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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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# Of note this week

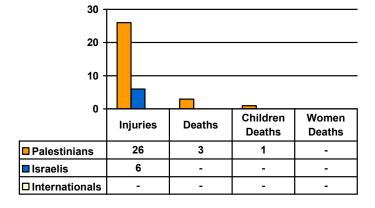
# Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed three Palestinians and injured 14 others. These include a five-year-old boy killed and two injured by IDF tank shells east of Al Bureij Camp.
- An assistant to the Israeli Internal Security Minister, Avi Dichter, was lightly injured by shots fired from the Gaza Strip towards southern Israel when the minister and his entourage were visiting.
- On 7 April 2008, the Economic Crisis Management Committee declared a strike to protest the Israeli restrictions on the import of benzene and diesel.
- The IDF carried out five levelling and excavation operations in the Gaza Strip.
- Due to the lack of fuel supplies, the Gaza City Municipality has been forced to decrease
  the frequency of solid waste collection rounds, resulting in the accumulation of 400-600
  tons of solid waste in the streets.
- Three hundred and forty eight (348) Palestinians, including 94 patients, and 63 vehicles returned to Gaza, and ten Egyptians returned to Egypt, via Rafah crossing.
- 18 rudimentary rockets and 25 mortars were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. No injuries were reported. Palestinians also fired 40 mortars at IDF soldiers inside Gaza.

#### West Bank:

- Four Palestinians were injured by Israeli settlers and eight by the IDF. Those injured by Israeli settlers include a man and a child who were herding their sheep (Qalqiliya and Hebron) as well as a man and his wife who were working in their own field (Ramallah).
- Two Israeli Border Police officers and two IDF soldiers were injured by Palestinians in the West Bank. One IDF soldier was injured by settlers during the evacuation of "Shvut Ami" outpost near Qedumim settlement in the Qalqiliya governorate.
- The IDF arrested 13 Palestinians at 'Azzun 'Atma checkpoint, 12 of whom were hiding in a water tanker trying to sneak into the closed area behind the Barrier in order to reach Israel in search for work. The driver was also arrested (Qalqiliya).
- The IDF raided the Al Bireh municipality building, broke some doors and brought two
  municipality employees from their houses to log on to the municipality's computers. The
  IDF left after confiscating files, papers and the server of the security cameras. On the
  same day, the IDF also broke into the Chamber of Commerce and MA'AN Development
  Center in Ramallah City but did not confiscate any property (Ramallah).
- A Palestinian family from Abu Dis was denied a burial permit to bury their 77-year-old deceased relative in the family graveyard in the old city of Jerusalem (Jerusalem).
- One house was demolished in 'Anata (Jerusalem) due to the lack of building permit, resulting in the displacement of 12 people, including five children.
- Nine curfew hours, 67 flying checkpoints, 112 search operations and 120 arrests/detentions were reported.

# Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:1



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

# Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

#### Gaza Strip:

- 3 April: Six Palestinians were injured during armed clashes between armed Palestinians
  and the IDF. The armed clashes erupted after five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered
  approximately 800 meters into Al Qarara east of Khan Younis to level and excavate
  agricultural land. In the course of the operation, armed Palestinians fired 23 mortar shells
  and two RPGs at the IDF, who responded with gunfire (Khan Younis).
- 4 April: According to Israeli media reports, an assistant to the Internal Security Minister,
  Avi Dichter, was lightly injured by shots fired by a Palestinian sniper during a tour at
  Nizmit hill, which is located near Kibbutz Nir Am in southern Israel. The shots were fired
  from east of Beit Hanun as the minister's entourage toured the area. Several Palestinian
  groups claimed responsibility for the shooting, including Hamas and an organisation
  called Al Aqsa Defenders (North Gaza).
- 4 April: Two Palestinians, including a 15-year-old girl, were injured when an IDF infantry
  unit entered approximately 700 meters east of Al Bureij Camp and fired four tank shells,
  one of which hit a Palestinian house. Hamas claimed responsibility for firing ten mortar
  shells at the IDF during armed clashes between armed Hamas members and the IDF
  unit. The IDF arrested two people before withdrawing at 1615 hours (Central Gaza).
- 5 April: A Palestinian man was killed and another one was injured by IDF tank shells
  east of Jabaliya. The incidents occurred after armed Palestinians detonated an
  Improvised Explosive Device (IED) under an IDF jeep on the border east of Jabaliya.
  Following the explosion, armed Hamas and PRC members fired seven mortar shells at
  the IDF, who responded with one tank shell (North Gaza).
- 6 April: A five-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and two others were injured by IDF tank shells east of Al Bureij Camp. The incident took place after two IDF tanks entered approximately 400 metres into Gaza east of Al Bureij Camp to support an IDF foot patrol unit operating in the area. Palestinians fired seven mortar shells at the IDF in the area, after which IDF tanks fired five shells, three of which landed on a Palestinian house. The IDF withdrew at 1640 hours (Central Gaza).
- 8 April: A Palestinian man was killed and another one was injured by IDF tank shells
  east of Jabaliya. This took place after three rockets were fired by PRC members towards
  ten IDF armoured vehicles that had entered Gaza east of the Islamic cemetery and
  carried out levelling and excavation operations. At 1530 hours the IDF withdrew to the
  border (North Gaza).
- 8 April: A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at an observation
  post east of Gaza City opened fire at a group of young men approaching the border
  (Gaza).
- **8 April:** A 65-year-old Palestinian man was injured and then arrested after three IDF jeeps entered approximately 300 meters into Gaza east of Khan Younis, opened fire at Palestinian farmers working in the vicinity, and withdrew at 0915 hours (Khan Younis).

# Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- 4 April: Armed Palestinians opened fire at Israeli farmers working in the fields near the border east of Kissufim. According to Israeli media reports, Palestinians opened fire at farmers in Kibbutz Ein Hashlosha in southern Israel, near the border with Gaza. No injuries were reported. The Army of the Nation claimed responsibility (Khan Younis).
- **5 April:** IDF soldiers stationed at Kerem Shalom military base opened fire towards Al Shouka area southeast of Rafah. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- 6 April: An IDF foot patrol entered approximately 400 meters into Gaza east of Al Bureij
  Camp. Armed Palestinians detonated a road side bomb near to the unit and the IDF
  responded with heavy gunfire. Armed clashes erupted between the two sides and at
  1500 hours two IDF tanks entered the area to support the unit, firing two tank shells at
  open areas. No injuries were reported. The IDF withdrew at 1640 hours (Central Gaza).
- 8 April: An IDF tank fired one shell at a group of Islamic Jihad members situated east of Gaza City. No injuries were reported. The IDF tanks withdrew at 1000 hours (North Gaza).
- During the reporting period: Due to the lack of fuel supplies, Gaza City Municipality is
  forced to decrease the frequency of solid waste collection rounds, resulting in the
  accumulation of 400-600 tons of solid waste in the streets. Big piles of solid waste are
  being seen everywhere in, for instance, the neighbourhoods of Nasser, Adaraj and
  Sheikh Radwan. More generally, fuel shortage is affecting all Gaza Strip municipalities
  but impact varies according to the size of each municipality's operations.

- **2 April:** One IDF soldier was injured when Palestinians threw stones at IDF soldiers near Beituniya village (Ramallah).
- 2 April: A 26-year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition fired by the IDF during a search and arrest campaign in Jenin refugee camp (Jenin).
- 2 April: The IDF announced that it evacuated one outpost "Shvut Ami" near Qedumim settlement. During the evacuation, one IDF soldier was injured in confrontations with Israeli settlers and one Israeli female settler was arrested (Qalqiliya).
- 4 April: A 20-year-old Palestinian man was injured with live ammunition in the leg when an IDF soldier opened fire at him while searching his house in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- 4 April: A 17-year-old Palestinian male was injured by live ammunition in the leg when the IDF opened fire at Palestinians throwing stones at an IDF jeep near the entrance to Beit Ummar town. An IDF military tower is located at the entrance of the town (Hebron).
- **5 April:** A group of Israeli settlers from Havat Gil'ad outpost physically assaulted a Palestinian shepherd from Far'ata village while he was grazing his sheep, stole one of his sheep and shot and injured another sheep (Qalqiliya).
- 5 April: One IDF soldier was injured in an exchange of fire with armed Palestinians during a search and arrest operation in Qabatyia town. No arrests were reported (Jenin).
- 7 April: A Palestinian man and his wife (in their forties) were injured by stones thrown at them by eight settlers from Na'ale settlement who attacked the Palestinian couple while they were working in their own field (Ramallah).
- 7 April: Two Israeli Border Police officers were injured with stones thrown at them by a group of Palestinian children from Shufat Camp (Jerusalem).
- 8 April: Three Palestinian boys (aged 14 (2) and 15 years), an 18-year-old Palestinian
  male and a 15-year-old Palestinian girl were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets
  when IDF soldiers opened fire at stone-throwing Palestinians during a military operation
  in Al Arrub Refugee Camp (Hebron).
- **8 April:** A ten-year-old Palestinian boy from the hamlet of Susiya, located south of Yatta, was beaten by an Israeli settler from Suseya settlement while he was herding his sheep near the settlement (Hebron).

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

- 4 April: Palestinians from Al Walaja village prevented workers from the Israeli Electricity
  Company from installing electrical poles in the village. The poles were earlier removed
  from other parts of the village in order to make way for the upcoming Barrier in the village
  (Bethlehem).
- 4 April: Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors held their weekly demonstration in Bil'in village to protest against Barrier construction on the village. No injuries were reported (Ramallah).
- **4 April**: Palestinians from Kharbatha Al Misbah village held a demonstration on Road 443 northwest of Jerusalem to protest against Barrier construction and the discriminatory policy related to Palestinians' use of the road. No injuries were reported (Ramallah).
- 8 April: Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli vehicle travelling near Turmus'ayya village. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).
- **8 April:** Palestinians threw a metal rod at an Israeli settler's vehicle travelling near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village. Some damage to the vehicle was reported (Ramallah).

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

# Gaza Strip:

- 4 April: Two Palestinians were injured while preparing an explosive device at a house east
  of Al Qarara in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- 6 April: The body of a Palestinian man who died of wounds sustained when he was trapped and wounded in a tunnel collapse on 30 March was returned to Gaza via Rafah crossing. The man had been rescued by the Egyptian police (Rafah).

# Other incidents (not involving casualties):

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

- 2 April: Egyptian Security Forces discovered and destroyed a tunnel opposite Al Salam quarter under the Egypt-Rafah border (Rafah).
- **3 April:** Approximately 250 UNRWA teachers, students, and notables gathered inside the UNRWA office in Gaza to express their support for UNRWA programmes and initiatives. At the same time 40 women from the local community demonstrated in front of the UNRWA Field Office's main gate to criticise UNRWA policies and operations (Gaza).
- **5 April:** Approximately 300 children demonstrated in front of Rafah crossing to urge the Egyptian Government to open the crossing. The demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **6 April:** Approximately 250 members from various NGOs demonstrated at Al Awda Square in Rafah to protest against the increase in food prices due to the siege imposed on Gaza. The demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **6 April:** Approximately 360 daily workers from Gaza Municipality organised a sit-in in front of the PLC building to protest against the one-month notice for their dismissal due to a budget shortage. The protesters handed over a letter to the PLC representative. The sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **7 April:** Approximately 200 women from Jabaliya Women's Health Centre, as well as members from various NGOs, organised a rally in Jabaliya Camp to mark the World Health Day. The rally ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- 7 April: Approximately 400 family members of Palestinians imprisoned in Israeli jails and 100 Islamic Jihad members demonstrated in front of the ICRC office in Gaza City. The group demanded the release of their relatives and expressed their support for Nour Al Hashlamony, a Palestinian prisoner on a hunger strike in an Israeli jail. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- 7 April: Approximately 100 members of various NGOs organised a rally at the Unknown Soldier Park to commemorate the World Health Day. Concurrently, 700 Palestinian orphans organised a demonstration to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. The demonstration proceeded from the Unknown Soldier Park to the UNSCO building, where the protestors handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The two demonstrations ended peacefully (Gaza).
- 8 April: Gaza municipality officials, supported by the police, organised a campaign to remove illegal commercial stands along the seashore west of Gaza. The owners of these structures burnt tyres in protest of the action. The police brought the situation under control (Gaza).
- 8 April: The Popular Committee against the Gaza Siege, fuel station owners, and taxi
  drivers organised a sit-in at Palestine square and closed all roads leading to Nahal Oz
  crossing to protest against the lack of fuel supplies allowed into Gaza by Israel. The sit-in
  ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **8 April:** The Gaza police surrounded a family home in Sheikh Radwan area of Gaza City in an attempt to arrest a family member. The two sides exchanged fire. No injuries were reported and the wanted person escaped (Gaza).
- **During the reporting period:** 360 employees at the Gaza City Municipality (described as "daily workers") received a one-month notice for their dismissal due to a budget shortage.

# West Bank:

- 2 April: A nine-year-old Palestinian boy from Deir Qaddis fell off a bicycle he was riding and broke his arm when an IDF jeep hit his bicycle while it was entering the village to carry out a search and arrest operation (Ramallah).
- **3 April:** A 19-year-old Palestinian male was injured when an Israeli settler's vehicle ran over him near Burin village junction on Road 57 (Nablus).
- 7 April: A bus carrying Israeli settlers from Elon Moreh settlement ran over and killed a
  15-year-old Palestinian boy (shepherd) while he was crossing a by-pass road near Salem
  village with his herd (Nablus). Also killed were his donkey and ten sheep. Palestinians
  from Salem village came to the scene and clashed with the IDF and Israeli settlers. The
  IDF dispersed Palestinians by throwing sound bombs and opening fire in the air. No
  injuries were reported. The Israeli traffic police opened an investigation into the incident
  (Nablus).
- 7 April: A Palestinian man (adult) was killed with live ammunition in Qabatyia town during a family dispute (Jenin).
- 8 April: An armed Palestinian was injured during clashes in the old city of Nablus between Palestinian Security Forces (PSF) and Palestinians gunmen who had escaped from Juneid prison on 04 April. The PSF set up checkpoints around the old city of Nablus following the incident in search for the armed men (Nablus).

- 2 April to date: The Palestinian security forces (PSF) continues to impose night curfew on Kafr Thulth village to stop a fight between two feuding families (Qalqiliya).
- 3, 6, 7 and 8 April: PA employees except those working in the health sector held a strike in all West Bank governorates to protest against salary problems.
- **8 April:** Palestinian youth gathered at Al Manara square in Ramallah City to demonstrate against Israeli occupation policies demand that President Abbas halt all negotiations with the Israeli side. The demonstration ended peacefully (Ramallah).

#### Inter-factional violence

#### Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

#### West Bank:

Other Incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **3 April:** Molotov cocktail bombs were thrown at Qalqiliya municipality. The Palestinian police is investigating the incident (Qalqiliya).
- 4 April: Around midnight, 13 Palestinian men escaped from the PA Al Juneid prison following a dispute with the PA guards. The men were on the conditional Israeli amnesty list and were supposed to stay at the PA prison for a period of three months, that was scheduled to end on 5 April (Nablus).
- 7 April: A number of Palestinians left the PA prison in Jenin City following a dispute with
  the PA guards over the prison conditions. The Palestinians were on the conditional Israeli
  amnesty list and were supposed to stay at the PA prison for a period of three months
  (Jenin).

# 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
2 April 2008	Anata village, Jerusalem	1	2+	12 (incl. 5 children)	-
2 April 2008	Al Maghazi Camp, Central Gaza	1	-	N/A	-
3 April 2008	Sahel Deir Sharaf, Nablus	-	2	-	N/A
3 April 2008	Al Bireh, Ramallah	-	3+	-	N/A
3 April 2008	Ramallah City, Ramallah	-	6	-	N/A
Total		2	13+	12	N/A

- **2 April:** A bulldozer, accompanied by the IDF and the Israeli police, demolished a 180-m<sup>2</sup> house belonging to a Palestinian family living in Anata. Twelve people (non-refugees) were displaced, including two elderly persons and five children. The residents were allowed to remove some furniture from the house while the electricity and water connections were being destroyed. The demolished house had been rebuilt in 2007 by the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, following a previous demolition in 2005 due to the lack of a building permit. The family stated they had applied for a permit before building the first house but were never granted one (Jerusalem).
- 2 April: One IDF bulldozer, accompanied by two tanks, entered approximately 500 meters into Gaza east of Al Maghazi Camp. The IDF conducted levelling and excavation operations, uprooted four dunums of olive trees and demolished one house before withdrawing at 2145 hours (Central Gaza).
- **3 April:** A group Israeli settlers entered into a plant nursery near Sahel Deir Sharaf, stole irrigation pipes and demolished the windshield of a vehicle (Nablus).
- 3 April: The IDF broke into Al Bireh municipality building after midnight, breaking external gates and some of the inside doors. Office furniture and papers were turned upside down and two municipality employees were brought from their houses to log onto the municipality computers. After a few hours the IDF left the building after confiscating the server of the security cameras of the building and some boxes containing official files and papers (Ramallah).
- 3 April: The IDF broke into the Ramallah Chamber of Commerce building in the very early morning hours, broke the three main gates leading to the Chamber and turned the

- office furniture upside down. The IDF subsequently left the Chamber without confiscating any property (Ramallah).
- 3 April: At 0200 hours, the IDF broke into the offices of MA'AN Development Center (a
  Palestinian development and training institution); the IDF placed explosives at the
  external gate, broke the main internal door, and turned the office furniture and documents
  upside down. The IDF subsequently left without confiscating any property (Ramallah).

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

- 2 April: A group of Israeli settlers shot and killed three sheep in Burqa village. A Palestinian had thrown stones at the settlers' vehicles after they drove out of the evacuated Homesh settlement and passed by the village. The settlers responded by firing live ammunition and killing the sheep (Nablus).
- 8 April: The IDF entered An Nur Printing House, the offices of Huda charity, As Samhan
  cultural centers, two mosques, Al Awqaf directorate, and the Islamic club. The IDF
  confiscated two computers and files from the Islamic club and Al Awqaf directorate
  (Qalqiliya).

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

- **3 April:** Armed and masked Palestinian men destroyed a stone monument in the British cemetery in Deir El Balah. The men also detonated an IED in the area, causing damage to the memorial. No group claimed responsibility for the attack and the police have opened an investigation into the incident (Central Gaza).
- **6 April:** A stray bullet broke a window pane in the UNRWA Tel Es-Sultan Health Centre in Rafah during a Hamas training exercise in the former Rafah Yam settlement. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

# 4. Natural Resources

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

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**2 April:** The IDF announced that it evacuated "Har Khave" outpost near Elon Moreh settlement (Nablus).

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

No incidents to report.

### Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- 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.

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

- 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 Iksa via Ramot checkpoint. The "fabric of life" road replaces the dirt track between Beit Hanina al Balad and Beit Iksa 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 3km 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'ayyem.
  - 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:**

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 asphalting 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:

- 2 April: One IDF bulldozer, accompanied by two tanks, entered approximately 500 meters into Gaza east of Al Maghazi Camp. The IDF conducted levelling and excavation operations, uprooted four dunums of olive trees and demolished one house before withdrawing at 2145 hours (Central Gaza).
- 3 April: Five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 800 meters into Al Qarara east of Khan Younis. The bulldozers levelled and excavated agricultural land. The IDF tanks withdrew at 1250 hours (Khan Younis).
- 7 April: Seven IDF armoured vehicles entered Gaza southeast of Beit Hanun and conducted levelling and excavation operations. At 1830 hours the IDF armoured vehicles withdrew to the border (North Gaza).
- 8 April: Four IDF armoured vehicles accompanied by three bulldozers entered the area northeast of Gaza to conduct levelling and excavation operations. An IDF tank fired one shell at a group of Islamic Jihad members situated east of Gaza City. No injuries were reported. The IDF withdrew at 1000 hours (Gaza).
- 8 April: Ten IDF armoured vehicles entered Gaza east of the Islamic cemetery, which
  is located east of Jabaliya. The vehicles conducted levelling and excavation operations
  and withdrew to the border at 1530 hours (North Gaza).

# 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

#### a) Incidents of curfews

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
8 April 2008	Burqa, Nablus	9
Total Week		9 hours

**8 April:** The IDF entered Burqa village at 0100 hours, imposed curfew, carried out a house search operation, arrested one Palestinian and left at 1000 hours (Nablus).

#### 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

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

**7 April:** The IDF arrested 13 Palestinians at 'Azzun 'Atma checkpoint, 12 of whom were hiding in a water tanker trying to sneak into the closed area behind the Barrier to be able to reach Israel in search for work. The driver was also arrested (Qalqiliya). 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:**

- **2 April:** The IDF opened one agricultural road north of Road 505 that leads to olive groves belonging to Palestinians from Yatma (Nablus).
- 2 April: The IDF removed an earth mound placed at the northern entrance of Duma village.
- **2 April:** The IDF removed an earth mound placed at the south eastern entrance of Majdal Bani Fadil village. An iron gate is still erected on the road but is open.
- **2 April:** The IDF created an opening in an earth wall east of Khirbet at Tawil that leads to Road 458 and Palestinian agricultural land.
- **6 April:** The IDF closed Tappuah checkpoint for two hours and arrested a Palestinian at the checkpoint. The IDF alleged that the Palestinian was carrying a weapon. 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.

# **Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

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.

# Qalqiliya Governorate:

**2 April:** The IDF closed the segment between Jit village and Al Funduq village on Road 55 for more than an hour after settlers from Qedumim settlement threw stones at Palestinian registered vehicles travelling on the road between Nablus and Qalqiliya. No damage was reported (Qalqiliya).

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.

#### Salfit Governorate:

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.

#### Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

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 Palestinianplated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis are permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

### Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- 2 January 2008 to date: The Dead Sea checkpoint functions as a partial checkpoint. While the sweeping prohibition imposed on Palestinians on access to the Dead Sea area was removed, 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: West Bank ID-holders, except those from the northern governorates (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm), can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Residents of these four governorates are forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint.
- 26 April 2007 to date: Movement to the Jordan Valley 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:

- **2 April:** A Palestinian family from Abu Dis was denied a burial permit to bury their 77-year-old deceased relative in the family graveyard in the old city of Jerusalem. The Red Cross and the Palestinian DCL attempted to get permission but the request was denied. 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:**

**During the reporting period, the** Israeli Border Police manning An Numan checkpoint leading into East Jerusalem prevented Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs from crossing in both directions but allowed unhindered access to Israelis. An Israeli organization named *Ir Amim* protested the decision in a letter it submitted to the Israeli Ministry of Defence requesting a clarification on the procedures at the checkpoint.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** The IDF reinforced the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to areas inside Israel.

#### **Gaza Strip**

**7 April 2008:** the Economic Crisis Management Committee declared a strike to protest the shortage of benzene and diesel supplies that are allowed into Gaza by Israel. The committee members announced that if Israel continues to impose fuel restrictions they will refuse to accept any future fuel shipments, except cocking gas and the power plant's

industrial gas. The daily fuel supply allowed into Gaza by Israel since October 2007 does not satisfy the Gaza Strip's fuel needs. This has resulted since January 2008 in a fuel crisis, which has gradually emptied Gaza's streets of cars and taxis and worsened transportation conditions, forcing an increasing number of people to walk large distance and overcrowding both public and private vehicles.

### Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers 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	Deir Sharaf (1), Bizzariya (2), 'Asira Ash Shamaliya (1), Al Badhan (1)	5
Jenin	Sanur (1), east of Jenin City (1), 'Arraba (2), Ya'bad (1), Sir (1), Al Mansura (1), Jaba'(1) Al Kufeir (1)	9
Tubas	Siris (1)	1
Tulkarm	Bal'a (1), Baqa Ash Sharqiya (1), Al Jarushiya (2), Deir Al Ghusun (1)	5
Qalqiliya	Izbat at Tabib (1), Izbat Jalud (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Kafr Laqif (2), Jayyus (3)	8
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Salfit City (1), Kafl Haris (3), Yasouf (1), Burqin (1), Marda (1)	8
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (1), Beit Sahur (2), Beit Jala (1), As Shawawreh (2), Beit Fajjar (2), Tuqu (2)	10
Hebron	Al Salam Street in the H1 area of the City of Hebron (11), Dura (3), Halhul Bridge (3), Yatta (1), Bani Na'eim (1), Idhna (1), Al Fawwar RC (1)	21
Total West Bank		67

6. <u>Search/Arrests/Detentions</u>
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	'Askar Camp (2), Tappuah CP, Nablus City (4), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (1), Burqa (2), Dir Sharaf (1), Sabastiya (1), Huwwara (1), 'Asira Ash Shamaliya (1), Jamma'in (1)	14	29
Jenin	Jenin Camp (2), Qabatyia (4), Jenin City (4), As Sa'aida (1), Silat al Harthiya (1), Al Yamun (2),Misliya (1), Imreiha (1), Fahma (1), Az Zababida (2)	19	6
Tubas	Tubas City (2), Tammun (1)	3	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (4), Qaffin (2), 'Anabta (2), Tulkarm Camp (1), Nur Shams Camp (1), Zeit (2), Kur (1), Kafr al Labad (1), 'Illar (1), Seida (1)	16	15
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (6), 'Azzun (4), Kafr Qaddum (1), Kafr Laqif (1), 'Azzun Atma (1), 'Azzun Atma CP, Habla (1), Izbat at Tabib (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), Jayyus (1), Ras 'Atiyah gate	17	21
Salfit	Marda (5), Kifl Haris (2), Deir Istiya (2), Sarta (1), Birqin (2), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	14	1
Ramallah <sup>2</sup>	Ramallah City (6), Deir Qaddis (1), Rantis checkpoint, Beit Sira	7	28
Jericho	Jericho City (1)	1	2
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Duheisha RC (1), Bethlehem City (2), As Shawareh (1), Tuqu (1), Beit Sahur (1), Al Khder (1)	7	6
Hebron	Bani Na'eim (4), Beit Awwa, H1 area Hebron City (4), H2 area of Hebron City (2), Sa'ir (2), Arrub RC (1), Krieas area of Dura (1)	14	12
Total Week West Bank		112	120
North Gaza	Beit Hanun (1); Beit Lahiya (1)	2	8
Central Gaza	Al Bureij Camp	0	2
Khan Younis	Khan Younis (1)—a 65-year-old Palestinian farmer who was shot and injured by the IDF and then arrested	1	1
Total Gaza Strip	)	3	11
Total oPt		115	131

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

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Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (1,4)	1	4
Tubas	'Aqqaba (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Baqa ash Sharqiya (1,1), Deir Al Ghusun (1,1), Tulkarm (1,1)	3	3
Total Week West Bank 5 8			
Gaza Strip			
Total Gaza Strip 0 0			0
Total oPt 5 8			8

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures exclude the number of West Bank Palestinians arrested in Israel due to the lack of work permits.
<sup>2</sup> One child was arrested/detained from Deir Qaddis and three children while driving on the main road of Beit

Appendix: Checkpoints: 2 – 8 April 2008

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green Line CP)	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.
Kafriat	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.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	Manned by the IDF. Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
Jubara	A Barrier gate manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Only allows Jubara community behind the Barrier to pass through.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia  Qalqiliya North	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.  Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to
(Green Line CP)	Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Ras 'atiya	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours.  Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0430 to 2200
'Azzun Atme	hours.  Manned by the IDF. Barner Checkpoint. Open from 0430 to 2200 hours.  Manned by the IDF. Located at the key junction connecting the
Jit Junction, Partial CP Salfit:	governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
- Junit.	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls
Deir Ballut	movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem On Road 5	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.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	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.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	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.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	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.
Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint	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.
Shave Shomeron	Manned by the IDF. Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as
Northwest, main road to Jenin	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.
Tappuah South, main road to Ramallah	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinia movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505. During the week, delay
	and long queues were reported.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya	Manned by the IDF. As of 29 August 2007, the IDF closed th
(Closed) On road leading to Nablus's	checkpoint for Palestinians as well as ambulances, UN an humanitarian organizations.
northern villages Yizhar, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin : Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	Manned by the IDF. A crossing for workers and traders to enter Israe
	Operating between 0530 to 2000 hours Sunday to Thursday and 053 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Reikhan/ Barta'a	Manned by an Israeli private company. Operating between 0500 t
Main gate to the Barta'a ash- Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan	2200 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier a well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles
enclave	40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint ar
	allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Other materials need prior coordination.  Manned by the IDF. Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all
On Road 585 near Ya'bad	Palestinians.
Tubas : Bisan	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is
Main entrance to Israel	officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday
On the Green Line	0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewis
	holidays. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits t enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international
	organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenir
Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan	Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israe permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from
Valley	the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through th
·	pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley ar permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles.
Maale Efrayim	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 t
Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	2200 hours. Only Palestinians who are residents of Jericho and th Jordan Valley are permitted to use this checkpoint.
Hamra	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operatin
East, before closure regime	from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is n
main road to Jordan and Nablus	longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Ban governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lan
	Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cros
Domallah/Al Dirah	using public transportation or their private vehicles.
Ramallah/Al Bireh: Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August 2007 the checkpoint has been in operation from 060
	to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats
	foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitaria organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water an
	electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of
	14 January 2008, a Border Police company now mans the checkpoint
'Atara Bridge	Manned by the Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December 2007, random checks of Palestinia
	vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint are reported in bot
	directions. Delays were experienced during the morning and evenin
An Nabi Salih gate,	rush hours. Usually Open.
Partial CP	, <b></b>
At Tayba/Rimmonim	Located on Al Mu'arrajat road that links Road 90 to Road 458. On 3
At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449	<b>March</b> , it was reportedly dismantled and some installations wer removed. However, it continues to operate on a partial basis.
Partial CP	
Makkabim	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passpo
On Highway 443	holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, excepthose with permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.
Ni'lin	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, an foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards

Rantis	permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.  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.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	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.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians who are non-residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley require permits to travel in their private vehicles northwards. No permit is required for those travelling from and to Ramallah. During the reporting period, delays were reported on a daily basis.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP North Jericho  Dead Sea Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.  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. Palestinians holding 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.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	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.
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement  Zayem	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.  Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals,
North eastern entrance, on Road 1	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.
Ar Ram Northern entrance, on Road 60	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.
Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals.
Ramot Allon	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and
North western entrance on Road 436	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.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	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.
Container ("Wadi nar")	Manned by the Border Police. Operating for all Palestinian vehicles
East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West	without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.

Bank	
Az Zaytoun (olive)	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders,
North eastern entrance on	other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and
Road 1	internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are
	allowed to cross.
Lazarus	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.
Sheikh Sa'd	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.
As Sawahira ash Sharqiya	Manned by the IDF. Allows Jerusalem residents of As Sawahira al
	Gharbiya who live adjacent to the barrier to access As Sawahira ash
Defet / Al Manden	Sharqiya, which is located to the east of the Barrier.
Rafat / Al Masyion On the new road between	On the "Fabric of Life" road between Ramallah and Bir Nabala, near
Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Rafat village. As of 5 March, the checkpoint is manned by the Border
Shu'fat – Ras Khamees	Police.
Snu tat – Ras Knamees	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.
Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction	Open. During the reporting period, delays during the morning and
and Qalandiya CP	evening rush hours were reported on a daily basis by Palestinians
ana Qalandiya OF	traveling to Ramallah.
Qawasmi	Manned by the Border Police. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with
Northern entrance at	Jerusalem ID cards or valid permits and internationals. Vehicle checks
roundabout on road between	for those traveling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
Atarot and Qalandiya	To those hareing terral as Quianaly a and Don hamila are contacted.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for
Terminal at north entrance to	humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and
Bethlehem leading to	Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those
Jerusalem	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
A se Mariana a se	order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
An Nu'man	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu'man and listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are
On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit	allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit
Sahur side	Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the
Sanui Side	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.
	During the reporting period, the Israeli Border Police manning the
	checkpoint prevented Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs from
	crossing the checkpoint in both directions but allowed unhindered
	access to Israelis. An Israeli organisation named Eir Amim protested
	the decision in a letter it submitted to the Israeli Ministry of Defence
	requesting clarification on the procedures at the checkpoint.
Ein Yallow / Al Walaja	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow.
Bypass road east of Walaja, on	Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international
Green Line	organisations and commercial trucks.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both
Entrance to Beit Jala	directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private
Road 60 at Har Gilo	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.

Settler checkpoint: Mizpe	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restriction
Shalem – Efrata	on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known a settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 hour for Palestinians with work permit to cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levellin and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 3 March the IDF and Israeli security personnel operating the checkpoir informed commercial trucks holding the appropriate papers to acces Israel that they would not be allowed to go through the checkpoir anymore and that all commercial traffic will be re-directed to Tarqumiya crossing.
Betar Illit Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond th checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
Mitzpe Shalem On Road 90, along Dead Sea Hebron :	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Beit Awwa, Partial CP	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 2-
At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	hours with occasional ID checks. Employees for MSF (Médecins San Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) reported experiencing thoroug checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinia families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarqumiya	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holdin
Entrance for commercial goods	valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours
(back-to-back), west of Hebron	During the reporting period, long delays of trucking movement wer
on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.	reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after th opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal. On 6 April 2008, a privat company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overa supervision responsibilities.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hour Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operate from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks ar conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with vali permits are permitted to cross. This week, Palestinian workers wer allowed to reach their work places inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permit sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movemer of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint wa 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 the names are not on the list.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israe settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents fror accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Te Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians an internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents livin near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to the homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the roal blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks an
Junction with Shohada Street	ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitaria organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being abl

	to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward
Entrance to Avraham Avinu	the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared 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.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	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.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	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.
Ar Ramadin Not on the Green Line.	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP Al Fawwar-Dura junction	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.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was open on six days this week only for internationals and Palestinians with special coordination arrangements. It was closed on 5 April.
	The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing continues to be closed but it was opened briefly to allow medical cases to cross to Egypt or return to Gaza. It was last open on 9 June.  2 April: Ten Egyptians returned to Egypt via Rafah.  3 April: 94 patients and 254 other Palestinians and 43 vehicles, which
	were trapped in Egypt, returned to Gaza. <b>6 April</b> : 20 Palestinian vehicles that were previously trapped in Egypt returned to Gaza.
Commercial checkpoints: Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green Line CP)	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.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003	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.
Jenin Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to
Main commercial checkpoint Tubas	Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Bisan	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is
Main entrance to Israel	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.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Operating from 0700 to 1620 hours Condon to Thursday and 6700 to
<b>Beituniya</b> Back-to-back checkpoint	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.

Hebron	
Tarqumiya West of Hebron on Road 35	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 place. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported. On 6 April 2008, a private company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overall supervision responsibilities.
Gaza Strip	·
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on three days this week (2, 6 and 7 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.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on five days this week; it was closed on 4 and 5 April. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on six days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. It was closed on 5 April for the weekend. Kerem Shalom has been open since 4 March, when it reopened following its closure on 23 January.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five scheduled operating days this week. On 4 and 5 April, they were closed.

#### **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.