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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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### Of note this week

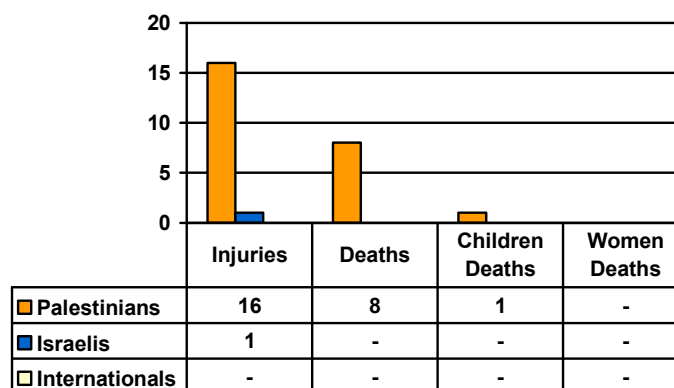
#### Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed six Palestinians and injured eight others. One Islamic Jihad member also died of wounds sustained during the IDF incursion into Jabaliya on 1 March.
- One Israeli man was injured at a *kibbutz* near the Gaza border when armed Islamic Jihad members opened fire at a group of Israeli engineers performing maintenance work.
- On 26 March, two IDF bulldozers, supported by 10 IDF tanks, entered approximately one kilometre east of Khan Younis, carried out a levelling and excavation operation, uprooted 50 dunums of olive trees, and demolished three houses and a chicken farm.
- Gaza bakeries began a strike in different areas of the Strip to demand an increase in the price of bread in accordance with the overall rise in the prices of flour, yeast and fuel due to the closure imposed on the Gaza Strip and their short supply on the market.
- Gaza citizens faced major transportation difficulties this week due to fuel shortage. The streets noticeably had fewer vehicles than usual and private and public vehicles lined up for long hours at petrol stations in desperate attempts to obtain their fuel needs.
- The IDF carried out five levelling and excavation operations in the Central Gaza and Khan Younis governorates.
- Seventeen rudimentary rockets and 34 mortars were fired at Israel. No injuries were reported as a result.

#### West Bank:

- The IDF injured five Palestinians in Tulkarm and Ramallah governorates. In addition, Israeli settlers killed one Palestinian man (Ramallah) and injured three others, including one woman (Nablus, Qalqiliya and Hebron).
- Israeli settlers from the outpost of Havat Ma'on injured two sheep when they opened fire at a flock of sheep in Al Kharouba Valley (Hebron).
- Israeli settlers from the settlement of Efrat uprooted 100 trees in the vicinity of the new construction site in the settlement (Bethlehem).
- On 31 March, the IDF closed with earth mounds a road connecting Bal'a to 'Anabta and a dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbet abu Khmeish. On the same day, the earth mounds were removed by the IDF.
- The IDF dismantled At Tayba checkpoint near Rimmonim settlement on 31 March. This partial checkpoint controlled access between Ramallah and the Jordan Valley.
- The IDF imposed a total of 17 curfew hours on 'Azzun (Qalqiliya) and Marda (Salfit) after Palestinian threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 55 and Road 505 respectively.
- 85 flying checkpoints, 91 search operations and 62 arrests/detentions were reported.

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



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

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **26 March:** A 25-year-old Palestinian (Islamic Jihad member) died of wounds sustained on 1 March during the IDF incursion into Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **26 March:** According to Israeli media reports, an Israeli man was injured when armed Palestinians (Islamic Jihad members) opened fire towards a group of Israeli engineers performing maintenance work at a *kibbutz* near the Gaza Strip border. The IDF responded with gunfire. At 1300 hours an IDF foot patrol entered approximately 300 metres east of Al Qarrara to guard the maintenance workers (Khan Younis).
- **28 March:** A 17-year-old Palestinian male was killed when armed Palestinians exchanged fire with IDF soldiers stationed at the border northwest of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **29 March:** Two Palestinian men (aged 23 and 24 years) were killed and two others were injured when IDF soldiers fired one ground-to-ground missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians east of Jabalia Camp. At the same time, an IAF helicopter fired two missiles at the same location (North Gaza).
- **29 March:** One Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border opened fire at Palestinian farmers west of Karni crossing (Gaza).
- **28 March:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was killed and another one was injured during armed clashes between an IDF foot patrol unit and armed Hamas members east of Al Qarrara. The armed clashes erupted after the IDF foot patrol entered approximately one kilometre into Gaza. At 0830 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **29 March:** One Palestinian man was injured when the IDF opened fire east of Abassan in response to the firing of rockets towards Israel by Islamic Jihad members (Khan Younis).
- **31 March:** Two Palestinians were injured when five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 400 metres into Gaza southeast of Khuza'a to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 1050 hours Palestinians fired five mortar shells at the IDF bulldozers and the soldiers responded with heavy gunfire. At 1330 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **1 April:** Two Palestinians men (aged 27 and 30 years) were killed and another one was injured when an IDF Special Forces unit entered approximately 1,500 metres into Deir El Balah under the cover of Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire by an IAF helicopter. Search operations took place. The IDF unit withdrew to the border at 0630 hours (Central Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **During the reporting period:** Gaza citizens faced major transportation obstacles due to the impact of fuel shortage on the movement of public and private vehicles. The streets noticeably had fewer vehicles than usual and private and public vehicles lined up for long hours at petrol stations in desperate attempts to obtain their fuel needs.
- **26 March:** An IDF tank stationed at the border fired one ground-to-ground missile targeting an open area northeast of Sheikh Zayed City. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 March:** IDF tanks stationed at the border fired two ground-to-ground missiles targeting an open area east of Jabaliya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 March:** Armed Palestinians fired two rockets from east of Jabaliya towards the Western Negev. According to Israeli media reports, two rockets fired from northern Gaza landed in a *kibbutz* in the Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council area, causing damage to several buildings (North Gaza).
- **26 March:** Gaza bakeries began a strike in different areas of the Strip to demand an increase in the price of bread in accordance with the overall rise in the prices of flour, yeast and fuel due to the closure imposed on the Gaza Strip and their short supply on the market.
- **27 March:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired one ground-to-ground missile towards an open area northwest of Sheikh Zayed City in Beit Lahiya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **27 March:** An IAF helicopter hovered over Deir El Balah City. Armed Hamas members opened fire at the helicopter. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **27 March:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Rafah, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **29 March:** An IDF foot patrol entered Gaza north of Beit Hanun. Armed Hamas members detonated two explosive devices and exchanged fire with the IDF patrol. No injuries were reported. At 0230 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (North Gaza).

- **29 March:** Armed PFLP members fired one RPG shell targeting IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Maghazi Camp. IDF tanks responded by firing two tank shells towards open areas east of Al Maghazi Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **1 April:** Armed PFLP members fired two RPG shells targeting IDF soldiers stationed east of Al Maghazi Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

#### West Bank:

- **27 March:** A 40-year-old Palestinian woman from Izbat at Tabib was physically assaulted by female settlers near Tappuah checkpoint while she was waiting at a bus station to go to work in Salfit City (Nablus).
- **28 March:** Two Palestinian men (aged 30 and 42 years) were injured near Deir al Ghusun Barrier gate by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a rally near the gate to celebrate the anniversary of Land Day (Tulkarm).
- **29 March:** Three Palestinian males were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by IDF soldiers during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli, and international protestors in Bil'in village to protest against Barrier construction on the village land. Cases of asphyxia among the demonstrators were also reported (Ramallah).
- **30 March:** A 39-year-old Palestinian man from Kafr Qaddum was physically assaulted by Israeli settlers from Qedumim settlement while he was working on his land (Qalqiliya).
- **30 March:** A 70-year-old Palestinian man from Adh Dhahiriya town was injured when he was physically assaulted by a group of three masked settlers from the settlement of Shim'a (accompanied by their dog) while he was grazing his land (Hebron).
- **31 March:** A 22-year-old Palestinian male from Kharas village in Hebron was shot and killed by live ammunition fired at him by an Israeli settler on Road 60 near Shilo settlement. The Israeli settler claimed that the Palestinian attempted to stab him (Ramallah).

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

- **28 March:** Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling near Al Judeira village. No injuries but some damage to the vehicles were reported (Ramallah).
- **28 March:** Anti-Barrier demonstrations took place in Al Khader and Ma'asara (Bethlehem).
- **28 March:** Palestinians from the hamlet of Qawawis south of Yatta, in cooperation with internationals and Israeli activists, removed the rubble caused by house demolitions carried out by the IDF on 19 March 2008 (Hebron).
- **30 March:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near the Neve Ya'akov settlement. No injuries but some damage to the vehicle were reported (Jerusalem).
- **30 March:** Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling near Ni'lin village. No injuries but some damage to the vehicles were reported (Ramallah).
- **30 March:** A rally to celebrate the anniversary of Land Day took place in Al Ma'asara (Bethlehem).

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

#### Gaza Strip:

- **26 March:** A 65-year-old Palestinian woman sustained serious shrapnel wounds when a rocket fired from west of Beit Lahiya towards Israel landed on a Palestinian house (North Gaza).
- **26 March:** A Palestinian police officer was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at him in Deir El Balah. The background of the incident is unclear (Central Gaza).
- **27 March:** A Hamas armed member was shot and injured during a family dispute in Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **29 March:** One person was injured during an armed family dispute in Al Bureij Camp. The Police arrived and brought the situation under control (Central Gaza).
- **30 March:** One Palestinian man was injured, and rescued by the Egyptian border police, when a tunnel under construction in Al Jaradat area east of Rafah City collapsed (Rafah).

<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.

- **1 April:** Two suspected drug dealers were injured during an exchange of fire between them and the Palestinian police in Al-Shouka east of Rafah. The police confiscated five kilogrammes of marijuana during the raid (Rafah).
- **1 April:** A Palestinian man was injured when a bomb he was handling exploded prematurely in Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **27 March:** The Jabalia municipality workers ended their strike that began on 24 March after the deposed PM Haniyeh apparently promised to solve the issue related to the non-payment of salaries in one week (North Gaza).
- **28 March:** Approximately 50,000 demonstrators from Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Fatah Al Yaser participated in a demonstration that called on the Arab summit in Damascus to develop mechanisms for breaking the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1540 hours (North Gaza).
- **28 March:** Hamas organised a rally in Al Bureij Camp to mark the fourth anniversary of the assassination of Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, Hamas's spiritual leader. Approximately 1,000 women participated in the rally, which ended peacefully at 1930 hours (Central Gaza).
- **29 March:** Approximately 2,000 people from Al-Sawa'ed Association demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound calling on the Arab summit in Damascus to develop mechanisms for breaking the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip and to commemorate Land Day. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1115 hours (Gaza).
- **29 March:** Islamic Jihad organised a demonstration in Gaza City calling on the Arab summit in Damascus to develop mechanisms for breaking the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 2,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1430 hours (Gaza).
- **30 March:** Approximately 250 Hamas supporters gathered at Rafah crossing to demand that the Egyptian Authorities release a senior Hamas leader (Ayman Nofal) who is currently held in an Egyptian prison (Rafah).
- **30 March:** The Palestinian police set up checkpoints at major intersections and along major roads throughout Gaza City and carried out vehicle searches (Gaza).
- **During the reporting period:** Teaching was suspended at the Khan Younis Science and Technology College until further notice after the college dean and two administrative officers were asked to step down by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) in Ramallah on 23 March. Students protested the suspension decision by the Gaza branch of the MoEHE and the police intervened. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).

**West Bank:**

- **25 March:** A 33-year-old Palestinian man was killed by live ammunition in Al Fandaqumiya due to a family dispute (Jenin).
- **28 March:** Three Palestinian men were killed (adults) and 12 others were injured in Kafr Thulth due to a family dispute. Palestinian security forces imposed curfew on the village for four days to bring the situation under control (Qalqiliya).
- **31 March:** A 21-year-old Palestinian man from Balata Camp was injured in Nablus City by unexploded ordinance (UXO) while he was collecting used metals (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **28 March:** Palestinians held demonstrations in Tulkarm City and in Deir al Ghusun near the Barrier to commemorate the Land Day (Tulkarm).
- **30 March:** Palestinians marched from Nablus City centre to Huwwara checkpoint and held a demonstration to commemorate the Land Day (Nablus).
- **30 March:** PA employees, except those working in the health sector, held a strike in all West Bank to protest against salary problems. Education employees held a half-day strike.
- **31 March:** Palestinians held a demonstration in Nazlat 'Issa to commemorate the Land Day (Tulkarm).

**Inter-factional violence**

**Gaza Strip:**

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **26 March:** Around 5,000 members from various NGOs, including local residents, demonstrated at the Unknown Soldier Park to demand that the Yemeni-brokered

reconciliation agreement between Fatah and Hamas be adopted. At 1345 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).

- **28 March:** Approximately 2,000 people participated in a demonstration organised by Islamic Jihad in Jabaliya Camp to call for unity between Hamas and Fatah. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1500 hours (North Gaza).
- **31 March:** Al Azhar University suspended its operations due to a dispute between Hamas and Fatah student wings on the university campus. The dispute erupted after Hamas-affiliated students were attempting to mark the fourth anniversary of the assassination of Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmad Yassin on campus.

#### **West Bank:**

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

- **27 March:** The Palestine Polytechnic University suspended its operations in the aftermath of clashes between student supporters of Fatah and supporters of the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). The unarmed clashes took place after PFLP issued a statement criticizing the Fatah-dominated student council. At least ten students sustained bruises as a result. (Hebron).

### **3. Shelter and Property**

**Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers**

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
26 March	Khan Younis, Khan Younis	4	-	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**26 March:** Two IDF bulldozers supported by 10 IDF tanks entered approximately one kilometre east of Khan Younis and conducted a levelling and excavation operation. The bulldozers uprooted 50 dunums of olive trees and destroyed agricultural land. Three houses and a chicken farm were also demolished. The IDF withdrew at 1830 hours (Khan Younis).

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

**27 March:** Israeli settlers from the outpost of Havat Ma'on fired five shots at a flock of sheep in Al Kharouba Valley owned by a Palestinian from the hamlet of Maghayer Al Abeed near At Twani village. The settlers injured two sheep (Hebron).

**29 March:** IDF soldiers raided an orphanage (affiliated with the Islamic Charitable Society) in the H1 area of Hebron City. The soldiers reminded the administration and the employees at the orphanage that they have to vacate the premises by 1 April. The IDF raided the same orphanage on 23 March for the same reason (Hebron).

**1 April:** The lawyers of both the Muslim Youth Association and the Muslim Charitable Society, located in the H1 area of Hebron City, were granted a seven-day freeze on the closure and confiscation of their properties as ordered by the IDF in the closure order distributed on 26 February 2008 (Hebron).

##### *Previous Reporting Period*

**25 March:** The IDF occupied a two-storey building in 'Azzun for 15 hours (0500 – 2000 hours) and converted it into an observation post. Eleven residents including six children were held in a room (Qalqiliya).

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

No incident to report.

### **4. Natural Resources**

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

##### **Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and Salfit Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

##### **Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

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

- Barrier construction:
  - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.
  - 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 stopped pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmona'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction of four “fabric of life” roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to road obstacles, the route of the Barrier, and the route of roads which Palestinians are restricted from using:
  - Construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to Roads 465 and 446, has almost been completed, except for the final 50 meter section to connect it back to Road 465. The road is open for access between Shuqba and 465 via an underpass at the intersection of 446 and 465.
  - Construction of a road between Beit Liqiya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
  - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The Israeli DCL reports that the underpass will be completed during the summer of 2008.
  - Construction has begun on a new road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya. A total of 588 dunums of land were requisitioned and some land levelling at Beit 'Ur al Fauqa has begun. The Israeli DCL reports that the construction of the road will take approximately ten months.

#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

##### Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a “fabric of life” sunken road and a tunnel for use by Palestinians travelling between Al Jib and Biddu villages is complete. The sunken road is located under Road 436 which connects the settlements of Ramot Allon and Givat Ze'ev and is primarily for Israeli use and use by Palestinians from An Nabi Samwil village to access Beit Ikhsa via Ramot checkpoint. The “fabric of life” road replaces the dirt track between Beit Hanina al Balad and Beit Ikhsa through Ramot checkpoint, which was closed with cement blocks by the IDF when the sunken road was opened.
- 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 has been stopped along a 3-km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
  - The Barrier between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. One detour route for pedestrian and vehicular traffic continues to connect these two neighbourhoods, but when the Barrier is completed, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank.
  - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
  - Since **26 November 2007**, Barrier construction has been halted between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages due to budget constraints.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is mostly complete. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Construction of a road leading to the police station was completed and the road is currently being widened.

- A new “fabric of life” road between Anata and Az Za’ayim (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Az Za’ayim without using the entrance lane off Road 1 near Za’ayim checkpoint.
- Construction of a “fabric of life” road around Ma’ale Adummim settlement bloc has not begun. The road is planned to connect the southern and central West Bank such that Palestinians will no longer need to travel on Road 1 through the Ma’ale Adummim settlement bloc. A military order number T/19/07 had been issued to confiscate 1,128 dunums to construct this road.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

**28 March:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Efrat uprooted 100 trees in the vicinity of the new construction site in the settlement. This took place five days after construction began at the settlement of two three-storey buildings (54 housing units) separated by a small park.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - The Barrier contractor re-started the installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint. Construction of the patrol road along this section continues.
  - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).
  - The Barrier contractor suspended land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
  - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was suspended in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
  - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was suspended around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was suspended during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for new crossing continued next to Al Jab’a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu’man crossing is ongoing.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, El’azar, Allon Shevut and Efrat settlements.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings continued west of Tarqumiya checkpoint.
- Construction of new buildings continued in Karmel, Susyia, Kiryat Arba’ and Shani settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road – parallel to Road 60 between Shim’a settlement and Metar checkpoint – continued during the reporting period.

#### **Gaza Strip:**

- **26 March:** One IDF tank and two bulldozers entered approximately 200 metres into the Palestinian area east of Al Bureij Camp to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 1950 hours, they withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **26 March:** One IDF tank and two bulldozers entered into Gaza southeast of Al Maghazi Camp. The bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation and withdrew to the border at 1400 hours (Central Gaza).
- **26 March:** Two IDF bulldozers supported by 10 IDF tanks entered approximately one kilometre east of Khan Younis and conducted a levelling and excavation operation. The bulldozers uprooted 50 dunums of olive trees and destroyed agricultural land. Three houses and a chicken farm were also demolished. The IDF withdrew at 1830 hours (Khan Younis).
- **31 March:** Five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 400 metres into Gaza southeast of Khuza’a to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. At 1050 hours, armed Palestinians fired five mortar rounds at the IDF bulldozers. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire (Khan Younis).
- **31 March:** Three IDF bulldozers and one tank entered 300 metres into Gaza east of Al Qarrara and conducted a levelling and excavation operation. At 1800 hours Hamas and the IDF exchanged fire. At 1930 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).

## 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

### a) *Incidents of curfews*

**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
26 March 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	5
31 March 2008	Marda, Salfit	12
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>17 hours</b>

**26 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village for five hours from (0100 to 05:00) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 55 from/to Israeli settlements (Qalqiliya).

**31 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Marda village for 12 hours (1000 to 2200) and closed the only metal gate at the main entrance and prevented residents from entering the village after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 505 from/to Israeli settlements (Salfit).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (northeast of Beit Hanun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahiya) continue to maintain a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

### b) *Access to education*

- **25 March:** The IDF forced all students in Marda schools to leave the schools at 1030 hours due to the curfew imposed on the village (Salfit).
- **29 March:** Israeli settlers from the outpost of Havat Ma'on threw stones at and verbally insulted Palestinian children en route to their school in At Twani south of Yatta town from the hamlets of Tuba and Maghayer Al Abeed (Hebron).

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani—the escort has been provided since 2004 to protect students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement—continue to leave school children half-way through. The children thus have to walk the remaining distance alone, including passing immediately near the outpost of Havat Ma'on. Moreover, while the IDF escort includes soldiers walking beside the children, the soldiers usually stay in the IDF jeep while the students walk in front of the jeep (Hebron).

### c) *Access to employment*

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.

### d) *Closures/movement restrictions*

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**During the week:** Delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Tappuah checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- **20 March 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt roads leading into Beita village.
- **29 October 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'in village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **29 October 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including access to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **29 August 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).
- **28 March 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).

#### **Jenin Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF prohibits the free movement of all commercial trucks to the Barta'a enclave surrounded by the Barrier. Forty trucks, registered with



the IDF at the checkpoint with a freight load of under two tonnes are allowed to transport food products. Other materials require prior coordination.

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#### Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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#### Tulkarm Governorate:

**27 March:** The IDF closed a dirt road connecting Ramin to Bizzariya with an earth mound.

**27 March:** The IDF closed a road connecting Bal'a to Deir al Ghusun with an earth mound.

**31 March:** The IDF closed with earth mounds a road connecting Bal'a to 'Anabta and a dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khmeish. On the same day, the earth mounds were removed by the IDF.

Ongoing incidents:

- **15 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Shuweika to Iktaba village with an earth mound.
- **8 February 2008 to Date:** The IDF continues to close four roads connecting Bal'a with Road 57, 'Anabta, Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba with earth mounds.
- **12 December 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

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#### Qalqiliya Governorate:

**22 March:** The IDF closed the partial checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) and prevented Palestinians from entering the city for four hours in the morning.

Ongoing incidents:

- **4 March to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun village with an earth mound.
- **2 March to date** The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Hajja with Baqat al Hatab.
- **9 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the northern entrance of 'Azzun with concrete blocks and an earth mound. The IDF also continues to close with an earth mound a dirt road connecting 'Azzun with Kafr Laqif, after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 en route to Israeli settlements.
- **13 July 2007 to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City with vehicles.

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#### Salfit Governorate:

**26 March to date:** IDF positioned at Az Zawiya Barrier gate prevented Palestinian farmers from reaching their land behind the Barrier.

**31 March:** The IDF closed the metal gate at the main entrance of Marda village and imposed curfew and prevented residents from entering the village.

Ongoing incidents:

- **27 November 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the entrance of Kifl Haris with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

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#### Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

**31 March:** At Tayba checkpoint near Rimmonim settlement was dismantled at 1800 hours. This partial checkpoint controlled access between Ramallah and the Jordan Valley.

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July 2007 to date** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis are permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

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#### Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **2 January 2008 to date:** The Dead Sea checkpoint functions as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians and Palestinian plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area. However, all Palestinians and their vehicles have been denied access by the Israeli Border Police whenever the checkpoint is manned, particularly during the weekends.

- **26 September 2007 to date:** All West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint, but Palestinians from the northern West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint. Residents of these four governorates are forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint whereas all other West Bank ID-holders are allowed to exit Jericho via both the DCO and Yitav checkpoints.
- **26 April 2007 to date:** Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

#### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **As of 10 January 2008:** Additional installations were added to Ramot checkpoint and the Israeli Border Police presently checks all vehicles and IDs of Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

**28 March:** IDF soldiers obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles through the southern entrance to the City of Bethlehem (a.k.a. Al Nashash) due to the weekly anti-barrier demonstration held at Al Khader town.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**30 March – 1 April:** IDF soldiers placed cement slabs, which were previously used in the construction of the mini-Barrier on Road 317, to block roads used by Palestinians beyond Beit Yatir checkpoint (located near Imneizel south of Yatta town).

#### **Gaza Strip**

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats as well as internationals and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. National UN staff members continue to be denied entry to Israel, even with permits and prior co-ordination. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- **Rafah** crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June but it was operated since then on a few occasions on an exceptional basis.
- **Karni** crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on three days this week to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on five days this week. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities (it had been closed since 28 October). Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing was open on six days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, Kerem Shalom was effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- **Nahal Oz energy pipelines** were open on five scheduled operating days this week.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be 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. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian 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 of Beit Hanun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya 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.

**Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Beita (1), Huwwara (3), Qusin (1), Yasid (1), As Sawiya (1)	7
Jenin	'Arraba (1), Qabatiya (2), Siris (2), T'innik (1), Az Zababida (2), near the American University (1), As Suweitat (1), 'Ajja (1), Al Kufier (2)	13
Tubas	'Aqabba (1)	1
Tulkarm	Deir al Ghusun (2), Kafr Sur (2), 'Anabta (1)	5
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (3), Immatin (2), Izbat at Tabib (1), Kafr Laqif (4), Kafr Thulth (2), Habla tunnel (3), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (4), Ras 'Atiya (3)	24
Salfit	Marda (2), Iskaka (3), Deir Istiya (2), Yasuf (1), Bruqin (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	10
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (2), Tuqu' (2), Obaidiya (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Al Kahder (1)	8
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Al Tabaqa area in Dura (2), Beit Ummar (1), Halhul-Sair partial checkpoint (3), Road between Yatta and As 'Samu (2), Road between Yatta and Al Rihyia (1), Halhul Bridge (3), Beit Kahil (1)	17
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>85</b>

## 6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

**Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)<sup>1</sup>**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (6), Beit Imrin (1), 'Askar RC (1), 'Aqraba (1), Usarin (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP	10	5
Jenin	Jenin RC (3), Jenin City (4), Qabatiya (2), Deir abu Da'if (1), Kafr Ra'i (1), Talfit (1), Al Mughayyir (1), Deir Ghazala (1)	14	5
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tayasir (1), Al Far'a village (1)	3	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), Qaffin (3), Zeita (1), 'Anabta (1), Irtah (1), Ar Ras/Kafriat CP, Deir al Ghusun flying CP	8	11
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (4), 'Azzun (4), Jayyus (3), Kafr Qaddum (3), Immatin (1), Jit (2), Habla (3), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras 'Atiya (1), Jinsafut (1)	23	4
Salfit	Salfit City (1), Marda (1), Qarawat Bani hassan (1), Az Zawiya (1), Deir Istiya (1), Bruqin (1), Bidhya (1), Kerbit Qeis (1), Qira (1)	9	7
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1), Dura al Qar' (1), Biddu (1), Al Am'ari Camp (1), 'Atara CP, Beit Rima (1), Deir Nidham (1), flying checkpoint in Ramallah, Bir Zeit University dormitory (1) <sup>2</sup>	7	10
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Zayem Checkpoint, Jerusalem City (1), Al Eizariya (1) <sup>3</sup>	2	5
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (3), Al Shawawreh (2), Beit Jala (1)	6	6
Hebron	H1 area (2), Beit Ummar (2), Yatta (2), Dura (3)	9	9
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>62</b>
Central Gaza	Abu Al Ajeen (1), Deir Al Balah (1)	2	13
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>75</b>

<sup>1</sup> Figures exclude the number of West Bank Palestinians arrested in Israel due to the lack of work permits.

<sup>2</sup> On 1 April, the IDF conducted a search operation at a student dormitory at Bir Zeit University following the killing of a university student by an Israeli settler on Road 60 near Shilo settlement on 31 March. No arrests were reported (Ramallah).

<sup>3</sup> On 28 March, the IDF carried out a search operation in three houses in Al Eizariya and arrested three children between 15 and 16 years of age (Jerusalem).

**Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces**

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information</b>	<b>Total # of Searches</b>	<b>Total # of Arrested/ Detained</b>
Nablus	Nablus City (1,2)	1	2
Jenin	Jenin City (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1,1)	1	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (1,1)	1	1
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1,1), Budrus (1,1)	2	2
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (2)	2	2
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Gaza Strip*</b>			
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 26 March – 1 April 2008**

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm :</b>	
<b>Ephraim (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jubara. Movement to Israel via the closed area behind the barrier is permitted only for Israelis and international organizations.
<b>Ar Ras/ Kafriat</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
<b>Jubara</b>	A Barrier gate manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Only allows Jubara community behind the Barrier to pass through.
<b>Enav</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras at Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances travelling from Qalqiliya City to these five villages need prior coordination with the DCL.
<b>Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Ras 'atiya</b>	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours.
<b>'Azzun Atme</b>	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0430 to 2200 hours.
<b>Jit Junction, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Kasem On Road 5</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours for UN, international organizations, Israelis and allows them to enter Israel via the closed area behind the Barrier.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara Southern main entrance</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 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 cross between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 to 2100 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 cross. Only 63 trucks with special permits are allowed to use the checkpoint. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint</b>	Manned by the IDF. A major linkage between Nablus and the Jordan Valley area. Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours. Palestinians travelling out of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan must enter Nablus City through this checkpoint and then cross through other Nablus checkpoints to reach their destinations.
<b>Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin</b>	Manned by the IDF. Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the

	latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
<b>Tappuah</b> <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Manned by the IDF. As of 29 August 2007, the IDF closed the checkpoint for Palestinians as well as ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations.
<b>Yizhar, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
<b>Jenin :</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. A crossing for workers and traders to enter Israel. Operating between 0530 to 2000 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0530 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
<b>Reikhan/ Barta'a</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Manned by an Israeli private company. Operating between 0500 to 2200 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Salim DCO (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
<b>Mevo Dotan</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas :</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, 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. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. 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 the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 to 2200 hours. Only Palestinians who are residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to use this checkpoint.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Since 20 August 2007 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 14 January 2008, a Border Police company now mans the checkpoint.
<b>'Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by the Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December 2007, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint are reported in both directions. Delays were experienced during the morning and evening rush hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open.
<b>At Tayba</b> <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449</i>	<b>On 31 March</b> , it was dismantled and some installations were removed. Located on <i>Al Mu'arrajat</i> road that links Road 90 to Road 458. Was manned by the IDF and controlled movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley.
<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 East Jerusalem and Israel.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli

	permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
<b>Rantis</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. As of 26 September 2007, all West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Palestinians from the north of the West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint and are hence forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint. All other West Bank ID-holders may exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint or Yitav. During the reporting period, delays were reported on a daily basis.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians who are non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs travelling northward to Al Auja and the northern Jordan Valley area are prohibited from crossing unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling from and to Ramallah. During the reporting period, delays were reported on a daily basis.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008</b>	Located on Road 90 near the Dead Sea. Was a permanent checkpoint between 1 July 2007 and 01 January 2008. As of 31 October 2007, it is manned by the Border Police and until 2 January 2008 operated on a daily basis 24 hours/day allowing passage only to Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. As of 2 January 2008, the checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. Palestinian-plated West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles are denied access to the Dead Sea area whenever the IDF is present, at random during weekdays and 24 hours per day on the weekends.
<b>Jerusalem :</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers and their family members are allowed to cross while staying inside the vehicle. All other persons, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. Delays facing pedestrians continue to be reported on a daily basis.
<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 IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
<b>Zayem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 404/45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals.
<b>Ramot Allon</b> <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As of 25 March 2008, Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves are no longer allowed through the checkpoint and all movements are directed to the new "fabric of life" sunken road and tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu under Road 436.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shu'fat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b>	Manned by the Border Police. Operating for all Palestinian vehicles

<i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for 300 residents of the Abu Dis neighbourhood adjacent to the checkpoint who have Jerusalem IDs and have their names on a list held at the checkpoint.
<b>Sheikh Sa'd</b>	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for Jerusalem ID holders who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa'd, which is located to the east of the Barrier. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa'd are allowed into Jerusalem through this checkpoint if they possess an Israeli permit.
<b>As Sawahira ash Sharqiya</b>	Manned by the IDF. Allows Jerusalem residents of As Sawahira al Gharbiya who live adjacent to the barrier to access As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, which is located to the east of the Barrier.
<b>Rafat / Al Masyion</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	On the "Fabric of Life" road between Ramallah and Bir Nabala, near Rafat village. As of 5 March, the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Long delays continue to be experienced on a daily basis.
<b>Shu'fat – Ras Khamees</b>	Manned by the Border Police. Open for vehicular and pedestrian movements for Jerusalem ID holders. Palestinians with West bank IDs and possess permits to cross into Jerusalem are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint.
<b>Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</b>	Open. During the reporting period, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported on a daily basis by Palestinians traveling to Ramallah.
<b>Qawasmi</b> <i>Northern entrance at roundabout on road between Atarot and Qalandiya</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards or valid permits and internationals. Vehicle checks for those traveling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning. Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu'man and 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. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers from 0600 to 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
<b>Ein Yallow / Al Walaja</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
<b>Settler checkpoint: Mizpe Shalem – Efrata</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles.



<i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 hour for Palestinians with work permits to cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 3 March, the IDF and Israeli security personnel operating the checkpoint informed commercial trucks holding the appropriate papers to access Israel that they would not be allowed to go through the checkpoint anymore and that all commercial traffic will be re-directed to Tarqumiya crossing.
<b>Betar Illit</b> <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
<b>Mitzpe Shalem</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa, Partial CP</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks. Employees for MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) reported experiencing thorough checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. During the reporting period, long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. This week, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work places inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint have their names listed with the IDF to allow them passage. Friends and family members holding Palestinian IDs cannot visit their relatives in the area since their names are not on the list.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahim 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 the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is 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 near 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 allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to</i>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared

<i>settlement</i>	the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Ibrahimi Mosque. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow 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 official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP</b> <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 6 and 11 February, the IDF erected a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar Camp, east of Al Fawwar partial checkpoint.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP</b>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura, Partial CP</b>	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of internationals and Palestinians with special coordination arrangements. It was closed on 29 March. On 31 March, it was closed between 0900 and 1200 hours.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed but it was opened briefly to allow medical cases to pass through to Egypt. It was last open on 9 June.  <b>30 March and 1 April:</b> 312 Egyptians crossed to Egypt and 15 Palestinians, who had received medical treatment in Egypt, returned to Gaza via Rafah crossing. Gazans with Egyptian residency were not allowed to cross to Egypt.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by an Israeli private company. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays. Open between 0730 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0730 to 1300 hours on Fridays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system). Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July 2007, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in

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	place. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on three days this week (26 and 31 March and 1 April) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, Karni remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was open on five days this week; it was closed on 29 March for the weekend. On 31 March, Sufa was closed for maintenance; eight UNRWA trucks were turned back as no prior notification of the closure was given. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open on six days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. It was closed on 29 March for the weekend. Kerem Shalom has been open since 4 March, when it re-opened following its closure on 23 January.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five scheduled operating days this week. On 28 and 29 March, they were closed.

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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 Organisation (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.