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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

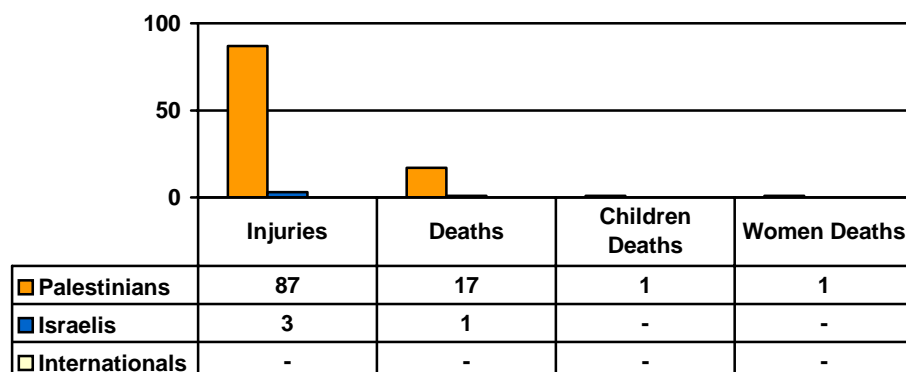
Gaza Strip:

- 12 Palestinians were killed, including one woman, and 68 injured during IDF military operations in the Gaza Strip, including during IAF air strikes, ground incursions near the border areas and IDF fire from the border fence. One Israeli man was killed and another injured when a Qassam rocket hit their car near Sderot.
- 86 Qassam rockets and 28 mortar shells were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel (compared to 190 rockets and five mortar shells the previous week). Further private property damage was caused this week – rockets hit Israeli homes and damaged agricultural land. Large numbers of local residents left the area during the past week.
- 29 IAF air strikes were launched throughout the Gaza Strip, the majority at Executive Support Force (ESF) installations (military bases, guard posts, offices). A total of 18 structures were demolished, including one during a ground incursion, and a further 14 damaged.
- The IDF remain present in four areas in the northern Gaza Strip. Their presence has limited local resident movement, particularly around Sifa, and access to agricultural land.
- The latest ceasefire brokered between Hamas and Fatah supporters has largely held since 19 May. However, six Palestinians were killed and 15 injured in incidents of internal violence, including reckless use of weapons.
- The BBC's Gaza based correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for more than 80 days after being abducted on 12 March 2007.

West Bank:

- Four Palestinians were killed, including one Palestinian man shot and killed by an IDF undercover unit in Jenin, and 19 injured in the West Bank. Three Israelis (IDF soldier, Border Policeman and private security guard) were also injured, including in one incident when Palestinian gunmen opened fire at them in Jerusalem.
- The IDF arrested a number of PA officials and law makers in the northern West Bank; in Nablus, the PA Education Minister, three Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) members, the Mayors of Nablus and Beita and the Head of the Village Council in Tell; in Qalqiliya, the Mayor of Qalqiliya and the Director of the Higher Education department; in Tulkarm, a PLC member from Deir al Ghusun; in Salfit, the Mayor of Bidya; and in Jenin, the PA Minister of State.
- PA workers continued strike action during this week throughout the West Bank with all PA workers holding a three day strike on 24, 26 and 27 May. The strike in the health sector that had last for more than three months was suspended on 29 May.

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:

- **23 May:** Eight Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at house in Jabalia Camp. It was reported that Hamas members were inside the house.
- **23 May:** One Palestinian was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a money changing shop in Gaza City.
- **23 May:** One Hamas member was injured when the IDF opened fire in his direction while he was planting a road-side bomb near the border fence east of Rafah.
- **24 May:** Five Palestinian bystanders were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting a vehicle in Gaza City.
- **24 May:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man was killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence north of Beit Lahia opened fire in the direction of Palestinian farmers northwest Beit Lahia.
- **24 May:** A 44 year-old Palestinian woman died of wounds sustained in an IAF air strike on 17 May in Gaza City.
- **24 May:** Three Palestinian bystanders were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a Hamas military base in Gaza City.
- **24 May:** Two Executive Support Forces (ESF) members were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a guard post outside the home of Palestinian PM in Gaza City.
- **24 May:** Four Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired four rockets at an ESF base south of Khan Younis.
- **24 May:** A 45 year-old Palestinian man was injured when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting an ESF military base east of Rafah.
- **24 May:** Seven Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a metal workshop in Al Jenayneh area in Rafah.
- **24 May:** One Palestinian trader was injured when the IDF responded to Qassam rocket fire with heavy shooting close to Erez crossing, north of Beit Hanoun. He was taken to a hospital in Israel.
- **25 May:** One Palestinian was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a money changing shop in Gaza City.
- **25 May:** Two ESF members (aged 23 and 28 years) were killed and a further seven injured when an IAF aircraft launched an air strike at a car in Gaza City.
- **25 May:** Four Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired three rockets targeting an ESF base in Nuseirat Camp.
- **26 May:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a group of Hamas members in Jabalia. The rocket missed the target and hit a Palestinian home.
- **26 May:** Three Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a guardhouse outside the home of Palestinian PM in Gaza City.
- **26 May:** Five ESF members (aged 19, 21, 22(2), and 24 years) were killed and four others injured when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting an ESF base in the Al Zaitoun area east of Gaza City.
- **26 May:** Three Palestinians, including a medic, were injured when an IAF aircraft fired four rockets targeting a Hamas training camp in Rafah.
- **26 May:** A 35 year-old Hamas member died of wounds sustained as a result of IDF shelling in Gaza City on 17 May.
- **26 May:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF drone fired a rocket at an ESF base east of Sheikh Radwan area in Gaza City.
- **26 May:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a container used by the guards of a Hamas commander in Jabalia.
- **26 May:** Two Palestinians (a father and his son) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a carpentry workshop west of Jabalia.
- **28 May:** Five Palestinian bystanders were injured by flying debris when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets at the Beit Hanoun Sports Club in Northern Gaza which was reportedly being used by Hamas militants.
- **26 May:** A 41 year-old Palestinian bystander was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a Hamas ESF office in Rafah.
- **27 May:** A 35 year-old Israeli man was killed and another injured when two Qassam rockets fired from east of Jabalia hit their car in Sderot.

- **29 May:** Two Palestinian men (aged 20 and 27 years) were killed and 30 year-old woman injured by shrapnel wounds when the IDF entered Sufa to conduct a house-to-house operation over three hours.

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **On 26 and 27 May:** IDF vessels opened fire with machine guns for 15 minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to shore and no injuries or damage were reported.

West Bank:

- **23 May:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured at 'Azzun 'Atma Barrier gate (Qalqiliya) by the IDF.
- **24 May:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition and a 45 year-old Palestinian woman injured by shrapnel during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Balata refugee camp (Nablus).
- **24 May:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man from the town of Beit Ummar (Hebron) was physically assaulted by IDF soldiers manning the military tower at the entrance of the town.
- **25 May:** Three 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). Several cases of tear gas inhalation were reported (not including in the weekly totals).
- **26 May:** At 8:40 pm, an Israeli private security guard and Border Policeman were shot and injured by Palestinian gunmen near the Sheikh Sa'ad checkpoint (Jerusalem). The two gunmen, armed with short range pistols fired at two other security guards who returned fire and killed them. A 14 year-old Palestinian boy (a bystander) was killed in the crossfire.
- **27 May:** During the evening, the IDF carried out a military operation in Jericho city. An exchange of fire between a Palestinian gunman and the IDF patrol resulted in the injury of a gunman who was hospitalised at the Japanese hospital in the city. In the early hours of 28 May, the IDF surrounded the hospital and arrested the gunmen. He was taken to Hadasha Ein Karim hospital in Jerusalem for further treatment.
- **27 May:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Fahma (Jenin) by a rubber coated metal bullet fired by the IDF during a confrontation with Palestinian stone throwers.
- **28 May:** Four Palestinian men were injured at Reikhan checkpoint (Jenin); a 24 and 36 year-old by live ammunition; a 23 year-old by rubber-coated metal bullets; and a 50 year-old man was physically assaulted by the IDF. The IDF opened fire at Palestinians from Barta'a enclave protesting against the new procedures imposed by the private security guards including requiring women to take off their scarves and veils for checking. The checkpoint was closed for several hours.
- **28 May:** At 2:30 in Hizma (Jerusalem) Palestinians stoned an IDF jeep reportedly injuring one IDF.
- **28 May:** Two Palestinian men (aged 30 and 54 years) from Idhna town (Hebron) were injured by IDF soldiers when they tried to prevent the demolition of a cow farm in the town. The farm was not demolished on this occasion.
- **29 May:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead in Kafr Dan (Jenin) by a sniper from an IDF undercover unit while he was walking in the village.
- **29 May:** A 35 year-old Palestinian woman was injured in Tulkarm camp (Tulkarm) by shrapnel during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **29 May:** At around 5.30pm an IDF undercover unit entered Ramallah city centre and surrounded a coffee shop, reportedly searching for wanted Palestinians. Clashes erupted between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen killing one Palestinian and injuring four others.

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **23 May:** Two Palestinians were injured when there was an explosion in a home in the Saftawi area west of Jabalia. Local reports indicate that members of the Fatah-affiliated Abu Rish Brigades were preparing an explosive device.
- **23 May:** One Palestinian was injured when a group of masked gunmen opened fire at the home of a Fatah leader in Gaza City.
- **24 May:** A 27 year-old Hamas member died of wounds sustained during the armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas on 13 May.
- **24 May:** A 55 year-old Palestinian man was killed and another 21 year-old man injured in an armed family feud in Deir El Balah.
- **26 May:** A 33 year-old Hamas member was injured when a group of masked gunmen opened fire in his direction in Gaza City.
- **27 May:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was found dead after being shot near in Jabalia Camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **27 May:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man was injured when a group of gunmen opened fire towards him and assaulted him in Jabalia Camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **28 May:** Three Palestinian children were injured while handling an UXO in Beit Lahia.
- **29 May:** A 40 year-old Palestinian man was injured when two masked gunmen broke into the Court building in Gaza City.
- **28 May:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man accidentally shot and injured himself while handling his personal weapon in Rafah.
- **29 May:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was injured when two bullets were mistakenly fired from his cousins' weapon in Al Bureij Camp.
- **29 May:** Three Islamic Jihad members (aged 20, 21 and 30 years) were killed and two others injured, including one seriously, when an explosion occurred while they were preparing an explosive device in a house in Al Nuseirat Camp.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **27 May:** A coffee shop was damaged when an explosive device was detonated at the main gate in Gaza City.
- **27 May:** The Director General of the Ministry of Finance was abducted by a group of unknown gunmen in Gaza City. He was released unharmed on 28 May.
- **28 May:** Several road blocks/checkpoints were erected on Gaza City's main roads during an armed confrontation between the ESF and PA National Security Forces.
- **28 May:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of a workshop in Al Bureij Camp. The workshop was damaged but no injuries were reported.

West Bank:

- **25 May:** A 45 year-old Palestinian man was killed and his son seriously injured in Ras Tira village (Qalqiliya) during an armed family dispute. Further fighting resulted in the injury to four more Palestinians and some village houses were burnt.
- **25 May:** One Palestinian man was killed in Tubas city (Tubas) by an explosive device when he tried to throw it at PA security forces. The man was a wanted person for killing a woman a few months ago. After the killing of the man, gunmen and a group of Palestinians attacked the compound of the PA Security Forces, setting fire to the building and a nearby police vehicle. During the exchange of fire, five PA security forces and ten others were injured.

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.

3. Shelter and Property³

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
23 May 07	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	1	-		Unknown
23 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	1	-	Unknown
23 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
23 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
24 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
24 May 07	Rafah, Gaza Strip	1	-		Unknown
24 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
24 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-		Unknown
24 May 07	Deir Al Balah, Gaza Strip	1	-		Unknown
24 May 07	Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	1	-		Unknown
24 May 07	Rafah, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
25 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
25 May 07	Al Nusairt Camp, Gaza Strip	1	-		Unknown
25 May 07	Qabatiya, Jenin	1	-	0	Unknown
26 May 07	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	1	-		Unknown
26 May 07	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	1	-		Unknown
26 May 07	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
26 May 07	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	1	-	-	Unknown
26 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-	-	Unknown
26 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	3	-	Unknown
26 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-	-	Unknown
26 May 07	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-	-	Unknown
26 May 07	Rafah, Gaza Strip	0	1	-	Unknown
27 May 07	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	1	-	Unknown	-
27 May 07	Deir Al Balah, Gaza Strip	1	-	-	Unknown
27 May 07	Bet Sefafa, Jerusalem	1	-	-	Unknown
28 May 07	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	1	-	-	Unknown
28 May 07	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	1	-	-	Unknown
28 May 07	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	1	2+	-	Unknown
28 May 07	Old City, Jerusalem	1	-	12 (10 children)	-
28 May 07	Bet Safafa, Jerusalem	1	-	3	
28 May 07	Sharafat, Jerusalem	1	-	2	-
28 May 07	Al Beqa', Hebron	1	1	0	Unknown
Total		24	15 +	17 +	Unknown

³ 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.

Gaza Strip

- **23 May:** A Palestinian house under construction was destroyed when it was targeted by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Jabalia Camp. Several nearby houses were also damaged.
- **23 May:** A Palestinian brick factory was demolished when it was targeted by two rockets fired from an IAF helicopter in Gaza City. One of the rockets missed the target and hit an electricity generator causing a power outage in the area.
- **23 May:** A grocery warehouse was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired by an IAF helicopter in Gaza City.
- **23 May:** A money changing shop was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Gaza City. Several nearby shops were also damaged.
- **24 May:** A money changing shop was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Gaza City.
- **24 May:** An ESF military base was demolished when it was hit by several rockets fired from an IAF helicopter east of Rafah. The UNRWA warehouse in Rafah was also damaged after being hit by shrapnel (damaging two skip lifts, a bulldozer, the boundary wall, the main gate and the metal roof).
- **24 May:** A Hamas military building was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF aircraft in Gaza City.
- **24 May:** An ESF guard post outside the home of Palestinian PM was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Beach Camp in Gaza City.
- **24 May:** An ESF base was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter west of Deir El Balah Camp.
- **24 May:** An ESF base was destroyed when it was hit by rockets fired from an IAF helicopter south of Khan Younis.
- **24 May:** A metal workshop was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF aircraft in Rafah. Several nearby houses were also damaged.
- **25 May:** A money changing shop was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Gaza City. Several nearby shops were also damaged.
- **25 May:** An ESF base was destroyed when it was hit by three rockets fired from an IAF helicopter in Nuseirat Camp.
- **26 May:** One Palestinian house was damaged when a rocket, fired by the IAF, and reportedly targeting a group of Hamas members situated nearby missed its target in Jabalia.
- **26 May:** A carpentry workshop was demolished when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter west of Jabalia. The impact of the blast damaged a nearby UNRWA school (windows was caused to several of the school's windows, doors, walls and iron sheets).
- **26 May:** An ESF base was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF aircraft in Jabalia.
- **26 May:** A container used by the guards of a Hamas commander was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired by an IAF helicopter in Jabalia.
- **26 May:** An ESF guard post outside the home of the Palestinian PM was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Beach Camp in Gaza City.
- **26 May:** One mosque and several houses were damaged when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at an open area east of Shejayeh neighbourhood of Gaza City.
- **26 May:** An ESF base was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Al Zaitoun area south of Gaza City.
- **26 May:** An ESF base was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Sheikh Radwan area north of Gaza City. Several nearby houses were also damaged.
- **26 May:** An ESF office was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Rafah.
- **27 May:** A Palestinian house was demolished by IDF bulldozers in northern Gaza village of Sifa.
- **27 May:** An ESF base was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter west of Deir El Balah camp.
- **28 May:** An ESF base was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired an IAF helicopter in Beit Lahia Village.
- **28 May:** An ESF base was destroyed when it was hit by a rocket fired an IAF helicopter in Jabalia.
- **28 May:** The Beit Hanoun Sports Club was severely damaged when it was hit by two rockets fired from an IAF helicopter. A neighbouring local association building and several nearby houses were also damaged.

West Bank

- **22 May** (previously unreported): At 9:05, Israeli settlers damaged Palestinian vehicles parked near the Lions Gate.
- **23 May**: The IDF closed Al Huda and al Furqan local Radio Station in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) for two years after they confiscated the transition equipments and some computers.
- **23 May**: The IDF damaged furniture inside the Palestinian Rehabilitation Society (Nafha) in Jenin city (Jenin) and confiscated some computers and files.
- **25 May**: The IDF demolished an uninhabited house in Qabatiya (Jenin) with explosives; the house was reported by the IDF to be used by wanted Palestinian persons.
- **27 May**: The IDF searched Juthur Cultural Centre in Nablus city (Nablus) and confiscated computers and files.
- **27 May**: At 10:40 am in Bet Iksa, the IDF forcibly entered the local PA office and confiscated documents.
- **27 May**: The Israeli authorities demolished a Palestinian uninhabited house in the southern Jerusalem neighbourhood of Bet Safafa for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **28 May**: The Israeli authorities demolished a Palestinian home for 12 (a mother, father and their ten children) in Jerusalem's Old City. The house was a small two-room structure with an additional part built approximately a year ago. The authorities had come to visit the house a week ago and took pictures but gave no warning about a pending demolition.
- **28 May**: The Israeli authorities demolished a Palestinian home for three in Bet Safafa (Jerusalem) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **28 May**: The Israeli authorities demolished a Palestinian home of a young couple (2 people) in Jerusalem's southern neighbourhood of Sharafat for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **28 May**: The IDF carried out a partial demolition of an uninhabited house (4.5 rooms) in Al Beqa' area of Hebron city (Hebron) for reportedly being built without a permit; the IDF also demolished another uninhabited house.

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

- **26 and 27 May**: The IDF occupied a two storey house in Kafr ad Dik village (Salfit) and converted it into an observation post for 32 hours. The IDF forced the family - a mother and four children - into one room during this time.
 - **26 May**: The IDF occupied a house in Marda village (Salfit) and converted it into an observation post for eight hours. The IDF forced the family into one room during this time.
- 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 Uprooting⁴****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.

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

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

27 May: 51 dunums of land covered with olive trees were destroyed after fire spread from a nearby garbage dump site.

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 everyday, 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'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:

23 - 29 May: Extensive land levelling was reported in northern (Beit Lahia, Beit Hanoun) and southern areas (Khan Younis) during the reporting period. No assessments have been conducted to determine the area affected as the IDF continues to operate in and around these areas.

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians](#)

a) Incidents of curfews

No incidents of curfew were reported.

b) Access to education

Ongoing since 17 May: Students living inside Sifa area, northwest Beit Lahia, are facing access difficulties due to ongoing IDF presence in the area. A significant number of students have relocated to other villages and residents have self-imposed a curfew in the evening.

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

23 May: Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel were prevented during one day of external closure.

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 23 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 Israel. Exceptions applied to limited cases of local staff working with the UN and international organisations and humanitarian (medical) access cases.

Nablus Governorate:

29 May: Palestinian militants closed several streets in Nablus city in protest against the arrest of the PLC member (Fateh party) from Balata camp.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

28 May: Reikhan checkpoint was closed for several hours when Palestinians from Barta'a enclave protested against the procedures of the new private security company operating the checkpoint; Palestinian women had been forced to take off their scarves and veils for checking.

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:

24 May: The IDF closed the road connecting Dhinnaba and Kafr al Labbad with two earth mounds, preventing movement between the two villages. The two earth mounds were installed on the west and east sides of the water well feeding the two villages and farmers in the area with water. The closure forces the farmers to carry the fuel by hand from the water pump.

24 May: The IDF closed the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba and Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds. The Road also leads to 16 dumums of green houses, and the closure forces farmers to carry the produce by hand to reach their vehicles parked near the road leading to Dhinnaba.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 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.

Salfit Governorate:

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:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

28 May: Israeli Border Police manning the Beit Awaa checkpoint denied access of an MSF (Doctors Without Borders) team to reach their patients living near the settlement of Negohot responding that 24-hour prior coordination was required. Repeated phone calls by MSF to the Israeli DCL were not successful in granting them access. After one hour of delay at the checkpoint, the team decided to go back to Hebron without reaching its patients.

29 May: Israeli Border Police manning the Beit Awaa checkpoint (Hebron) again delayed the access of the MSF team to reach their patients living near the settlement of Negohot for a period of 45 minutes. Through contact with the Israeli DCL the team was able to proceed.

29 May: IDF soldiers manning Al Kasaba checkpoint (leading to the Ibrahimi Mosque) denied access of Palestinians to the Ibrahimi Mosque citing the malfunction of the metal detection machines.

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'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

Gaza Strip

Palestinian farmers were unable to reach their farms in the areas of east and north Beit Hanoun, north and northwest of Beit Lahia, east of Al Burajj camp and east of Khan Younis because of ongoing IDF military activities. At least 200 dunums of farmland are not accessible and IDF soldiers have opened fire on people trying to access. There is concern that if lack of access continues more than 1,000 tonnes of potatoes, water melon and onions will rot.

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- 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 closed earlier at 1800 hours on 23 May for a Jewish holiday and remains closed since 12 March 2006 for all Palestinian workers.
- Rafah crossing was open two days this week (25 and 26 May), see appendix for daily log of movement.
- Karni was open on all five scheduled operating days (in addition to being closed on Saturdays the crossing was closed on 23 May for a Jewish holiday). However, since 17 May the crossing has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
- Sufa crossing was closed all week.
- Kerem Shalom was closed all.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on all five scheduled operating hours (in addition to being closed on Saturdays the crossing was closed on 23 May for a Jewish holiday).
- 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. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.

Reported IDF flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Huwwara (2), A Lubban ash Shaqiya (1)	3
Jenin	Az Zababida (2), 'Arraba (7), As Suweitat (1), Sanur (7), Rummana (1), Kafr Dan (1), Al Kufeir (7)	26
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (3), Deir al Ghusun (1), 'Attil (1), Al Jarushiya (2)	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Azzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), Kafr Thulth (2), Ras 'Atiya (1), Jayyus (2), An Nabi Elyas (3), Al Funduq (1), Jinsafut (1)	30
Salfit	Burqin(1), Marda (1), Haris(4), Deir Istiya (4)	10
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bir Zeit (1)	1
Jericho	Dead Sea (7)	7
Jerusalem	Za'ayyem (7), Bet Hanina (4)	11
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (3), Husan (1), Beit Fajar (2), Ad Doha (2)	19
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (3), Hebron city – H1(5), Halhul (1), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (3)	23
Total West Bank		137

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions⁵

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Balata RC (3), Beita (1), Sarra (1), Deir al Hatab (1), 'Askar RC (1), Beit Iba village (1), Nablus City (7), Camp No.1 (1), Tell (2), Madama (1), Huwwara CP	19	36
Jenin	Kafr Dan (1), Al Yamun (1), Jenin RC (5), Jenin City (5), 'Arraba (1), Jab'a (1), Qabatiya (2)	16	4
Tubas	Tubas (3), 'Aqqaba (1), Tammun (2)	6	0
Tulkarm	Qaffin (3), Seida (1), 'Anabta (1), Tulkarm RC (2), Tulkarm city (4), Deir al Ghusun (2), Bala' (1), Far'un (1) Nur Shams RC (1)	16	9
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (7), Habla (2), 'Azzun (7), 'Asla (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Jayyus (1), Ras 'Atiya (1), Ras 'Atiya flying CP.	21	7
Salfit	Salfit city (1), Bidya (1), Yasuf (1)	3	4
Ramallah	Bir Zeit, Rantis(1), Ramallah (1)	2	4
Jericho	Jericho (1)	1	2
Jerusalem	Qatana (1), Eizariyya (1)	2	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (3), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	25	13
Hebron	Hebron City (5), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (3), Surif (1)	23	25
Total Week West Bank		134	106
Gaza Strip			
	Kuza'a(1), Sufa (1), Beit Hanoun (1)	-	15
Total Gaza Strip		-	-
Total oPt		137	121

⁵ 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: 23 – 29 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. Closed on 23 May due to a Jewish holiday.
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. Closed on 23May due to a Jewish holiday.
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.
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 23 May due to a Jewish holiday.
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. Closed on 23 May due to a Jewish holiday.
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.
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.
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.
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. Closed on 10 May for several hours. Delays and long

queues were reported on 10 and 11 May.

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 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 23 May due to a Jewish holiday. Closed on 28 May due to a demonstration at the checkpoint.
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.	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.
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	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:

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. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
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.
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 an 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 (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
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	Hebron). 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. Delays were reported on daily basis.
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.
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.
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 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.
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. On 28 May, the Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint denied access of an MSF Team through the checkpoint under the pretext that the team needs a 24-hour prior coordination to be allowed access. On 29 May, the same MSF team was delayed for 45 minutes before being allowed to proceed.
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. Closed on 23 May due to a Jewish holiday.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60	Manned by Border Police and open 24 hours. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. Closed on 22 May due to a

on the Green Line	Jewish holiday.
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	<p>Erez was partially open for Palestinian merchants, senior traders (over the age of 35 years), internationals, humanitarian cases and Palestinians working for UN organisations this week. On 23 May the crossing closed at 6pm due to a Jewish holiday.</p> <p>The following log of movement was recorded during the week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 23 May: 423 merchants and 27 senior traders crossed - 24 May: 385 merchants and 21 senior traders crossed - 25 May: 275 merchants and 11 senior traders crossed - 26 May: 47 merchants and 2 senior traders crossed
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- **27 May:** 422 merchants and 29 senior traders crossed
- **28 May:** 409 merchants and 27 senior traders crossed
- **29 May:** 394 merchants and 22 senior traders crossed

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

Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was open two days this week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 May: Open in both directions between 0915 and 1500 (1,740 arrived and 1,530 departed) - 26 May: Open in both directions between 0900 and 1530 (1,060 arrived and 1,274 departed)
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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. Closed on 23 May due to a Jewish holiday.
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. Closed on 23 May due to a Jewish holiday.
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 five scheduled operating days (in addition to being closed on Saturdays the crossing was closed on 23 May for a Jewish holiday). However, since 17 May the crossing has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
Sufa	Sufa crossing was closed all week.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed all week.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on all five scheduled operating hours (in addition to being closed on Saturdays the crossing was closed on 23 May for a Jewish holiday).

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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.