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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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### Of note this week

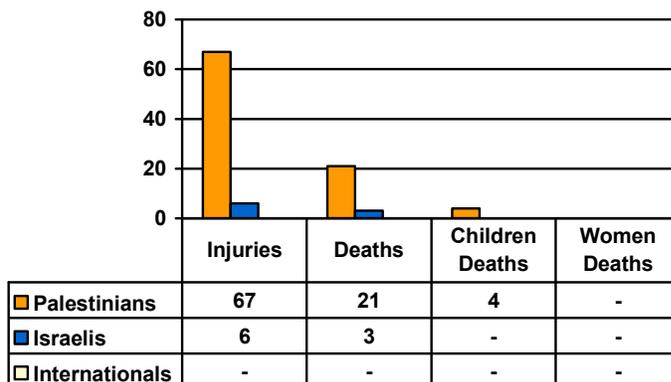
#### Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed 21 Palestinians and injured 56 others. These include six Palestinians killed (including three children) and 24 injured (including four children) by tank shells during the IDF incursion into east of Al Bureij Camp between 11 and 12 April.
- One IDF soldier was killed and four others were injured by Palestinian militants' gunfire. In addition, two Israelis employed at Nahal Oz fuel crossing were killed when Palestinian militants infiltrated into the crossing and opened fire at them.
- The Israeli authorities closed Nahal Oz fuel crossing one day following an attack by Palestinian militants. This resulted in additional fuel shortages affecting all aspects of daily life in Gaza.
- Israeli patrol boats opened fire on two occasions towards Palestinian fishing boats, forcing them to return to shore.
- The Israeli Air Force (IAF) carried out 12 air strikes on the Gaza Strip.
- Twenty-four rockets and 67 mortars were fired towards Israel and 148 mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.

#### West Bank:

- Out of eight Palestinians injured by the IDF, seven were injured in clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers at 'Azzun Atma barrier checkpoint when the IDF attempted to search school children returning home from a school trip. In addition, three Palestinians were injured by Israeli settlers in the Nablus and Qalqiliya governorates.
- One Israeli man was injured by a stone thrown by Palestinians at a bus near Hizma village (Jerusalem) and one Israeli activist was injured by the IDF in an anti-Barrier demonstration in the Ramallah governorate.
- Armed Palestinians opened fire at the convoy of the Governor of Nablus in Balata refugee camp. Four Palestinians were injured in clashes between the armed men and Palestinian Security Forces and the governor's vehicle was burnt down (Nablus).
- Twelve students at Hebron University were injured in unarmed clashes between Fatah and Hamas supporters.
- Two houses were demolished by the Israeli authorities in 'Anata and Beit Hanin (Jerusalem) due to the lack of building permits, resulting in the displacement of 17 Palestinians, including nine children.
- The IDF prevented the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (a local NGO) from rehabilitating 70 dunums of agricultural land in Al Jamrourah area, near the town of Beit Ula, claiming that the land is "state land" (Hebron).
- Sixty-three flying checkpoints, 128 search operations and 79 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:

- **9 April:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was killed and another one was injured when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting armed Palestinians during armed clashes with an IDF unit that had entered Gaza east of Al Qarara. Five tanks reinforced the unit and a helicopter hovered over the area. Palestinians fired 18 mortar shells at the IDF. According to Israeli media reports, one IDF soldier was killed and two others were injured by Palestinian fire during the incursion. The IDF withdrew to the border at 0600 hours (Khan Younis).
- **9 April:** Two Israelis employed at Nahal Oz fuel crossing were killed when three to five armed Palestinians infiltrated into the crossing east of Gaza and opened fire at them. Subsequently, two of the armed Palestinians (one aged 22 years) were killed in an exchange fire with the IDF. The body of the 22-year-old Palestinian (a Nasser Salah Ed-Din brigades member) was retrieved by Palestinian medics. Following the attack, IDF armoured vehicles entered approximately 100 meters into Gaza near Nahal Oz fuel crossing, pursuing those involved in the incident whereas armed Palestinians fired approximately 20 mortar shells as cover for those returning from the crossing. Three Palestinian factions claimed responsibility for the attack. According to the IDF, the Palestinians who infiltrated into the area had aimed to kidnap IDF soldiers. On 10 April at 0820 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Gaza).
- **9 April:** Three Palestinians (aged 16, 25 and 40 years) were killed and six others (including two children) injured when IDF tanks fired two shells at the house of Al Mujahideen Brigades member in Shuja'iyeh quarter in Gaza City. The killed include the 25 year-old Brigades member and his nephew (Gaza).
- **9 April:** Two Palestinians (a 22-year-old armed PFLP member and another bystander) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a Palestinian vehicle. The incident took place after an IDF soldier on the border was shot and injured by Palestinian fire near Nahal Oz crossing (Gaza).
- **9 April:** Two Palestinian men (Islamic Jihad members) were killed inside their car and two bystanders were injured when an IAF aircraft fired one missile targeting a vehicle carrying Islamic Jihad members east of Gaza City (Gaza).
- **11 April:** Two Palestinians (aged 25 and 26 years; Hamas members) were killed and two others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at a group of armed Hamas members east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **11 April:** One 21-year-old armed Palestinian was killed and three others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at a group of armed Palestinians who had fired 52 mortars at IDF ground forces east of Al Bureij Camp. An IDF unit had entered into Gaza east of Al Bureij Camp, took sniper positions atop the roofs of two houses, and engaged in clashes with armed Palestinians affiliated with Saraya Al Quds Brigades, the Palestinian Resistance Committees (PRC), Al Aqsa Brigades and Al Qassam Brigades. The IDF incursion continued through 12 April (Central Gaza).
- **12 April:** During the IDF incursion east of Al Bureij Camp, and after armed Hamas members fired five mortar shells at IDF ground forces, the IDF fired tank shells that killed six Palestinians (aged 13, 15, 17, 18(2) and 19 years) and injured 24 others (including four children). The IDF arrested 16 Palestinians, 15 of whom were subsequently released. At 0230 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **13 April:** Seven Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at the house of Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades commander in Sheikh Radwan quarter (Gaza).
- **14 April:** A 43-year-old Palestinian man (chief of DFLP armed branch) was killed and two bystanders (aged 15 and 31 years) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at him in Beit Lahia (North Gaza).
- **15 April:** Three Palestinians were injured when the IDF opened gunfire at a mortar launching site following a mortar-shell attack from east of Khan Younis towards the IDF Kissufim military base (Khan Younis).
- **15 April:** Two Palestinians (PRC members) were injured by live ammunition after six IDF military vehicles entered 400 meters into Abu Al Ajeen area. Armed Palestinians fired six RPGs and 14 mortar shells at the IDF who responded with Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire. The IDF operation is ongoing (Central Gaza).
- **15 April:** During the IDF incursion into Abu Al Ajeen area, two Palestinians were injured by HMG fire and tank shells fired by the IDF during clashes with armed Palestinians who fired 24 mortar shells and three RPGs at the IDF. The IDF also partially damaged four houses and arrested 30 Palestinians (Central Gaza).
- **15 April:** A 38-year-old Palestinian man (Islamic Jihad member) was killed and three others were injured (including an Islamic Jihad member and two bystanders aged 19 and

25 years) when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at two Islamic Jihad members on a motorcycle west of Jabaliya (North Gaza)

- **15 April:** According to Israeli media reports, one IDF soldier was wounded by Palestinian sniper fire from Gaza. Hamas claimed responsibility for firing two mortar shells from east of Gaza at Nahal Oz crossing and detonating an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) when an IDF patrol was passing along the border north of Nahal Oz crossing (North Gaza).
- **15 April:** A three-month-old Palestinian infant was wounded when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a five-storey apartment building in Beit Lahiya. The airstrike caused damage to one flat where the infant and his family resided (North Gaza)

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **9 April:** Israeli patrol boats fired several sound bombs targeting Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing the boats to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **9 April:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a vehicle carrying armed Palestinians southeast of Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **10 April:** An IDF unit entered approximately 1.5 kilometres into Abu El Ajeen area. IDF troops took up sniper positions atop the roofs of three houses in the area. No further action was taken (Central Gaza).
- **10 April:** The Israeli authorities closed Nahal Oz fuel crossing following a Palestinian armed attack on the crossing on 9 April. Given the already severe fuel shortage, this measure has resulted in further deterioration in the ability of the education, health and transportation sectors to function. According to the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, for example, 50% of students at all educational levels were unable to reach their schools and universities. In addition, hundreds of healthcare professionals were unable to reach their work places and healthcare facilities registered a 25% drop in clients due to the transportation crisis. Also affected were the delivery of drinking water, sewage water disposal and garbage collection.
- **11 April:** Armed Hamas members fired two rockets from east of Al Bureij Camp at Israel. The IDF responded with HMG fire towards various directions. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **11 April:** The IDF discovered and detonated an IED near the border east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **11 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing the boats to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **13 April:** Three mortar shells were fired from east of Deir El Balah towards the Green Line. IDF tanks responded with heavy fire targeting the mortar launching site. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **13 April:** Armed Hamas members fired three mortar shells from east of Al Qarara towards the IDF Kissufim military base. The IDF responded with HMG fire. According to Israeli media reports, Palestinians fired mortars at a group that included Eshkol Regional Council Chairman, Haim Yalin, as well as senior IDF Southern Command officials, who were touring the border area. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **13 April:** Armed PFLP and DFLP members fired two mortar shells from east of Al Bureij Camp towards the Green Line. Following the mortar attack, the IDF fired one tank shell at the launching site. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **13 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing the boats to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **14 April:** Armed Hamas members fired four mortar shells from east of Al Bureij Camp towards an IDF unit attempting to enter Gaza. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **14 April:** Islamic Jihad members detonated a roadside bomb east of Johr Ed-Dik area, northeast of Al Bureij Camp, after suspecting that an IDF unit had entered the area. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **14 April:** Three mortar shells were fired from east of Al Bureij Camp towards the Green Line. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **14 April:** Three mortar shells were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Erez crossing. No injuries were reported. The IDF subsequently closed Erez crossing (North Gaza).
- **14 April:** An IDF unit attempted to enter Gaza east of Al Bureij Camp. Armed Hamas members spotted the unit and fired 12 mortar shells toward it; the IDF immediately withdrew from the area and an IDF tank fired one shell. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **15 April:** Several IDF military vehicles entered approximately one kilometre into Al Qarara. The tanks were deployed and IDF soldiers took sniper positions atop the roofs of two houses and a governmental school in the area. Armed Hamas members detonated a road side bomb near the IDF vehicles and armed clashes erupted between the two sides.

It was reported that two Palestinians were arrested by the IDF, after which the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).

- **15 April:** IDF soldiers on the border east of Jabaliya fired one tank shell and HMG fire towards open areas. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **15 April:** An IAF drone fired a missile at a group of armed Hamas members east of Gaza. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

#### West Bank:

- **9 April:** A Palestinian woman was injured on Road 60 near Huwwara village when Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement threw stones at the vehicle she was travelling in (Nablus).
- **9 April:** One Palestinian male from Beit Rima was injured with rubber-coated metal bullets shot at him by the IDF during a search operation in the village (Ramallah).
- **11 April:** A 62-year-old Palestinian farmer and his 55-year-old wife were attacked and physically assaulted by Israeli settlers while they were working in their field near Immatin village (Qalqiliya).
- **11 April:** One Israeli activist was injured with rubber-coated metal bullets shot at him by the IDF during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists protesting Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **13 April:** One Israeli settler was hit and injured by a stone thrown by Palestinians while he was travelling in a bus near Hizma village (Jerusalem).
- **14 April:** Five Palestinian males (aged 16, 25, 37, 45 and 47 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets, a 40-year-old man physically assaulted and a 35-year-old man shot by live ammunition during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers near 'Azzun Atma barrier checkpoint. The incident took place after IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint demanded that school children returning from a school trip be searched before crossing, even though this contradicts procedures previously in place to guarantee easy access for students and teachers on a daily basis (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

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

#### Gaza Strip:

- **9 April:** One Palestinian man was injured during an armed dispute between two families in Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **10 April:** A Palestinian man (Islamic Jihad member) was injured when an explosive device he was preparing exploded (Central Gaza).
- **10 April:** One Palestinian man was injured during an armed dispute between two families in Rafah. The police arrested four people and brought the situation under control (Rafah).
- **13 April:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and two others were injured in an explosion at a house in Jabaliya village. Local reports indicate that a member of the household was preparing an explosive device that exploded prematurely (North Gaza).
- **15 April:** The body of a former PA Intelligence Officer was found in the former Netzarim settlement. The motive behind the killing is unknown; however, a group calling themselves "Honor of the Country" (*Shraf Al Watan*) claimed responsibility (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **10 April:** Hamas supporters carried out demonstrations at major road intersections in Gaza City to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip (Gaza).
- **10 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 5,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1300 hours (Gaza).
- **10 April:** Hamas supporters carried out demonstrations at major road intersections in the North Gaza governorate to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip (North Gaza).

<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.

- **10 April:** Hamas organised a motorbike demonstration in Rafah along Philadelphia road towards Salah Ed-Din gate to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. Approximately 250 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **11 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Jabaliya Camp against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 8,000 people participated in the demonstration, which proceeded from Al Khulafa mosque to Jabalia Camp. The demonstration ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- **11 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration following Friday prayers in Gaza City to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 10,000 people participated in the demonstration, which proceeded from various Gaza mosques to the PLC building (Gaza).
- **11 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Al Bureij Camp to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 2,500 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **11 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration in An Nuseirat Camp to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 2,500 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **11 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Al Maghazi Camp to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 3,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **11 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration after Friday Prayers to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. The demonstration proceeded from various Khan Younis mosques to Khan Younis Camp. The demonstration ended peacefully (Khan Younis).
- **11 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Rafah City to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. About 5,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **12 April:** Representatives of various Palestinian factions and NGO members organised a demonstration at the Unknown Soldier Park in Gaza City, calling for the lifting of the siege imposed on Gaza and an end to internal Palestinian divisions. Approximately 200 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **12 April:** Approximately 300 Palestinian children gathered in front of the Egyptian representative's office in Gaza City in a sit-in tent organised by Hamas. The children called on the Egyptian government to break the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip (Gaza).
- **13 April:** Approximately 1,000 students from the Islamic and Al-Aqsa universities demonstrated in front of the UNRWA Field Office's main gate to protest against the lack of fuel and the siege imposed on Gaza. The protestors handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General and the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **14 April:** Approximately 100 school students demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the closure of the crossings and the siege imposed on Gaza. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **14 April:** Approximately 50 members of the PLC organised a demonstration to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. The demonstration started from the Unknown Soldier Park and proceeded to the UNSCO office, where the protestors handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. Subsequently, 700 members of the Islamic Block gathered in front of the UNSCO office in Gaza city for the same purpose and handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General (Gaza).
- **14 April:** Several ambulances and civil defence vehicles drove through the streets of Gaza and gathered at the Unknown Soldier Park to protest against the fuel shortage and the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip (Gaza).
- **15 April:** Fatah Al Yasser movement organised a sit-in tent at the Unknown Soldier Park in support of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. Participants began a hunger strike and the sit-in still in place (Gaza).
- **15 April:** Hamas organised a sit-in in front of the main Egyptian gate inside Rafah crossing to protest against the closure of the crossings and the siege imposed on Gaza. Hamas leaders delivered speeches while approximately 1,000 people (including Hamas PLC members and political leaders) participated. The sit-in is planned to last for three days (Rafah).

**West Bank:**

- **13 April:** Armed Palestinians opened fire at the convoy of the Governor of Nablus in Balata refugee camp. Armed clashes erupted between the armed men and Palestinian Security Forces. Four Palestinians were injured by live ammunition during the clashes and the governor's vehicle was burnt down (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **9 April:** Palestinian public sector employees demonstrated at Al Manara Square to protest against their low salaries compared to the increase in the prices of basic commodities. No confrontations with the PA police were reported (Ramallah).
- **9 April:** Governmental schools in the Hebron and Bethlehem governorates went on a full strike to protest against salary problems.

**Inter-factional violence****Gaza Strip:**Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **12 April:** The Gaza police prevented PFLP members participating in a rally to commemorate the death of one of their colleagues by the IDF from shooting into the air and confiscated their weapons. No injuries were reported and the rally ended peacefully (North Gaza).

**West Bank:**

- **12 April:** The administration of Hebron University closed the university following unarmed clashes between Fatah and Hamas supporters that resulted in the injury of 12 students from both sides. Meanwhile, Palestinian security forces encircled the University (Hebron).

Other Incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

**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
9 April 2008	Tell-Burin, Nablus	-	1	-	N/A
9 April 2008	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	1	-	7	-
11 April 2008	Al Maghazi Camp, Central Gaza	-	1	-	N/A
14 April 2008	'Anata, Jerusalem	1	-	10	-
15 April 2008	Beit Lahiya, North Gaza	-	1	-	N/A
15 April 2008	Abu Al Ajeen, Central Gaza	-	4	-	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>N/A</b>

- **9 April:** A group of Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement entered a Palestinian house between Tell and Burin village, uprooted a number of olive trees and vandalized a water tank near the house (Nablus).
- **9 April:** One house in Beit Hanina was demolished by the Jerusalem municipality due to the lack of building permit. Seven family members, including five children, were displaced as a result (Jerusalem).
- **11 April:** An electricity wire was hit by IDF gunfire causing a power outage. The incident took place after armed DFLP members fired rockets from east of Al Maghazi Camp towards the Green Line (Central Gaza).
- **14 April:** One house was demolished in 'Anata by the Jerusalem municipality due to the lack of building permit. As a result, ten Palestinian family members, including four children, were displaced (Jerusalem).
- **15 April:** An IAF helicopter fired one missile at a five-storey building in Beit Lahiya, injuring a three-month-old infant and causing damage to one flat (North Gaza).
- **15 April:** During the IDF military operation in Abu El Ajeen, east of Deir El Balah, four Palestinians houses were partially damaged by IDF bulldozers (Central Gaza).

**Previous Reporting Period**

- **8 April:** The IDF entered An Nur Printing House, Al Huda Charity, As Samhan cultural centre, the Islamic Club and Al Awqaf directorate and confiscated files and equipment. The IDF verbally ordered the closure for three years of An Nur Printing House, Al Huda

Charity and As Samhan culture centre and for one year the municipal public library. In addition, the IDF verbally ordered the closure of the Qalqiliya society for handicapped rehabilitation, As Salam center for children, An Nafha centre for prisoners and the Islamic Club. This is the second time in a year that the IDF closes the Islamic Club. No written orders were given to these institutions (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **11 April:** One of three armed Israeli settlers who entered Yanun village undressed and swam in a water reservoir using by village residents for drinking (Nablus).
- **13 April:** Israeli settlers from Gil'ad outpost threw stones at Palestinian-registered cars traveling on Road 60. No damage was reported (Qalqiliya).
- **13 April:** Israeli settlers threw stones at a United Nations vehicle traveling on Road 60 near Yitzhar settlement. No damage was reported (Nablus).
- **14 April:** The IDF closed down Al Rahma Bakery in the H1 area of Hebron City after confiscating its contents. The bakery had been ordered shut in late February 2008 due to its ownership by the Islamic Charitable Society (Hebron).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **10 April:** A bomb was detonated at the main gate of a ladies' beauty shop in Gaza City. The shop sustained damage but no injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **12 April:** Two shops were burnt down in Huwwara village due to a family dispute (Nablus).

## 4. Natural Resources

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

Nablus Governorate:

**14 April:** IDF bulldozers began levelling land on the northern side of Huwwara checkpoint.

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.
  - 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.

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

- 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.

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#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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#### **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 Ikksa via Ramot checkpoint. The "fabric of life" road replaces the dirt track between Beit Hanina al Balad and Beit Ikksa 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.

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#### **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 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:

**13 April:** The IDF prevented the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (a local NGO) from rehabilitating 70 dunums of agricultural land in Al Jamrourah area, near the town of Beit Ula, claiming that the land is Israeli "state land."

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:

- **12 April:** Two IDF bulldozers and four armoured vehicles entered 150 meters east of Shuja'iyyeh under the cover of heavy gunfire and carried out a levelling and excavation operation. No injuries were reported and there was no response by armed Palestinians. The IDF subsequently withdrew to the border at 1900 hours (Gaza).
- **13 April:** Six IDF armoured vehicles entered approximately 1 kilometre east of Jabaliya under the cover of gunfire and carried out a levelling and excavation operation (North Gaza).
- **13 April:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 200 meters into Gaza east of Deir El Balah. The bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation under the cover of heavy gunfire. At 1030 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **14 April:** Two Israeli APCs and two bulldozers entered approximately 100 meters into Gaza north of Nahal Oz crossing. The bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation, after which the IDF withdrew to the border (Gaza).

## 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

### a) Incidents of curfews

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
13 April 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	4.5 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>4.5 hours</b>

**13 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village from 1535 to 2000 hours while Israeli settlers were stoning Palestinian houses in the village to protest against a decision by the Israeli authorities to evacuate a settlement outpost (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

**12 April:** UNRWA schools in Al Bureij camp were functioning with a 40 per cent attendance rate due to the IDF incursion (Central Gaza).

**12 April:** Approximately 100 UNRWA teachers were unable to report to their schools due to the fuel shortage (Khan Younis).

**13 April:** All UNRWA staff and students could not report to the vocational training centre in Khan Younis (Khan Younis Training Center) due to the fuel shortage (Khan Younis).

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:**

**10 April to date:** The IDF closed ten roads leading to Beita village with earth mounds, one day after a shooting incident at a bus used by Israeli settlers and passing near the village entrance. The IDF also informed the Palestinian liaison office that the evacuation of any humanitarian case from the village should be coordinated with the Israeli army. On 14 April the IDF partially opened the main village entrance but an IDF jeep checked all Palestinians entering or leaving the village.

**13 April:** Israeli settlers marched near Huwwara checkpoint and stoned Palestinian houses in the area to demonstrate against a decision by the Israeli authorities to evacuate a settlement outpost. Meanwhile, the IDF closed Huwwara and Tappuah checkpoints and prevented Palestinians from crossing for 30 minutes.

Ongoing incidents:

- **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:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays of up to 40 minutes were experienced by both Palestinian pedestrians and vehicles crossing in/out of the Jordan Valley via Hamra checkpoint.

**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:**

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:**

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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:**

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**During the reporting period:** Delays of up to 70 minutes were experienced at 'Atara checkpoint during the morning rush hours for all Palestinians traveling towards Birzeit. Bypass road 465, which leads to the checkpoint and is largely used by Israeli settlers, was thus jammed with Palestinian vehicles.

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.

#### **Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

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**During the reporting period:** Palestinians travelling toward the northern Jordan Valley area via Yitav checkpoint encountered long delays due to new procedures for checking Palestinian IDs: the IDF soldiers were using a basket with a string and pulley system whereby they requested Palestinians to exit their cars, walk halfway to the soldiers, then stop and place their IDs into a basket hanging from a string. The soldiers pulled the basket over to them, checked the IDs, and then returned the IDs to the Palestinian commuters via the basket and waved them through.

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:**

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**During the reporting period:** Delays at Rafat-Masyoun checkpoint were reported on a daily basis. There were also reports of Palestinian commuters, especially youth, being detained for several hours and verbally insulted by the Border Police.

Ongoing incidents:

- **10 January 2008 to date:** 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:**

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No incidents to report.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

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Ongoing incidents:

- **2 April to date:** The IDF continues to reinforce the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to areas inside Israel.

## Gaza Strip

### 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 two 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 six days this week; it was closed on 12 April. After being closed between 28 October and 22 December, Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities. 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 one scheduled operating day 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	Bizzariya (1), Al Badhan (2), Beita (7), Jamma'in (1)	11
Jenin	Road 60 (2), Qabatya (1), Ya'bad (1), Fahma (1), Deir Abu Da'if (1)	6
Tubas	Ibziq (1), Siris (1)	2
Tulkarm	Al Jarushiya (1), Zeita (1), 'Attil (1), Far'un (1)	4
Qalqiliya	Izbat at Tabib (3), Jayyus (3), Kafr Jamal (1), Habla (1), Kafr Laqif (2), Kafr Qaddum (1)	11
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Kaf Haris (1), Marda (2), Az Zawiya (1)	5
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 near Ofra settlement (1)	1
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Al Nashash – Southren entrance of Bethlehem (4), Janata (3), Tequ' (2), Beit Jala (1)	10
Hebron	Halhul (1), Wadi Al quf (1), Idhna (1), H1 Area of the City of Hebron (5), Al Arrub RC (1), Beit Ummar (1), Halhul Bridge (1), Al Fawwar (1), Beit Kahil (1)	13
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>63</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 (4), Sabastiya (2), Huwwara (1), Jamma'in (1), Beita (1), Balata RC (3), Talluza (1), Rujeib (1), 'Aqraba (1)	15	15
Jenin	Jenin RC (1), Qabatya (3), Jenin City (5), Al Yamun (1), Misiya (2), Birqin (1), Zububa (3), Rummana (2), Deir Abu Da'if (2), 'Anin (1), At Tayyibah (1), Faqqu'a (1)	23	3
Tubas	Tubas City (3), Tammun (1), Al Far'a RC (1)	5	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (6), Qaffin (1), 'Anabta (3), Tulkarm RC (2), Zeita (3), Kur (1), 'Attil (2)	18	19
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (5), Kafr Qaddum (3), 'Azzun Atma (1), Jayyus (2), 'Azzun flying CP, Beit Amin (1), Qalqiliya DCO CP, flying CP, Jinsafut (1), Habla (4), Baqat al Hatab (1), Hajja (2), Jit (2), Ras 'Atiya (1)	23	12
Salfit	Marda (3), Kifl Haris (1), Bruqin (4), Kafr ad Dik (1), Haris (3)	12	7
Ramallah	Beit Rima (1), Silwad (2), Ramallah City (2), Al Bireh(1), Beituniya(1), Jammala (1)	8	6
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah (3), Beit Sahur (1), Beit Jala (3), Bethlehem (2), Aida RC (1), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	12	6
Hebron	H1 area of the City of Hebron (4), Dura (3), Bani Naeem (2), H2 area of the City of Hebron (1), Halhul (1), Bani Naeim (1)	12	9
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>128</b>	<b>79</b>
North Gaza	Beit Hanun (1,2)—farmers	1	2
Gaza	Khuza'a (1,8)—farmers; <i>five were released</i>	1	8
Central Gaza	Al Bureij Camp (1,16)— <i>15 were later released</i> ; Al Maghazi Camp (1,0); Abu al Ajeen (1,30)	3	46
Khan Younis	Al Qarara (1,2)	1	2
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>134</b>	<b>137</b>

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

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Jenin	Aba (1,1)	1	1
Tubas	Tubas (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (4,6)	4	6
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (1,5)	1	5
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Gaza Strip*</b>			
North Gaza	Jabaliya (1,4)—Fatah members	1	4
Gaza	Gaza City (1,2+)—young men who broke into an UNRWA school and damaged desks	1	2
Rafah	Rafah (1, 4)—family feud	1	4
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>

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

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 9 – 15 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</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 Atma</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. Long delays were reported for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic on a daily basis.
<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. Long delays of up to 70 minutes were experienced by commuters into Birzeit during the morning rush hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open.
<b>At Tayba/Rimmonim</b> <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449</i> <b>Partial CP</b>	Located on <i>Al Mu'arrajat</i> road that links Road 90 to Road 458. <b>On 31 March</b> , it was reportedly dismantled and some installations were removed. However, it continues to operate on a partial basis.
<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 during the morning and evening rush hours.
<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 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, long delays were reported due to a new IDF procedure for checking IDs involving a basket passed back and forth via a string and pulley system.
<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</b> <b>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. 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.
<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</i> <i>Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev</i> <i>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</i> <i>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</i> <i>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</i> <i>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/</b> <b>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> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Operating for all Palestinian vehicles 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. Delays of up two hours and verbal insults by the Border Police soldiers were reported 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’</b> <i>Between Jaba’ Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	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’mān</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu’mān from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu’mān 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</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions

<b>Shalem – Efrata</b>	on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. 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. On 6 April 2008, a private company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overall supervision responsibilities.
<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. Between 2 and 8 April 2008, the IDF reinforced the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to areas inside Israel.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond 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>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and

<i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	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 settlement</i>	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.
<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 internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination only. On 10, 11 and 13 it was only open for internationals and on 12 April it was closed.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June but it was opened on several occasions on an exceptional basis (e.g. pilgrimages; medical cases).  <b>14 April:</b> Approximately 20 patients crossed to Egypt via Rafah crossing.
<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>	

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**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.

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**Gaza Strip**

**Karni**

The conveyor belt operated on two days this week (9 and 14 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 six days this week; it was closed on 12 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 12 April for the weekend. Kerem Shalom has been open since 4 March, when it re-opened following its closure on 23 January.

**Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines**

Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on one scheduled operating day this week (9 April). The pipelines are generally scheduled to open six days a week.

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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.