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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

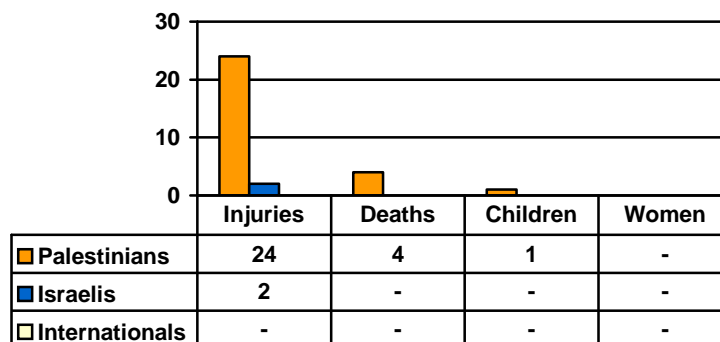
Gaza Strip:

- According to the Ministry of Health, 52 Palestinians were killed, including at least three women and one child, and a minimum of 187 were injured throughout the Gaza Strip between 9 and 12 June. These deaths have been due to factional fighting involving Fatah forces, Hamas members, and the Hamas affiliated Executive Support Force (hereinafter ESF). These incidents followed a cease fire agreement brokered on 19 May.
- Armed masked men set up checkpoints throughout the Gaza Strip and took up sniper positions on the top of high-rise buildings. These developments severely disrupted the lives of Gazan citizens who were afraid to leave their homes. On the street they faced being interrogated at impromptu checkpoints by armed, masked militias or else risked the chance of being caught in the crossfire between rival factions.
- Two Palestinians were killed and eight others injured as a result of IDF military operations in the Gaza Strip. IDF soldiers remain present in the northern Gaza Strip (east and north of Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya, including the Siafa area).
- 47 homemade rockets and 33 mortar shells were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. One rocket and five mortar shells detonated in the Palestinian area, and one mortar shell landed on the Israeli side of Erez crossing. An Israeli citizen was injured in the western Negev by one of the rockets.
- The BBC's Gaza based correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for 93 days after being abducted on 12 March 2007.

West Bank:

- **9 June:** Palestinian and international peace activists held a demonstration at Damascus Gate (Jerusalem) to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the beginning of occupation.
- **12 June:** More than one thousand Israelis marched towards the evacuated settlement of Khomesh (Nablus) where they gathered and erected tents. There were reports of a heavy IDF presence to protect the march.
- **6, 7, and 12 June:** West Bank PA employees, except for those in the health and education sectors, held strikes in protest against the non-payment of their salaries. On 6 and 7 June, PA employees in Ramallah also held peaceful demonstrations to protest the non-receipt of salaries.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **6 June:** A 27 year-old Palestinian was killed and another one injured when the IDF stationed at the border fence east of Jabalia refugee camp fired two tank-shells targeting a group of Hamas members who were attempting to launch rockets towards Israel (North Gaza).
- **8 June:** A 27 year-old Palestinian was injured during an exchange of gunfire between a group of Palestinian gunmen and IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Hanoun. The Palestinian gunmen fired a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) and an anti-tank missile at IDF tanks (North Gaza).
- **8 June:** A Palestinian male was shot, injured, and then detained when IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline southeast of Beit Hanoun opened fire in the direction of a group of youngsters who were hunting birds (North Gaza).
- **9 June:** A 19 year-old Palestinian gunman was killed when four Palestinian gunmen travelling in an armoured vehicle broke into the Kissufim IDF military base east of Al Qarara area. A gun battle erupted inside the military base between IDF soldiers and the gunmen. Islamic Jihad and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility for the attack (Khan Younis).
- **10 June:** Five Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a metal workshop in Gaza City. The workshop and several nearby houses were damaged (Gaza).
- **12 June:** An Israeli man was injured in a western Negev factory zone by home-made rockets fired by Palestinian gunmen towards Israel.

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **6 June:** Three mortar shells were fired from the area north of Beit Hanoun towards Erez crossing, two of which landed on the Israeli side of Erez crossing and one on the Palestinian side. IDF soldiers stationed at Erez responded with heavy shooting.
- **9 June:** A mine exploded under an IDF tank passing northeast of Beit Hanoun. The IDF responded with heavy shooting (North Gaza).
- **9 June:** An IAF helicopter opened fire at an open area east of Al Qarara area (Khan Younis).
- **10 June:** IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post east of Rafah opened fire for ten minutes towards an open area east of Al Shouka (Rafah).
- **10 June:** An IAF aircraft fired a rocket at two refrigerated trucks parked near a storage place for food commodities owned by a local family in Gaza City. The trucks and the storage place were damaged but no injuries were reported (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **6 June:** One 75-year-old Palestinian man from the H1 area of Hebron City (Hebron) was killed when IDF soldiers opened fire at him during a house search operation. In the same incident, his 65-year-old wife, his 16-year-old daughter, and two of his sons aged 19 and 30 years were all injured with live ammunition. The man's 22-year-old son was also injured when IDF soldiers physically assaulted him. The search operation was aimed at arresting the man's 17-year-old son.
- **8 June:** One 17-year-old Palestinian child from the village of Taffuh (Hebron) was killed when IDF soldiers fired live ammunition towards him while he was hunting birds in the village. Another 25-year-old Palestinian man was injured in the same incident.
- **8 June:** Three protesters (two Palestinians aged 22 and 35 years, and one Israeli aged 40 years) were physically assaulted and injured during the weekly protest near the village of Umm Salamona (Bethlehem).
- **9 June:** One 16-year-old Palestinian child from the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron) was injured when a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at him near the Ibrahim Mosque. The ambulance of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society was prevented by IDF soldiers from reaching the injured boy, despite prior coordination with the IDF. Israeli settlers also threw stones at the ambulance and broke its windows. The injured boy was later taken to an unknown destination by the Israeli Police.
- **10 June:** Six 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 also reported.

- **12 June:** An 11-year-old Palestinian child was injured by shrapnel from a sound grenade during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in 'Aqraba village (Nablus).

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **6 June:** Shrapnel injured an 11 year-old Palestinian boy after he tampered with an UXO (anti-tank shell) in Beit Lahia (North Gaza).
- **6 June:** A 22 year-old bystander was injured when heavy ceremonial shooting took place in Jabalia during the funeral procession a Hamas member who was killed on 6 June by the IDF (North Gaza).
- **6 June:** Three Palestinian children were injured while they were playing with a homemade bomb in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **6 June:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was injured when a group of unknown gunmen opened fire at the main gate of Rafah crossing in order to facilitate the passage of their relatives to Egypt (Rafah).
- **6 June:** Shrapnel injured four Palestinian children while they were tampering with an UXO (anti-tank shell) in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **6 June:** Two Palestinian men were injured during an internal armed dispute between two local families in Al Maghazi Camp (Central Gaza).
- **6 June:** A Palestinian man was shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis. (Khan Younis). Local sources stated that the motive was robbery-related.
- **7 June:** An unknown male body was transferred to Al Najjar hospital after being discovered in Shouka area in Rafah. There is no information about the cause of death (Rafah).
- **7 June:** A 27 year-old Fatah member was killed and 15 others were injured when Fatah members opened fire at an ESF patrol passing through Tel el Sultan area in Rafah. Hamas members responded with heavy shooting. A few hours later, Fatah-Hamas armed clashes broke out, with both sides using rocket-propelled grenades (RPG) for several hours. The Islamic and National Forces Committee reached a ceasefire agreement between Fatah and Hamas and militants from both factions withdrew from the streets (Rafah).
- **7 June:** Three gunmen were injured when four masked gunmen attempted to abduct a Hamas member in Tal Hawwa area in Gaza City. He responded by throwing a hand grenade at the kidnappers and fled (Gaza).
- **7 June:** Unknown armed masked men physically assaulted a Fatah member in Gaza City. The member later accused the ESF of being responsible for the assault (Gaza).
- **7 June:** Unknown gunmen in Gaza City kidnapped and physically assaulted a PA Presidential Guard member, whom they subsequently released. The motive is unknown (Gaza).
- **7 June:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man (Presidential Guard member) was abducted, physically assaulted, shot and injured by three masked gunmen travelling in a vehicle in Deir El Balah. The motive is unknown (Central Gaza).
- **7 June:** A 27 year-old Palestinian man a Fatah member, was stabbed by his cousin who is a Hamas member in Khan Younis. The motive is unknown (Khan Younis).
- **8 June:** A 45 year-old Palestinian merchant was shot and injured by two unknown gunmen in Shuja'iya neighbourhood in Gaza City. The motive is unknown (Gaza).
- **8 June:** A Presidential Guard member was abducted, physically assaulted, shot, and injured by Hamas members on Al Nasser Street in Gaza City. He was later released (Gaza).
- **9 June:** A 42 year-old bystander was injured during an armed dispute between two local families in Al Maghazi Camp (Central Gaza).
- **9 June:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man, who is a member of the PA National Security Forces (**hereinafter NSF**), was shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Beit Hanoun (North Gaza). The motive behind the shooting is unknown.
- **9 June:** Two Palestinians (both aged 25) were killed and 38 were injured during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas members in Tel Sultan area in Rafah. The confrontations extended to the Shaboura area with reports of sporadic firing of machine

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.

guns and mortars throughout the evening and into the early morning hours of 10 June. Fatah and Hamas members were deployed on the streets and both sides were reported as setting up roadblocks (Rafah).

- **10 June:** A 22 year-old Fatah member was shot and injured when Hamas gunmen opened fire at him, while he was standing near his home in Jabalia Camp (North Gaza).
- **10 June:** The corpse of a 30 year-old Presidential Guard member was transferred to Shifa hospital. It was reported that Hamas members threw him off the roof of El Ghafari Tower west of Gaza City (Gaza).
- **10 June:** A 38 year-old Palestinian man, the Imam of El Abbas Mosque and a Hamas member, was shot and killed by NSF members west of Gaza (Gaza).
- **10 June:** A 22 year-old Hamas member died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas on 7 June in Rafah (Rafah).
- **10 June:** A 27 year-old bystander was injured during an exchange of gunfire between ESF members and a local family, following the abduction of their son (a Presidential Guard officer) in Deir El Balah. The family subsequently abducted an ESF member (Central Gaza).
- **10-11 June:** A Palestinian man was killed and 15 others were injured during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Gaza city (Gaza). Both factions established checkpoints to stop and search vehicles and kidnapped members from the other side, which in turn limited traffic movements.
- **11 June:** Three Palestinian men were injured during an armed dispute between two local families in Rafah (Rafah).
- **11 June:** Four Palestinians (aged 21, 22, 23 and 51 years) were killed during armed clashes between a local family and ESF members in Beit Hanoun (North Gaza). The family members attacked the ESF base, killing one ESF member, reportedly in response to the kidnapping of their son in Gaza City who works with the PA Intelligence Security.
- **11 June:** Three Palestinian men were killed when a group of ESF members surrounded the home of a prominent Fatah and Al Aqsa Brigades leader, Jamal Abu al-Jediyan, and closed all the roads leading to his house. Armed clashes took place between the rival factions, including the firing of rocket-propelled grenades (RPG) at Abu Al-Jediyan's home. At 2100 hours, ESF members stormed the house, killing Abu Al-Jediyan and his brother. Immediately afterwards, Fatah members demonstrated in the area but were stopped by Hamas members who began shooting towards them. As a result, several injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **11 June:** During armed clashes between ESF members and Fatah gunmen, eight Palestinians were killed in three separate but linked incidents. First, four Palestinians (aged 25, 27, 30, and 49) were killed in clashes around Shifa hospital. Afterwards, two women and one female child (aged 15, 19 and 71) were killed when a mortar shell landed on their house in Beach Camp. In addition, one Hamas leader (aged 36) was killed when armed members of a local family affiliated with Fatah broke into his house and then burnt down his house and carpentry workshop (Gaza).
- **12 June:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed by Fatah gunmen in Khan Younis. Following the incident, heavy armed clashes broke out between Fatah and Hamas militants in Khan Younis. A 17 year-old boy was injured when the confrontations extended to Ma'en area, Al Fukhari area and Al Qarara Junction. Dozens of ESF militants took over the PA Force 17 base located on Salah Ed-Din road (Khan Younis).
- **12 June:** An NSF member was shot and injured during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Rafah (Rafah).
- **12 June:** A 35 year-old NSF member was killed and 14 others were injured when armed clashes erupted between ESF and NSF members. This occurred after Hamas militants broke into an UNRWA school in Deir El Balah and demanded that UNRWA staff leave the school (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **6 June:** PA Security Forces discovered a tunnel full of explosives located under Salah Ed-Din road near Jabalia and detonated them (North Gaza).
- **7 June:** An explosive device was planted near the main gate of a coffee shop in the Rimal quarter in Gaza City. The police arrived and managed to defuse the explosive device without causing any damage (Gaza).
- **8 June:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of a coffee shop located in Nuseirat Camp. There were no injuries but the shop was destroyed. Local reports indicate that the attack was in response to alleged "immoral behaviour" (Central Gaza).
- **10 June:** Unknown gunmen abducted two members from PA Forces 17 in Talatini Street in Gaza City. Force 17 members responded by abducting one member from Hamas (Gaza).

- **11 June:** Unknown persons threw three Molotov bottles at The Association for Arts and Culture west of Jabalia. The Association burnt down but no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **11 June:** ESF members attacked Fatah's main office in Beit Hanoun and confiscated equipment and documents (North Gaza).
- **12 June:** Hamas gunmen occupied Palestine TV's transmission station in Abu Rahma building on Omar Al Mukhtar Street in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **12 June:** ESF members occupied an NSF base located on the coastal road west of Al Nuseirat Camp (central Gaza).
- **12 June:** Hamas gunmen broke into and occupied an NSF base on Salah Ed-Din road in Rafah (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **8 June:** One 27 year-old Palestinian man was killed and another man was injured with live ammunition during a family dispute in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **10 June:** One 37 year-old Palestinian man was killed by gunfire in Nablus city (Nablus). According to the Palestinian DCO, the motive was criminal and not political.
- **11 June:** A 14 year-old Palestinian child was injured near Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus) after an Israeli settler's vehicle hit him. The child was transported to an Israeli hospital.
- **11 June:** Palestinian gunmen opened fire towards Nablus municipality building (Nablus) during a municipal council meeting. A number of parked cars and the municipality building were damaged by the gunfire.
- **11 June:** The vehicle of the deputy mayor of Nablus was set on fire by unknown persons while it was parked in front of his house in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **12 June:** The presidential guard forces broke into the Hamas-affiliated Al Aqsa TV station in Ramallah City (Ramallah), confiscated broadcasting equipment, and arrested three employees.
- **12 June:** Three Palestinians were injured, one by live ammunition (aged 21 years) and two by shrapnel (aged 20 and 24 years), in Nablus city upon been shot at by unknown gunmen (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **10 June:** Armed Palestinians opened fire at the house of the manager of the Ministry of Youth and Sport in Nablus city (Nablus). No injuries or damage were reported.
- **11 June:** Palestinian gunmen opened fire at an office belonging to Palestinian Legislative Council members affiliated with the Change and Reform List. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **11 June:** Two Palestinians were kidnapped in Nablus city (Nablus) by masked armed men but were released later the same day.
- **12 June:** At around 0230 hours, unknown gunmen kidnapped the deputy Minister of Transportation from his office at the Ministry building in Ramallah.
- **12 June:** At approximately 2200 hours, one Hamas-affiliated student from Bir Zeit university was kidnapped by unknown gunmen from his residence in Bir Zeit town.
- **12 June:** Palestinians held a demonstration in Ramallah in protest against inter-Palestinian fighting in the Gaza Strip.

3. Shelter and Property³

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
7 June	Az Zababda, Jenin	1		-	-
11 June	Sawahreh, Jerusalem	2	-	16	-
10 June 07	Gaza City, Gaza	-	3+	-	Unknown
10 June 07	Gaza City, Gaza	-	3	-	Unknown
10 June 07	Gaza City, Gaza	1	-	-	-
Total		4	6+	16	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

- **10 June:** Five Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a metal workshop in Gaza City. The workshop and several nearby houses were damaged (Gaza).
- **10 June:** An IAF aircraft fired a rocket at two refrigerated trucks parked near a storage place for food commodities owned by a local family in Gaza City. The trucks and the storage place were damaged but no injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **10 June:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting the office of Mohammad Al Hindi, an Islamic Jihad leader, located in the Rimal quarter in Gaza City (Gaza). The office was destroyed.

West Bank

- **7 June:** According to Az Zababda municipality (Jenin), an IDF patrol fired at the main electricity transformer in the town and destroyed it completely. As a result, the town was without electricity supply for more than 10 hours but the municipality has replaced the destroyed transformer. The municipality estimates the cost of the damage at US \$15,000.
- **8 June:** A group of Israeli settlers entered the village of Kifl Haris (Salfit) and threw stones at Palestinian houses. The settlers also attacked the village's graveyard and partially destroyed some graves and painted graffiti on others.
- **11 June:** Two homes, one inhabited by a family of ten (including eight children) and the other by a family of six (including four children), were demolished for lack of building permits in Sawahreh (Jerusalem). Residents of the ten-person house report that they had received the demolition order ten years ago but were given no other warnings since then.

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **12 June:** The IDF handed out nine stop construction orders to the owners of nine houses in Yasuf village (Salfit). Five of the houses are inhabited.

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara (Nablus) and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate.

4. [Natural Resources](#)**Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting⁴****Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

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

Jenin Governorate:

6 June: The IDF handed out an amendment and extension of the requisition order T/12/02 for the Barrier, requisitioning 226 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Rummana and 'Anin villages (Jenin) and to Arab Israelis from the Israeli town of Um Al Fahim (Israel). The requisition order was for 554 dunums of land before the amendment.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

10 June: Settlers from Qedumim settlement put fire to a dumping yard situated on land belonging to Jit village. As a result, nearby olive grove caught fire, approximately 200 dunums of the groves were burnt, and more than 500 trees belonging to seven different families from the village were destroyed.

Ongoing incident:

- 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 provide alternative roads to the main 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 the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank. The once open gap through the Barrier, is now a 'Gate' sealed off with a large iron structure. This week, the Iron Gate was open every day, while further construction work was carried out on others parts of the Barrier 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 near the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.
 - Sections of the Barrier have been placed in the vicinity of Har Gilo settlement.
- 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.
- The initial construction of Al Khader underpass is complete. Land levelling is currently carried out to construct the underpass lanes.

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.
- The crops damaged in Jinba village on 30 April and 1 May by Israeli tanks in training have not recovered and the crops are lost. GPS readings and mapping show that 81% of the affected area (77 dunums) is inside the West Bank and the rest (18 dunums) is over the Green Line in Israel.

Gaza Strip:

6 June: 22 IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers moved from the border fence area and entered 700 meters into the Palestinian territory east of Jabalia to conduct a levelling and excavation operation (North Gaza).

11 June: Two IDF bulldozers backed by two tanks moved from the border fence area and entered 100 metres into the Palestinian area west of Kissufim Military camp to conduct a levelling and excavation operation (Khan Younis).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** The IDF continues to be positioned in the northern settlement block. IDF armoured vehicles moved from the border fence area into the Palestinian area north of Beit Lahiya. IDF bulldozers have been carrying out a levelling and excavation operation.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) *Incidents of curfews*

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas where IDF military operations are underway (north, east of Beit Hanoun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahia) have self-imposed a curfew after dark.
- **11 June to date:** Militia checkpoints are present on the two main north-south arterial roads, Salah ed Din street and the Coastal road. People have been reluctant to move south of Gaza city to the middle area, Khan Younis and Rafah due to such restrictions; populations have hence become restricted to their localities.

b) *Access to education*

During the reporting period:

- The IDF and Israeli Police suspended their escort of Palestinian students from and to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid to their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) because the summer recess period began. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from Ma'on settlement.
- Long delays at Gilo checkpoint for people trying to access Jerusalem in the early morning hours were reported. There are also reports of entry being denied to children as young as 9 or 10 years.

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Students living in the Siafa area, northwest of Beit Lahia (North Gaza), 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.
- **11 June to date:** Classes and exams have been suspended at Gaza's three universities, namely Al Azhar, the Islamic University and Al Quds Open University.
- **11 June to date:** 24,000 students who are in the process of sitting for their high school matriculation examinations (*Tawjihi*) are facing great difficulties in reaching their exam locations. The cease fire that was called on 11 June was called in part to enable students to attend their schools. The Ministry of Education (MoE) has identified alternative locations for students to sit for the exams in certain areas of Gaza City; however, the problem remains that of actually getting to these locations from students' homes. In the event factional fighting continues, the MoE may have to consider extending the time period during which the exams can be taken.
- **12 June:** Members of the Executive Support Force (ESF) broke into Al Mazra School in Deir El Balah and ordered schoolteachers to leave the school. Shortly afterwards, a heavy exchange of gunfire took place in and around the school between the ESF and National Security Force members. In Khan Younis, two Hamas militants entered the UNRWA Prep C school. Negotiations were necessary before they were persuaded to leave.

c) *Access to employment*

Ongoing incidents:

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

d) *Closures/movement restrictions*

Nablus Governorate:

9 June: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours after arresting one Palestinian at the checkpoint.

9- 12 June: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for two to three hours each day due to a security alert.

11 June: The IDF relocated Palestinian taxis south of Huwwara checkpoint to the newly constructed parking yard near the checkpoint.

12 June: IDF soldiers positioned at the entrances of Burqa, Bizzariya and Sabastiya villages prevented Palestinian movement in the area in order to protect the march of more than one thousand Israelis towards the evacuated settlement of Homish.

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.
- **29 April to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Qaryut village (Nablus) with an earth mound. The road connects the village to its water filling point and to Road 60. Palestinians are now forced to take a long detour to reach the water filling point and the main road.

Jenin Governorate:

10 June: The IDF closed Road 60 near 'Arraba village with a flying checkpoint for two hours due to security alert.

10 June: The IDF closed the road connecting Jenin governorate with Tubas governorate with a flying checkpoint for two hours due to a security alert.

12 June: The IDF blocked the entrances of Silat adh Dhahr village and prevented Palestinian movement in the area in order to protect the march of more than one thousand Israelis towards the evacuated settlement of Homish.

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** 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 require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

6 June: The IDF closed four dirt roads leading to agriculture land near the barrier in Zeita village. The impact of these closures was minor since Palestinians managed to bypass most of them.

Ongoing incidents:

- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with two earth mounds, thereby preventing movement between the two villages. The two earth mounds were placed on the western and eastern sides of the water well serving the two villages and area farmers. The closure effectively forces farmers to carry fuel for the pump by hand.
- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds. The road also leads to 16 dunums of green houses, thus the closure forces farmers to carry the produce by hand until they reach their vehicles that are parked behind the earth mounds near the road leading to Dhinnaba.
- **31 May to date:** The IDF continues to close with an earth mound the dirt road connecting Deir al Ghusun with agricultural land in As Sahel area.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **18 May to date:** 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. Only one vehicle can pass at any given time.

Salfit Governorate:

10 June: The IDF closed the metal gate at the main entrance of Marda village for several hours. This entrance is the only available access point to the village since the only other entrance is closed by an earth mound.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: Delays at 'Atara checkpoint were reported during the morning rush hours.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Despite an Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 stipulating the dismantling of the Road Barrier along Road 317, the Road Barrier is still present and no attempts to remove it have been made. Instead, the IDF have closed some of the gaps Palestinian herders had used to use to reach their lands.
- A main Palestinian road (parallel to Road 35) connecting Hebron City to the towns of Idhna and Tarqumiya via Beit Kahil village remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

- **During the reporting period:** delays at Tayasir checkpoint (Tubas) were reported on a daily basis. In several cases, and despite the IDF's decision to allow West Bank ID holders to cross the checkpoint, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint denied access to Palestinians from Tubas and nearby Tammoun.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 10 May, the IDF have erected a daily 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, 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

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- 12 March to date: Erez crossing has been 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 for all Palestinian workers. On 6 June, the crossing was closed from 11:00 for internationals, Palestinian merchants, and medical cases due to mortar shelling.
- Rafah crossing was open on three days this week (6, 7 and 9 June). See appendix for daily log of movement.
- Karni was open on five scheduled operating days (closed on Saturday, 9 June, for the weekend and on 12 June due to difficulties faced by Palestinians employed in Karni in reaching their work place). Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours). On 10 June, it was open for general traffic but closed for containers.
- Sufa crossing was closed all week.
- Kerem Shalom was closed all week.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five scheduled operating days (closed on Saturday, 9 June, for the weekend and on 12 June).
- 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.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahia due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF. In total, at least 200 dunums planted with different crops are currently inaccessible since IDF soldiers regularly open fire towards the area. There is fear that if access obstruction continues more than 1,000 tones of potatoes, water melons and onions will rot.
- **17 May to date:** The IDF established a temporary military base in which it has stationed at least ten tanks and bulldozers that have been continuously opening fire. As a result, the movement of civilians in the eastern parts of Beit Hanoun has been very difficult.
- **17 May to date:** IDF soldiers have been stationed around Al Siafa area and blocked all the roads leading to and from the area, thereby restricting vehicular and carts movement. The IDF demanded that people stay indoors and informed them that every movement should be coordinated.

Reported IDF flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Talluza (1), Bizzariya (2), Sabastiya (1), Burqa (1)	5
Jenin	Az Zababida (5), 'Arraba (4), Ash Shuhada (1), Sanur (2), Siris (2), Al Kufeir (4), Mirka (2), Rummana (1), Fahma (3), Silat adh Daher (1)	25
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	Bala' (1), Ramin (1)	2
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), 'Azzun tunnel (7), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras 'Atiya (3), Jayyus (3), An Nabi Elyas (3), Hajja (2), Izbat at Tabib (2)	42
Salfit	Iskaka (2), Marda (1), Deir Istiya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2)	6
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (1), Bir Zeit (1)	2
Jericho	Dead Sea (7)	7
Jerusalem	Za'ayyem (7), Bet Hanina (5)	12
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda RC (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (3), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Ad Doha	15
Hebron	Yatta (1), Dura (1), Hebron city – H1(2), Halhul (1), Al Arrub RC (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (2)	16
Total West Bank		132

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 (1), Qabalan (1), 'Askar RC (1), Nablus City (7), Beit Iba CP, Burqa (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Talluza (1), Salim (1), Sabastiya (1), 'Asira Ash Shamaliya (1)	16	17
Jenin	Deir Abu Da'if (1), Al Yamun (1), Jenin RC (3), Jenin City (4), Kafr Rai' (3), Qabatiya (2), Az Zababida (3), al Kufeir (1), Kufeirit (1), Reikhan CP, Kafr Qud (1), Rummana (1), Silat al Harthiya (1)	22	7
Tubas	Tubas (1), El Fara' (1), Tammun (5), Tayasir (1), 'Aqqaba (1)	9	2
Tulkarm	Bal'a (1), Tulkarm City (3), Zeita (3), 'Illar (2), Deir Al Ghusun (1), Kafr Al Labad (1), Al Jarushiya (1)	12	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (7), Habla (2), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (1), Rasat Tira (1), 'Izbat at Tabib (1), Jit (1)	20	1
Salfit	Salfit City (1) Kafr ad Dik (1), Az Zawiya (1), Kifl Haris (1)	4	3
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1), Sinjil (1)	2	0
Jericho	Jericho (1)	1	2
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (1), Eizariya (1), Anata (1)	3	4
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza RC (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda RC (1), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (1), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	18	8
Hebron	Hebron City (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (1), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1)	16	19
Total Week West Bank		123	65
Gaza Strip			
	Deir El Balah (2), Sufa (1)	3	27
Total Gaza Strip		3	27
Total oPt		126	92

- **6 June:** One IDF tank and one bulldozer moved from the borderline area and entered 400 meters into the Palestinian area east of Deir El Balah (Central Gaza). IDF soldiers conducted a house-search operation under the cover of gunfire from IAF helicopters and arrested twelve members of the same family. At 0530 hours, the IDF withdrew to the borderline. No injuries were reported. At 1300 hours, the IDF released the twelve members of the family who were arrested.
- **6 June:** An IDF undercover unit moved from the borderline area and entered 500 meters into the Palestinian area east of Deir El Balah (Central Gaza). IDF troops conducted a house-search operation under the cover of gunfire from IAF helicopters and arrested five members of the same family. At 0530 hours, the IDF released four members of the family who were arrested but the fifth member (aged 33), a Hamas ESF member, was kept in detention.
- **6 June:** Seven IDF tanks and three bulldozers moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing and entered 700 meters into the Palestinian area south of Sufa crossing. IDF troops conducted a house-search operation under cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. IDF snipers were placed on the roofs of high buildings near the borderline. No injuries were reported. It was reported that the IDF ordered all men under 50 years of age to gather in a certain area and that the IDF arrested ten Palestinians. Some shelters were affected by Israeli shooting and shelling. At 0230 hours, IDF soldiers withdrew towards the border fence.
- **10 June:** At 0130 hours, the IDF conducted a search operation in Abu Dis (Jerusalem) but no arrests were made.
- **10 June :** At 0200, the IDF conducted a search operation in Al 'Eizariya (Jerusalem) but no arrests were made.
- **11 June:** At 0550, the IDF conducted a search operation in Anata (Jerusalem) and detained 4 Palestinians.

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: 6 – 12 June 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
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.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues were reported this week.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Delays and long queues were reported this week.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron (Open) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians and since 28 March 2007 closed for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations after previously opening earlier in the month for these types of vehicles.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards.
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	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Located on the intersection between 'Aqraba village junction and Road 505.
Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas

and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours. Between 9 and 12 June, delays and long queues were reported.

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. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians.

Tubas:

Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the checkpoint is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back to back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	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, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies 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 during the morning rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.

Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
Az Za'ayem 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 Bared (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.
Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem, As Sawahira village and residents of Bethlehem and

	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.
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 Khamat 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	Partial checkpoint (rarely-manned). Open 24 hours and movement is 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 7 pm.
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 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police and open 24 hours. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. Closed on 22 May due to a 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 the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian traders throughout the week. On 6 June, the crossing was closed at 11:00 for internationals, Palestinian merchants, and medical cases due to mortar shelling.</p> <p>The following log of movement was recorded during the week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 June: 398 merchants and 22 senior traders crossed. - 7 June: 381 merchants and 24 senior traders crossed. - 8 June: 266 merchants and 9 senior traders crossed. - 9 June: 34 merchants and 3 senior traders crossed. - 10 June: 392 merchants and 24 senior traders crossed.
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- **11 June:** 345 merchants and 21 senior traders crossed.
- **12 June:** *information is unavailable.*

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

Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was open on three days this week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 June: Open in both directions between 0900 and 1030 and from 1300 until 1800 (1,156 arrived and 1,269 departed). - 7 June: Open in both directions between 0900 and 1700 (847 arrived and 1,630 departed). - 9 June: Open in both directions between 0900 and 1500 (730 arrived and 1,678 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.
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, it has been closed and commercial trucks diverted to Beit Iba checkpoint.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back-to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as 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 five scheduled operating days (closed on Saturday, 9 June, for the weekend and on 12 June due to difficulties faced by Palestinians employed in Karni in reaching their work place). Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours). On 10 June, it was open but closed for containers.
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 five scheduled operating days (closed on Saturday, 9 June, for the weekend and on 12 June).

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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.