 30 years) were killed and four others injured when Hamas gunmen fired four mortar shells at the home. The gunmen then stormed the home although Abu Shbak and his family were not in the home at the time of the attack. Meanwhile, it was reported that several mortar shells were fired at the Al Saleh building, where Abu Shabk and other Fatah leaders keep apartments. Four flats in the building were set ablaze.
- **16 May:** Ten Palestinians (including men aged 21, 22, 23/2, 26, 32, 34, 35 years) were killed during Fatah-Hamas armed clashes throughout Gaza City – both factions established checkpoints to stop and search vehicles and limit traffic. An unknown number of people were injured during the days clashes inside Gaza City.
- **16 May:** Seven Palestinian demonstrators were shot and injured by the ESF when residents of Sheikh Radwan quarter demonstrated against the factional clashes. The demonstrators marched on Jala'a Street where the ESF are situated.
- **16 May:** Two Palestinian (aged 25 and 27 years) were killed and nine others injured when heavy factional clashes resumed at Wehda Junction in Gaza City. Fatah members occupied the El Jawhara building and shot at Hamas members who were deployed in the street.
- **16 May:** Two members of the Jenin Brigades (aged 24 and 25 years) were killed and one other injured when Hamas gunmen opened fire at the base of the Fatah-affiliated Jenin Brigades on Salah Ed-Din road in Bureij Camp.
- **16 May:** Four PA National Security Forces (NSF) members (aged 22 and 25/3 years) were abducted and shot and injured by Hamas members in Bureij Camp.
- **16 May:** A 31 year-old PA NSF member was killed and a 33 year-old NSF member injured when unknown gunmen travelling in a vehicle opened fire at two PA NSF members who were guarding Electricity Company in Rafah
- **17 May:** A teenage boy was injured in the hands by shrapnel when he was handling an UXO (anti- tank shell) in Jabalia Camp.
- **17 May:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was killed and two others injured when a roadside bomb was detonated while a Fatah patrol was travelling on Jala' street in Gaza City.
- **17 May:** Four Palestinians including a child (aged 12, 21, 23 and 28 years) were killed and 26 others injured during an exchange of gunfire between ESF members and PA NSF at the funeral procession of the three Hamas ESF members who were killed by an Israeli missile strike. Two UNRWA installations located nearby were evacuated.
- **18 May:** Two Palestinian bystanders (aged 23 and 42 years) were killed during an exchange of gunfire between PA NSF and the ESF around the Abu Hasira junction in Gaza City.
- **18 May:** A 49 year-old Palestinian woman and a 33 year-old man (the Head of the Al Aqsa University Staff Union) were killed during heavy factional clashes in the Shejayeh area, Gaza City.
- **18 May:** A 24 year-old Fatah member was abducted and shot injured by unknown gunmen in Bureij Camp. Fatah claims that Hamas was behind the incident.
- **18 May:** A Palestinian man shot injured himself accidentally while handling his weapon in Nuseirat Camp.
- **18 May:** A seven year-old UNRWA school boy died of his wound sustained after being accidentally shot and injured during a funeral procession held for members of the ESF in Rafah the previous day.
- **19 May:** Six people were injured during heavy shooting erupted between the ESF and the PA NSF when the ESF opened fire on the convoy of a Fatah leader travelling on Nasser Street in Gaza City.
- **19 May:** Two Hamas members were abducted and then shot in the knees by Fatah gunmen in the Tal El Hawwa area in Gaza City,
- **19 May:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man and two children (aged 10 and 15 years) were injured by shrapnel to their hands while they when they were handling an UXO (anti- tank shell) in the Tuffah area in Gaza City
- **19 May:** Three Palestinians were injured when an IED detonated in a home owned by Hamas activist in the Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City.
- **19 May:** Three people were injured during an armed family dispute among members of a local family in Nuseirat Camp.
- **19 May:** A 24 year-old Palestinian bystander was shot and injured when gunmen opened fire on the PA Preventive Security base in Rafah; the rival factions exchanged gunfire for 20 minutes.

- **20 May:** Two Palestinians were injured when an internal dispute erupted between two local families in the Shejayeh area of Gaza City.
- **20 May:** An 18 year-old Palestinian was injured when an IED detonated in a home owned by Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades member in the Al Junainh area in Rafah.
- **21 May:** A PA National Security member died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas on 16 May.
- **21 May:** Two Hamas members (aged 24 and 25 years) were shot and injured by unknown gunmen as the two were standing in front of the College of Science and Technology, Khan Younis. The gunmen then set ablaze at a Hamas-affiliated library on the campus.
- **22 May:** A 24 years-old Hamas member died of his wounds sustained after he was shot by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 May:** Hamas members fired several anti-tank rockets at the PA Intelligence Security base located north of Beach Camp. No injuries were reported.
- **16 May:** 200 women demonstrated on Salah Ed-Din road in Bureij Camp to protest the factional violence. At 18:00 the demonstration ended peacefully.

**West Bank:**

- **19 May:** A 47 year-old Palestinian man from Halhul (Hebron) was killed during an armed family feud.
- **22 May:** A 26 year-old Palestinian man was killed and his 23 year-old brother injured in Kafr Qalil (Nablus) during an armed family dispute.
- **22 May:** Three Palestinian men were injured in Kafr Thulth (Qalqiliya) during a family dispute.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **16 May:** Palestinian members of the Al Aqsa Martyr Brigade gathered at the centre of Ramallah (in the Al Manara square) and opened fire in the air in relation to the internal violence in the Gaza Strip.
- **16 May:** A commercial strike was announced in Ramallah for condemnation of the internal violence between the Palestinian political factions in the Gaza Strip.
- **16 May:** All universities in the Governorate of Hebron suspended its academic activities to prevent possible clashes between supporters of Fatah and Hamas.
- **16 to 21 May:** The UNRWA camp service office in Jenin Camp (Jenin) was closed after a Palestinian threw an explosive device over a dispute between the Palestinian and the UNRWA camp office on an employment case.
- **17 May:** Unknown masked men burnt an Islamic library in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **19-21 May:** The Palestine Polytechnic University (Hebron) suspended its academic activities to prevent possible clashes between Fatah and Hamas supporters.

### 3. Shelter and Property<sup>3</sup>

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
16 May	'Atill, Tulkarm	-	1	6	-
17 May	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
17 May	East of Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
18 May	East of Jabalia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
20 May	Nuseirat Camp, Gaza Strip	-	2	-	Unknown
20 May	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
20 May	North of Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
20 May	Shejayeh area in Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
20 May	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
20 May	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	
20 May	Zaitoun, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
20 May	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
20 May	Northeast Jabalia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
21 May	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	3 +	-	Unknown
21 May	Nuseirat Camp, Gaza Strip	-	2	-	Unknown
22 May	Bureij Camp, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
22 May	Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>21 +</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

#### Gaza Strip

- **17 May:** An IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting the home of Interior Ministry spokesman around Jala'a Street in Gaza City. The house was partially damaged.
- **17 May:** IDF tanks stationed at the border fence east of Khan Younis fired a shell at a group of Islamic Jihad members; the shell missed the target and hit a Palestinian house.
- **18 May:** The IDF fired three tank shells targeting an area east of Jabalia, two of which hit a Palestinian home causing minor damage.
- **20 May:** IAF aircraft fired a rocket at metal workshop Gaza City. The workshop was damaged.
- **20 May:** IAF aircraft fired two rockets targeting two workshops in Nuseirat Camp. Both workshops were damaged.
- **20 May:** An IDF tank shell hit a Palestinian home injuring six people after a Qassam rocket was fired from the area.
- **20 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a house used as meeting place for the Al Haya family near the home of Khali Al Haya, a Hamas representative of the PLC, located at Shejayeh area in Gaza City.
- **20 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket towards a workshop in Beit Lahia. The workshop was damaged.
- **20 May:** An IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a reported metal workshop in Gaza City. The workshop was damaged.
- **20 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a reported metal workshop in the Zaitoun area in Gaza City. The workshop was damaged.
- **20 May:** An IDF tank fired two shells targeting an area east of Beit Lahia – the shells hit the boundary wall of Beit Lahia Sports Club. No injuries were reported.

<sup>3</sup> This section only includes incidents related to shelter and property caused by the Israeli authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration etc) and Israeli settlers. Incidents caused by Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence are not included.

- **20 May:** An IDF tank fired one artillery shell northeast of Jabalia which missed its target and hit a Palestinian home. The IDF fired the artillery shell after two Qassam rockets were launched from the area.
- **21 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a total of four rockets at a Palestinian home in Nuseirat Camp which is reportedly also used as a meeting place for Islamic Jihad. During the second round of air strikes the rockets missed their target and hit an electricity generator causing a power outage in the area.
- **21 May:** An IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting a workshop in Gaza City. The workshop and several houses nearby were damaged.
- **22 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a group of militant; the rocket missed the target and hit a carpentry workshop in Bureij Camp.
- **22 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a workshop in the Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City. The workshop was damaged.

### West Bank

- **16 May:** The IDF surrounded a three storey building in 'Attil (Tulkarm) reportedly to arrest a wanted Palestinian. The IDF forced the families living in the building out and fired mortar shells into the second floor causing one apartment to catch fire. Six persons lost their accommodation.
- **21 May:** The IDF damaged the doors and furniture of four local television stations and two radio stations in Nablus city (Nablus) and confiscated the transmission equipments and some computers and files of one TV station and one radio station.
- **22 May:** The IDF damaged the doors of Al Quraan wa Asuna Association which include a mosque, library, radio station and centre for rehabilitation of handicapped in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya). The IDF confiscated some computers and files.

### Other/ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **22 May:** The IDF occupied a house in 'Azzun (Qalqiliya) and converted it into an observation post for six hours. The IDF forced the family into one room.

#### Ongoing incidents:

- 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.

## 4. Natural Resources

### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>4</sup>

#### Nablus Governorate:

**19 May:** An unknown number of olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Beit Furik village were burnt. The land is located near the settlement of Itamar and as it is inaccessible without prior coordination, no damage assessment has been carried out to date.

#### 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.

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

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**16 May:** The IDF issued an amendment and continuation of a previous requisition order (T/39/2002), requisitioning 78.3 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Kafr Jammal and Falamiya villages. The previous requisition order was for 480 dunums of land.

**16 May:** The IDF issued an amendment and continuation of previous requisition order (T/35/2002) requisitioning 223.3 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Sanniriya, Habla and Kafr Thulth villages. The previous requisition order was for 480 dunums.

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".
  - 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.

- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayyem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayyem 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.

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#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

**20 May:** The IDF uprooted 28 apricot trees in Artas village (Bethlehem) to build the Barrier around Efrat settlement. The IDF and Israeli settlers used force to remove the Palestinian landowners along with their international and Israeli supporters who have been camping in tents in the location since 16 May.

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.

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#### **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 Tarqumia remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

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#### **Gaza Strip:**

**17 - 22 May:** 15 IDF armored vehicles moved from the border fence and entered into the Palestinian area north of Beit Lahia to leveling and excavate land. At the end of the reporting the IDF remain present in this area.

## **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

### **a) Incidents of curfews**

No incidents of curfew were reported.

### **b) Access to education**

**16 and 17 May:** UNRWA schools in Gaza City were closed as a result of the factional clashes.

**17 May:** UNRWA Rafah Elementary School was evacuated when factional fighting reached the boundary wall. The UNRWA Rafah Warehouse was also evacuated during this time when gunmen used the rooftop to take shooting positions.

**During the reporting period:** 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). 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**

**22 May:** Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel were prevented during one day of closure for a Jewish holiday.

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**

On 22 May one day of external closure was imposed by the IDF on the West Bank. All Palestinians with valid permits were prevented from entering East Jerusalem or Israeli. Exceptions applied to limited cases of local staff working with the UN and international organisations and humanitarian (medical) access cases.

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**16 May:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour and arrested a person for reportedly carrying an explosive device.

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. Palestinians are now forced to take a long detour to reach Road 60.
- Since 28 March 2007, the IDF closed Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

#### **Jenin Governorate:**

**16 May:** Reikhan checkpoint (along the route of the Barrier) is now manned by a private company. The checkpoint had been previously controlled by the IDF. Long delays since this time have been reported.

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:**

No incidents to report.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**18 May:** The IDF closed the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound and installed concrete blocks at the northern entrance of 'Azzun narrowing the width of the entrance. One vehicle can only pass at any given time.

**22 May:** The IDF closed the two entrances of Qalqiliya city (eastern entrance and Habla tunnel) with flying checkpoints for five hours and prevented the residents of Qalqiliya from exiting the city.

**Salfit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

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

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**17 May:** A new IDF reserve military company is in place at the Ramallah DCO checkpoint. Officers from the Israeli Civil Administration in Beit El have been at the checkpoint on a daily basis this week to brief the new soldiers.

**21 May:** The IDF removed the roadblock between Kafr Ni'ma and Ras Karkar, enabling 50,000 Palestinians direct access to Ramallah. The roadblock was erected at the end of April following a shooting incident at a car driving in the area which injured four Israeli settlers.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**22 May:** The IDF soldiers manning An Nu'man checkpoint denied the access of five children and three Palestinian women to the village for over two hours. Intervention from international organisation with the Israeli DCL led to allowing them to access the village.

**Hebron Governorate:**

**16 May:** The IDF closed the Al Nabi Younis partial checkpoint (Hebron) to allow for an Israeli bike race in commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "reunification" of Jerusalem.

**16 May:** The IDF arrested three Israeli and two international activists who were trying to remove a road block located at the main entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron).

Ongoing incidents:

- Despite an Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 requiring 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.
- A secondary Palestinian road connecting Hebron city and the towns of Idna and Tarqumia remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 10 May, the IDF have erected daily a flying checkpoint along the Dead Sea road to prevent all Palestinian vehicular and pedestrian movements into the Dead Sea area. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are not allowed into the area except with permits to work inside settlements.
- 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'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

### Gaza Strip

**16 - 19 May:** During armed factional violence throughout Gaza City both factions established checkpoints to stop and search vehicles, in particular on the Salah El Dine and Coastal Roads.

**17 – 22 May:** The IDF have taken up positions in three areas in the Gaza Strip (around the Erez Industrial Zone, Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia). In the north, the IDF have blocked all roads leading to Sifa and informed local residents to stay indoors. All movement in the area must be coordination with the IDF.

**Gaza crossing points:** 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 closed all week. Rafah has not opened since 14 May.
- Karni was open on three out of six scheduled days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays and closed between 16 – 18 May at the request of the PA due to inter-factional violence).
- Sufa crossing was closed all week.
- Kerem Shalom was open one day this week (22 May).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays and on 16 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).
- 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

### Reported IDF flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Salim (7), Huwwara (2)	9
Jenin	Az Zababida (3), 'Arraba (5), As Suweitat (1), Siris (1), Fahma (2), Sanur (4), Al Yamun (1), Qabatiya (1), Al Kufeir (7)	25
Tubas	Tubas (1), Wadi al Far'a (1).	2
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (4), Bal'a (3), 'Attil (1)	8
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), Kafr Thulth (2), Ras 'Atiya (1), Izbab at Tabib (3), An Nabi Elyas (2), Al Funduq (1), Immatin (2)	32
Salfit	Iskaka (4), Burqin (1), Marda (1), Az Zawiya (1), Haris (1), Deir Istiya (3)	11
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	Dead Sea Road (7)	7
Jerusalem	Za'ayem (6), Sheikh Jarrah – St John (5)	11
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda RC (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (4), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Ad Doha (2)	21
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (3), Hebron city – H1 (5), Halhul (1), Al Arrub RC (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif, Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (2), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (3)	24
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>150</b>

## 6. Search/Arrests/Detentions<sup>5</sup>

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Balata RC (3), Qablan (1), 'Awarta (1), Osarin (1), Zawata (1), Beit Iba village (1), Nablus City (7), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP, Salim flying CP	15	20
Jenin	Kafr Dan (3), Al Yamun (1), Jenin RC (4), Jenin City (5), Sir (1), Jab'a (1), Saris flying CP, 'Arraba flying CP	15	11
Tubas	Tammun flying CP	0	0
Tulkarm	'Illar (1), 'Attil (1), Shuweika (2), 'Anabta (2), Tulkarm RC (3), Tulkarm city (4)	13	7
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (7), Habla (3), 'Azzun (3)	13	10
Salfit	Salfit city (2), Kafr ad Dik (1), Iskaka (1), Yasuf (2)	6	6
Ramallah	Ramallah (3), Jilijliya (2)	5	8
Jericho	Jericho (1)	1	1
Jerusalem	Hizma (1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza RC (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda RC (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Bethlehem (4), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Husan (1), Beit Jala(1)	24	31
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Al 'Arrub RC (3), Dura (4), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (2), Bani Na'eem (2), Halhul (3)	28	17
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
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<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>114</b>

<sup>5</sup> This section only includes search, arrests and detentions conducted by the Israeli authorities. Arrests, detentions etc by Palestinian authorities or during internal Palestinian violence are not included.

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 16 – 22 May 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
<b>'Anabta</b>	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> 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.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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.
<b>Al Tur</b> 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.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Open)</b> 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.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed on 10 May for several hours. Delays and long

queues were reported on 10 and 11 May.

#### Jenin:

<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 5am to 9pm for Palestinians living in the enclave, UN and international organisations. 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. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians. Closed on 14 and 15 May.

#### Tubas:

<b>Bisan</b> 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.
<b>Tayasir</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. 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.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> 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.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus	Previously the 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.

#### Ramallah/AI Bireh:

<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	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.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

**Jerusalem:**

<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> 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).
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. 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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits an use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> 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.
<b>Jaba'</b> At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.

**Jericho:**

<b>DCO</b> 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 (exceptions apply 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 and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks
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	have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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. Delays were reported on daily basis.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> 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. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
<b>An Nu'man</b> 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.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles. On 16 May, the IDF closed down the partial checkpoint to allow for an Israeli bike race in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the "reunification" of Jerusalem.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the IDF. Open 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.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> 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.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> 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. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
<b>Meitar</b>	Manned by Border Police and open 24 hours. Palestinian workers

Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	with valid permits are permitted to cross. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
<b>Shani</b> 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.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> 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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between 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.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting 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.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir</b> 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. On 16 May, the IDF closed down the partial checkpoint to allow for an Israeli bike race in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the "reunification" of Jerusalem.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	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"> <li>- <b>15 May:</b> 342 merchants and 22 senior traders crossed</li> <li>- <b>16 May:</b> 391 merchants and 28 senior traders crossed</li> <li>- <b>17 May:</b> 394 merchants and 26 senior traders crossed</li> <li>- <b>18 May:</b> 235 merchants and 16 senior traders crossed</li> </ul>

- **20 May:** 311 merchants and 24 senior traders crossed
- **21 May:** 459 merchants and 27 senior traders crossed
- **22 May:** 433 merchants and 29 senior traders crossed

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

**Rafah Passenger Terminal** Rafah crossing was closed all week. The crossing has not opened since 14 May.

#### Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
Nablus	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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.
<b>Qusin Checkpoint (closed)</b>	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	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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	
<b>Karni</b>	Karni was open on three out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays and between 16 – 18 May at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was open on four out of five scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Friday and Saturdays and on 15 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open one day this week for the import of humanitarian supplies (22 May).
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays and on 16 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).

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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.