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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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## Of note this week

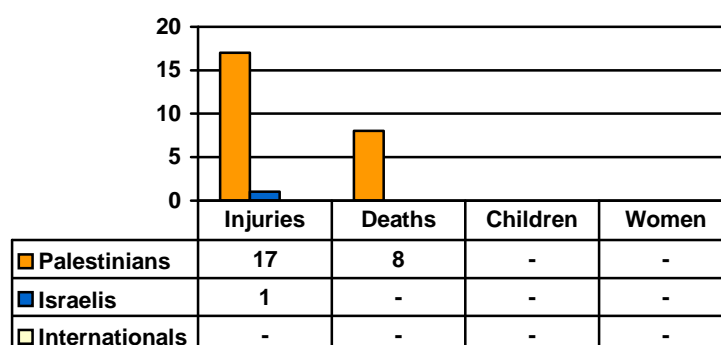
### Gaza Strip:

- Inter-factional fighting between Fatah and Hamas forces subsided during the reporting period. However, PA security forces continued to arrest allegedly Hamas-affiliated persons (22 arrests during the reporting period) and there were two incidents of attacks on properties.
- Most casualties and injuries were due to incidents related to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Five Palestinians, including one Islamic Jihad member, were killed and nine others were injured during IDF military operations in the Gaza Strip. The injured include a 12-year-old Palestinian boy who was injured by shrapnel from a Palestinian mortar shell.
- There were two IDF incursions into the Gaza Strip and two rockets fired by IAF helicopters. In addition, the IDF continued conducting a levelling and excavating operation 800 meters into Palestinian territory near the Palestinian DCO.
- 24 homemade rockets were fired from Gaza Strip towards Israel, of which at least seven were fired from the area east of Rafah (five towards Sufa crossing and two towards Kerem Shalom crossing). Al-Aqsa Brigades claimed responsibility for the Sufa attack.
- Rafah and Karni crossings were closed this week, increasing concerns of shortage of essential and nonessential food commodities on the Gaza Strip markets. Humanitarian assistance entered Gaza through Kerem Shalom and Sufa and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements exited through Erez.
- On 20 and 21 June, it was reported that all Palestinians who were trying to leave Gaza to go to the West Bank crossed through Erez crossing. In addition, foreign nationals, including 180 Ukrainian and Russian women married to Palestinians and their children evacuated Gaza and crossed through Erez into Israel.
- The BBC's Gaza based correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for 107 days after being abducted on 12 March 2007. This week, Johnston's abductors released a video of him in which he was wearing an explosives vest. They also publicly called for the release of a number of Muslim prisoners held in British and Jordanian jails. A taped recording of the IDF soldier held in captivity in Gaza was also released.

### West Bank:

- The IDF killed three Palestinians (Jenin and Hebron), injured eight (Jenin, Ramallah and Hebron), and arrested/detained 87 Palestinians throughout the West Bank. Israeli settlers injured one Palestinian in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- West Bank Palestinian workers and others entering into East Jerusalem and Israel are forced to wait on long lines for hours in the early morning at crossings in the Barrier and checkpoints. There are no special facilities for physically challenged persons. This week women at Gilo checkpoint were subjected to humiliating strip searches.
- Throughout the week, Palestinian workers from Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were obliged to stay overnight in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their workplaces inside Israel.
- There were 91 flying checkpoints and 87 IDF search campaigns.

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



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

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **20 June:** Four armed Palestinian men (aged 18, 20(2), and 22) were killed and four others were injured northeast of Khan Younis during armed clashes that erupted between armed Palestinians and IDF soldiers. One IDF soldier was also moderately injured. This took place after 20 IDF tanks, armoured Personal Carriers (APC) and two bulldozers moved from an IDF military outpost approximately 800 metres into Palestinian territory northeast of Khan Younis; during the incursion, another three Palestinians were injured, including a 12-year-old boy who was injured by shrapnel from a Palestinian mortar shell. The incursion was preceded by an IDF undercover operation during which IDF snipers were placed atop the roofs of high buildings. On **21 June** at 0830 hours, IDF soldiers withdrew to border fence (Khan Younis).
- **24 June:** A 32-year-old Islamic Jihad member was killed and two others were injured (an Islamic Jihad member and one bystander) when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying armed Islamic Jihad members travelling on Nasar Street near Al-Karama towers (North Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **20 June:** An IAF helicopter fired one rocket at a suspected rocket launching site east of Beit Hanoun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **20 June:** An RPG was fired by armed Palestinians from the Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah towards the IDF Kissufim military base. The shell landed in the Palestinian area. No casualties or damages were reported (Central Gaza).
- **20 June:** Armed Palestinians fired four RPGs at IDF tanks stationed east of Abu Al Ajeen area in Deir El Balah and detonated a road side bomb. The military wing of Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **23 June:** Ten IDF tanks moved from the IDF Kissufim military base and entered 300 meters into Palestinian territory east of Al Qarara in Khan Younis. IDF snipers were placed atop the roof of a Palestinian house. At 1830 hours, an exchange of fire erupted between armed Palestinians and Israeli soldiers, including the firing of 15 mortar shells at Israeli tanks. No injuries were reported. On **24 June** at 0100 hours, IDF soldiers withdrew to the border fence.

### West Bank:

- **20 June:** Two Palestinian men (aged 25 and 26 years) were killed in Kafr Dan (Jenin) during an exchange of fire between IDF soldiers and armed Palestinians.
- **22 June:** Two Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the Israeli Border Police during a demonstration held by Palestinians, international and Israeli activists against the Barrier constructed in Bil'in village (Ramallah).
- **22 June:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man from Hebron City (Hebron) was killed when IDF soldiers manning the Halhul Military Tower opened fire at him in unclear circumstances. However, medics indicate that as a result of examining the body, the man was shot at from close range. According to his family, the man was en route to a nearby shop to buy milk for his children.
- **23 June:** A 35-year-old Palestinian man and a 16-year-old Palestinian boy from the town of Sa'ir (Hebron) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire towards stone-throwing Palestinians during an IDF military operation in the town.
- **23 June:** A 26-year-old Palestinian woman was injured in Jenin Camp (Jenin) by live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire during a search and arrest campaign.
- **26 June:** Three Palestinian men (aged 22, 24 and 35 years) were injured in Birqin (Jenin) by live ammunition during an exchange of fire between IDF soldiers surrounding one house and armed Palestinians. The surrounded house had many Palestinians who were giving their condolences for the death of one house member. In addition, IDF soldiers arrested three Palestinians, including one of the injured persons.
- **26 June:** A 13-year-old boy from the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron) was injured when a group of settlers from the Israeli settlement of Beit Hadassah physically assaulted him while he was present in front of his house on Al Shuhada Street.

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

### Gaza Strip:

- **20 June:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was reported as having accidentally shot and injured himself while playing with his uncle's weapon in Jabalia Camp (North Gaza).
- **20 June:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man was killed while he was handling an explosive device in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **24 June:** A Palestinian high school student was stabbed and injured by his classmate. Armed clashes subsequently erupted between the families of the two students. Two UNRWA schools hosting Summer Games activities in Al Zaitoun neighbourhood were evacuated. The fighting ended at 1500 hours. No additional injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **22 June:** A 34-year-old Palestinian man was killed during an armed family feud in Rafah (Rafah).
- **24 June:** Four persons from neighbouring families were injured when an armed family feud was re-ignited between two well-known families in Gaza City (Gaza).

### West Bank:

- **21 June:** A 32-year-old Palestinian man was shot dead in Camp No.1 (Nablus) by masked men.

### Inter-factional violence

#### Gaza Strip:

- **20 June:** A 32-year-old man affiliated with Fatah was reportedly abducted by ESF members and found dead one hour later. Earlier, it was reported that Executive Support Force (hereinafter ESF) members had opened fire towards his vehicle while he was travelling through the Rimal Quarter of Gaza City, leading to the injury of four bystanders (Gaza).
- **23 June:** A 26-year-old Hamas member died of wounds sustained on 25 January when armed individuals affiliated with Fatah detonated a road side bomb planted under an ESF jeep in Jabalia (North).
- **24 June:** A 43-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during inter-factional armed clashes on 13 June in Gaza City (Gaza).

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **20 June:** Three unidentified gunmen travelling in a vehicle opened fire at a group of ESF members situated on Salah Ed-Din road east of Nuseirat Camp. ESF members responded with heavy shooting as well as set up several checkpoints on Salah Ed-Din road but did not make any arrests. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

### West Bank:

- **24 June:** A 22-year-old Palestinian woman was injured in Ras at Tira village (Qalqiliya) by live ammunition during a family dispute.

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **20 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in Hebron City (Hebron) marched down Ein Sara Street to the headquarters of the PA security forces (a.k.a. *Al Muqata'a*) in show of support for President Abbas's newly-formed government and the PA security forces.
- **20 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in the town of Halhul (Hebron) held a press conference at Halhul Municipality in which they reiterated their support for President Abbas, the newly-formed government and the PA security forces.
- **25 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in the towns of Beit Ula and Tarqumiya (Hebron) carried out military marches in their respective towns in show of support for President Abbas, the newly-formed government and the PA security forces.

<sup>2</sup> Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. 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 Property

#### Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers

No incidents to report.

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

No incidents to report.

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.

#### Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

##### **Gaza Strip:**

No incidents to report.

##### **West Bank:**

- **22 June:** Masked men threw a hand-made bomb at the offices of the Fateh movement in Qalqiliya City. Some damage was reported (Qalqiliya).
- **22 June:** Masked men forcibly entered the artificial body parts factory in Qalqiliya City. The factory is the only one of its kind in the Northern West Bank and belongs to the Qalqiliya Rehabilitation Association, which is affiliated with Hamas. The men damaged the equipment and confiscated computers and files (Qalqiliya).

### 4. Natural Resources

#### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</sup>

##### **Nablus Governorate:**

**22 June:** Settlers from Yizhar settlement threw stones at a Palestinian house in Burin village (Nablus) and cut down 20 olive and almond trees belonging to the house owner.

**24 June:** Settlers from the outpost near Rechelim settlement uprooted 300 olive trees belonging to a farmer from Qaryut (Nablus). The settlers took away the trees and the farmers filed a complaint at the Israeli Police.

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:**

No incidents to report.

##### **Tubas Governorate:**

**23 June:** Approximately 1000 dunums of uncultivated land were burnt near Wadi al Far'a (Tubas). The reason is unknown.

##### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

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

##### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

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

<sup>3</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

**Salfit Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
  - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has been planned but is pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
  - Construction continues on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction is taking place around the two settlements and parallel to bypass Road 564. The Barrier will isolate 3,800 dunums of the village land.
- Construction of three "fabric of life" roads, which is part of an Israeli plan to build alternative roads for Palestinians *in lieu* of the main roads that have become closed due to closure and Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
  - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan.
  - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443.

**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 complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank. This week, the Gate was open on most days and additional construction and infrastructure work was carried out on other parts of the Barrier in Dahiyet al Bareed.
  - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- 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:**

- **22 June:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Teqoa (Bethlehem) set fire to 300 dunums of land owned by Palestinians from the nearby village of Tuqu'. As a result, about 400 olive trees were damaged as well as some grazing vegetations and agricultural products.

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.

#### **Gaza Strip:**

- **22 June:** Three IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from the border fence and entered 300 meters into the Palestinian area east of the Islamic cemetery east of Jabalia in order to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. **On 26 June**, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **26 June:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 800 metres into the former Palestinian District Coordination Office (DCO) at Erez and began conducting a levelling and excavation operation. At 1500 hours, the operation was ongoing.
- **26 June:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 200 meters into the Palestinian area east of Deir El Balah to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 1400hrs, the IDF withdrew to the border fence.
- **26 June:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing and entered 800 meters into the Palestinian territory south of Sufa crossing to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 0400 hours, they withdrew to the border fence.

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

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

**Table 1: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
20 June 2007	Huwwara, Nablus	10
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>10</b>

- **19 June:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village for ten hours (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (north, east of Beit Hanoun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahia) have self-imposed a curfew after dark due to IDF undercover military operations.

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

No incidents to report.

**c) Access to employment**

- **Throughout the week**, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were obliged to stay overnight in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their workplaces inside Israel. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel.

**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.

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

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

**Jenin Governorate:****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:**

**20 June:** Palestinians removed the two earth mounds that were previously placed by the IDF on the road connecting Dhinnaba and Kafr al Labbad villages. The road is now open.

**26 June:** The IDF closed the dirt road connecting Deir al Ghusun to the garbage dump site with an earth mound.

**Ongoing incidents:**

- **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 continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound.
- **15 June to date:** The IDF continues to close the main entrance of 'Azzun village with road blocks.

**Salfit Governorate:****Ongoing incidents:**

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

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**23 June:** It was reported that Atara checkpoint was problematic all day; delays of up to 60 minutes were reported during the evening busy hours.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays at Jaba' checkpoint were experienced by those travelling towards Ramallah. On the other hand, vehicles leaving Ramallah City and crossing Jaba' checkpoint were not subjected to any IDF checks.



### Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

#### Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, 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'arajat 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.
- **9 January to date:** 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.
- **26 April to date:** 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.
- **10 May to date:** 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.

### Bethlehem Governorate:

**22 June:** Several Palestinian women were forced to undergo a strip search at Gilo checkpoint. The women were on their way to work in East Jerusalem. No reason was given to them for the searches which were undertaken in an unsafe and threatening environment. Several of the women involved reported that they were traumatised by the indignity of the process and fear.

### Hebron Governorate:

**20 June:** IDF soldiers placed earthmounds and destroyed three water channels on the only agricultural road linking Palestinians in Al Burj (north east of Adh Dhahiriya) to about 10,000 dunums of their agricultural lands west of the village. Farmers are currently unable to reach their lands. It is estimated that about 20 families live on the isolated agricultural lands.

**22 June:** The IDF shut down the gate leading to Al Fawwar Camp for an hour and a half. IDF soldiers also conducted car searches and checked IDs.

**25 June:** IDF soldiers and security personnel guarding Suseya settlement (south of Yatta) prevented a surveyor hired by Palestinian residents of Susiya hamlet from surveying their lands, despite prior coordination by their lawyer with the Israeli DCO. The resultant survey outcome is expected to be presented to the Israeli High Court in an effort to prevent the expulsion of Susiya village residents.

**26 June:** Israeli settlers from Suseya settlement (south of Yatta) forced Palestinian landowners out of their lands that are located near the settlement.

#### 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.

### Gaza Strip

#### Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was closed all week for Palestinian traders but open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. The crossing remains closed for all Palestinian workers. Since 12 March, 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).

- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing was closed all week. 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).
- Sufa crossing was open for three days this week (24, 25 and 26 June)
- Kerem Shalom was open for four days this week (20, 21, 22 and 24 June).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open normally for all scheduled operating days. On Saturday 16 June, they were closed for the weekend.
- 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.

**Table 2: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (1), Huwwara (1)	2
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Sanur (3), Al Kufair (5), As Sweitat (1), Az Zababida (1), Qabatya (1), Sir (1), Ash Shuhada (2)	16
Tubas	'Aqqaba (2), Tubas (1)	3
Tulkarm	Al Jarushiya (1), 'Anabta (1), Far'un (2), Kafr Sur (3), Deir al Ghusun (2), Iktaba (2)	11
Qalqiliya	DCO (7), Habla Tunnel (7), Izbat at Tabib (3), Jayyus (3), Ras 'Atyia (2), Kafr Thulth (1)	23
Salfit	Burqin (2), Deir Istiya (3), Kifl Haris (1), Haris (2)	8
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (2)	2
Jericho	Al Auja (2)	2
Jerusalem	-	
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Bethlehem City (1), Al Khadr, Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	10
Hebron	Yatta (1), Dura (1), Hebron City – H1(3), Al Arrub RC (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (2)	14
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>91</b>

## 6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

**Table 3: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Beit Iba village (1), Tell (2), Camp # 1 (1), Huwwara (1), Balata camp (4), Nablus City (7)	16	18
Jenin	Az Zababida (1), Birqin (2), Jenin City (3), Jenin camp(3), Kafr Dan (1), Silat al Harthiya (1)	11	4
Tubas	Tubas (1), Al Aqaba (1)	2	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1)	1	0
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (7), 'Azzun (7), Jit (2), Habla (2), Ras 'Atiya (1), Hajja (1), Sanniriya (1)	21	10
Salfit	Burqin (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Dir Istiya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	4	3
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2)	2	3
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza RC (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda RC (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	14	8
Hebron	Hebron City (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (1), Dura (4), Beit Awwa, Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (1), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1), Nuba (1)	16	10
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
	Northeast of Khan Younis (1)	-	30
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>			
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>

- **20 June:** During the IDF incursion into the area northeast of Khan Younis, IDF soldiers conducted a house-search operation under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. At 1930 hours, all men under the age of 50 were reportedly ordered by the IDF to gather in the PA-affiliated Al Ma'ari School. The IDF arrested 30 Palestinians. On **21 June** at 0600 hours, 25 of the 30 persons arrested by the IDF were released (Khan Younis).

**Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by PA Security Forces**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by PA security forces, (number of searches, number of arrests per location)	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (1, 2), Bizzariya (1,3), Talluza (1,1), amp No.1 (1,1)	4	7
Jenin	-	0	0
Tubas	Tubas City (1, 1), Tayasir (1,2)	2	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1, 6), 'Attil (1,1), Deir al Ghusun (1,2), Shuweika (1,1)	4	10
Qalqiliya	-	0	0
Salfit	Burqin (1, 1), Kafr ad Dik (1,1)	2	2
Ramallah	-	0	0
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	-	0	0
Hebron	-	0	0
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 20 – 26 June 2007**

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 0500 to 0630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0500 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Open 24 hours. It is 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.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
<b>'Anabta</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter 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.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jit Junction Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem On Road 5.</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwvara Southern main entrance</b>	Open from 0600 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues were reported this week.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	Open from 0500 to 1930 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley</b>	Open 0530 to 2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
<b>Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin</b>	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah</b>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</b>	Only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>'Aqraba Partial Checkpoint</b>	Located on the intersection between 'Aqraba village junction and Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan</b>	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.

<b>Partial Checkpoint</b>	Closed three times for two to three hours. On 26 June, major delays were reported.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b>	Is the main entrance to Israel. Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2100 hours 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.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. 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, some delays were reported on a daily basis.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. 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, some delays were reported on a daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/Ai Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays during the morning and evening rush hours reported in the pedestrian lane.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. 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.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Some delays were reported during the morning and evening rush hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate</b>	Open.
<b>Partial Checkpoint</b>	
<b>At Tayba</b>	Open.
<b>Partial Checkpoint</b>	
<b>Makkabim</b> <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except

	those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	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.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Open 24 hours. Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and valid permits, Internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians) can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
<b>Jaba'</b> <i>On the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
<b>An Nwemeh</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	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.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khamat an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	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.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> <b>Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	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 1100 and 1600 hours.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> <i>Southern entrance to settlement</i>	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with no ID checks performed.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; 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.

<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line</i>	Manned by Border Police and open 24 hours. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. However, during the current reporting period, it was reported that Palestinian workers holding valid permits to work in Israel were camping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel</i>	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. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	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. However, during the reporting period, Palestinians crossed the checkpoint after having had minimal ID checks and delays.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Yunis' checkpoint)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road 60</i>	Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>The junction between the two towns on Road 35</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura Partial Checkpoint</b> <i>Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.



**Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints**

<b>Erez crossing</b>	Erez was closed all week for Palestinian traders but open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
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<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing was closed all week.
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**Commercial checkpoints:****Tulkarm/Qalqiliya**

<b>Taybeh</b>	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 0800 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
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**Nablus**

<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
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<b>Qusin Checkpoint (closed)</b>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours 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.
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**Jenin**

<b>Al Jalama</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
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**Ramallah/Al Bireh**

<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours 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.
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**Gaza Strip**

<b>Karni</b>	Karni crossing was closed all week.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was open on 24, 25 and 26 June for food commodities and animal feed.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open on four days (20, 21, 22, and 24 June) for the crossing of humanitarian aid provided by WFP, WHO and ICRC.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for six scheduled operating days. On Saturday 23 June, they were closed for the weekend.

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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.