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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 23 – 29 April 2008

### Of note this week

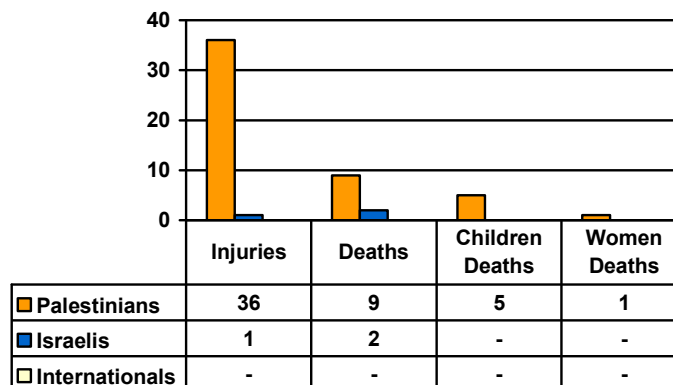
#### **Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed nine Palestinians, including five children aged 1, 3, 4, 6, and 15 years, and injured 27 others. Four children, their mother and a Palestinian man (all unarmed civilians) were killed and 12 others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles that hit a Palestinian house during an IDF ground operation northwest of Beit Hanun.
- The IDF demolished six houses and uprooted 200 dunums of olive trees during its incursion east of Deir El Balah.
- The lack of sufficient fuel supplies continues to undermine all aspects of daily life in Gaza, including the use of wooden ovens, flooding of some sewage facilities, the closure of bakeries, and paralysis of the public transportation system.
- Following fuel shortage, UNRWA resumed its food distribution on 29 April and extended its hours of operation in an effort to reach those beneficiaries affected by the cessation of services since 25 April.
- Five demonstrations took place to protest against the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip, including by school students, farmers and the Islamic Bloc of Agricultural Engineers and Agricultural Associations.
- A total of 42 rockets and 31 mortars were fired at Israel—a 35% decrease compared to last week. In addition, 71 mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.

#### **West Bank:**

- Two Israeli men who worked in Nitzani Oz industrial area west of Tulkarm were shot and killed by Palestinian militants.
- The general closure on the West Bank that began on 18 April continued until midnight on 27 April. The IDF denied all Palestinian permit holders access to East Jerusalem and Israel, except for emergency cases and employees at international organizations.
- Israeli settlers carried out several attacks against Palestinians, including (among others): throwing stones at Palestinian shepherds from Tuba (Hebron); attacking a Palestinian shepherd from Burqa, killing two of his sheep and stealing another two (Nablus); opening fire at and injuring a Palestinian man in Yasuf (Salfit); and physically assaulting a 40-year-old woman in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- The IDF distributed seven demolition orders against six Palestinian houses and a water cistern and three stop-building orders against two houses and an animal pen (Nablus).
- Since 28 April, the IDF has opened the two metal gates at both sides of the 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint and allowed free access between Nablus City and the northern villages between 0600 and 2200 hours.
- The Israeli Police and IDF denied thousands of Christian worshipers access to the Old City of Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre Church to celebrate Christian Holy Fire day.

#### **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:

- **24 April:** A 51-year-old Palestinian ( Hamas militant) was killed and three others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a group of Hamas militants northeast of Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **24 April:** Two Palestinian militants (Islamic Jihad members) and two unarmed civilians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a group of Islamic Jihad militants east of Abassan area east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **26 April:** A 15-year-old Palestinian girl was killed and three others (unarmed civilians) were injured by live ammunition fired by the IDF during a ground operation two kilometres into north of Beit Lahiya. One of the injured Palestinians was the girl's father and he was later arrested by the IDF (North Gaza).
- **28 April:** Four Palestinian children (aged 1, 3, 4 and 6 years), their 40-year-old mother and a 40-year-old man (unarmed civilians) were killed and 12 others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles that hit a Palestinian house northwest of Beit Hanun. The incident was part of an ongoing IDF ground operation northwest of Beit Hanun. According to Israeli media reports, one IDF soldier was wounded by Palestinian militants' fire (North Gaza).
- **28 April:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man was killed and five others were injured by IDF tank shells due to IDF shelling in the course of an IDF ground operation northwest of Beit Hanun. At 2130 hours the IDF pulled back to the former industrial zone and the former Nissanit settlement (North Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **27 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Deir El Balah, forcing the boats to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **29 April:** IDF soldiers stationed at the former Nisanit settlement fired warning shots towards a Palestinian electricity technician attempting to repair the transformer northwest of Beit Hanun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).

### West Bank:

- **23 April:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man from Hajja village was physically assaulted by the IDF while it was patrolling the village (Qalqiliya).
- **23 April:** A 22-year-old Palestinian male from Qatanna village was injured by the IDF with live ammunition to the hips and legs following a verbal dispute between him and several other young men on the one hand and the IDF on the other hand when the IDF prevented them from walking close to the Barrier near the village (Jerusalem).
- **25 April:** Two Israeli men (aged 50 and 53 years) who worked in Nitzani Oz industrial area west of Tulkarm were shot and killed by Palestinian militants (Tulkarm).
- **25 April:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Yasuf by live ammunition when a group of Israeli settlers from Tappuah settlement entered the village and opened fire at Palestinians (Salfit).
- **25 April:** Two Palestinian males from Shabtin village were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF while participating in a demonstration with other Shabtin residents against the confiscation of village land by an Israeli settler who uses it to expand his stone-cutting business (Ramallah).
- **26 April:** A Palestinian man was injured near Az Zawiya village by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at him while he was trying to cross into Israel to reach his work (Salfit).
- **26 April:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured by the IDF at Reikhan/Barta'a checkpoint (Jenin).
- **28 April:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man from Jayyus village was physically assaulted and injured in 'Azzun village by the IDF since he entered the village while it was under curfew (Qalqiliya).
- **28 April:** A 40-year-old Palestinian woman from the H2 area of Hebron City was physically assaulted by a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba while she was walking towards her house (Hebron).

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

- **23 April:** Israeli settlers entered the evacuated settlement of Sanur and threw stones at Palestinian vehicles traveling on Road 60. No damage was reported (Jenin).
- **24 April:** Israeli settlers physically attacked Palestinians, Israeli, and international activists northwest of Ramallah near 'Ein Qinya village who were calling for the

- evacuation of an Israeli outpost established on the site of an evacuated IDF military installation. The IDF arrived and fired rubber-coated metal bullets at the demonstrators. No injuries were reported but three Palestinian protesters were arrested (Ramallah).
- **24 April:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli ambulance travelling near Damascus Gate. No injuries or damages were reported (Jerusalem).
  - **25 April:** Israeli settlers from settlements in the H2 area of Hebron City clashed with 120 Palestinian, Israeli and international activists protesting the settler movement in the City. After the clashes, the IDF detained 60 Israeli activists and released them later (Hebron).
  - **25 April:** Dozens of cases of asphyxia were reported after the IDF used tear gas to disrupt the weekly demonstration held by Palestinians, Israeli, and international activists protesting Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah).
  - **25 April:** Several cases of asphyxia were reported when the IDF used tear gas to disrupt a demonstration held by Palestinians from Kharbatha Al Misbah village on Highway 443 northwest of Jerusalem. The demonstration was in protest against Barrier construction and discrimination against Palestinians regarding the use of Highway 443. One Palestinian activist was arrested (Ramallah).
  - **25 April:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling south of Ramallah. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).
  - **27 March:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli bus travelling near Silwad village. No injuries were reported but the bus sustained some damage (Ramallah).
  - **27 April:** At the At Tayba partial checkpoint, the IDF requested Palestinian commuters to step out of their cars for inspection. During the inspection, IDF soldiers pointed their guns at and verbally assaulted the commuters. The IDF reportedly smashed the windows of some cars with their guns (Ramallah).
  - **28 March:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near Hizma village. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained some damage (Jerusalem).
  - **28 April:** Two molotov cocktails were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling near Rantis village. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).

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

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **23 April:** A 21-year-old Palestinian shepherd was injured when a landmine exploded while he was accompanying his flock of sheep in the fields east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **24 April:** Unknown gunmen abducted a 31-year-old former PA security officer from his home in An Nuseirat Camp. He was physically assaulted and taken to Al Aqsa hospital. The Hamas police arrested the man from the hospital. The motive behind the incident is unknown (Central Gaza).
- **26 April:** Four Palestinians were injured during an armed family dispute in An Nuseirat Camp. The police arrived and brought situation under control after arresting several people (Central Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **23 April:** Approximately 50 school students demonstrated in front of UNSCO compound to protest against the blockade imposed on Gaza. The protestors handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General (Gaza).
- **23 April:** The Palestinian Scholar Association (PSA) installed a symbolic cemetery inside Rafah crossing for the 136 people who died because they were unable to leave the Gaza Strip for medical treatment. Hamas PLC members participated in the event (Gaza).
- **24 April:** Approximately 50 farmers demonstrated at the junction leading to Nahal Oz crossing east of Shuia'iya to protest against the lack of fuel and the closure of the crossings. The protesters did not allow a fuel truck sent to collect diesel for the UN to enter the crossing area, arguing that their needs are more urgent (Gaza).
- **27 April:** Approximately 50 Palestinian farmers demonstrated at the junction leading to Nahal Oz crossing east of Shuja'yeh to protest against the closure imposed on Gaza and the shortage of fuel (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.

- **27 April:** Approximately 100 women and their children demonstrated in front of the main gate of UNRWA Field Office to protest against the blockade imposed on Gaza. The protesters handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General (Gaza).
- **27 April:** The Army of Islam carried out military training exercises east of Fata Hospital southwest of Sabra. Police reinforcements rushed to the area and brought the situation under control (Gaza).
- **28 April:** Representatives of Islamic Jihad, PFLP, DFLP and PRC crossed to Egypt through Rafah crossing to meet with Omar Suleiman, Chief of Egyptian Intelligence Services, to discuss the proposed truce (Rafah).
- **29 April:** Approximately 150 members of the Islamic Bloc of Agricultural Engineers and Agricultural Associations organised a demonstration to protest against the blockade imposed on Gaza. The demonstration began at the Unknown Soldier Park and proceeded to the UNSCO offices, where the protestors handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General (Gaza).
- **29 April:** Egyptian Security Forces discovered and destroyed five tunnels along the Egypt-Rafah border (Rafah).

#### West Bank:

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

- **23-26 April:** UNRWA closed down its offices in refugee camps in Hebron and Bethlehem governorates (except for schools and clinics) after the Camp Committees rejected its offer to distribute aid to refugees on the basis of one food parcel for families with 1-3 members and two food parcels for those with four or more members.
- **25 April:** Six settlers from the settlement of Ma'on, located south of the town of Yatta, threw stones at Palestinian shepherds from the hamlet of Tuba while they were watering their flocks. The shepherds subsequently left the area (Hebron).
- **26 April:** Four Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on, located south of the town of Yatta, threw stones at Palestinian shepherds grazing their lands in the vicinity of Tuba hamlet. The shepherds left the area shortly thereafter (Hebron).

#### Inter-factional violence

##### Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

##### West Bank:

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

- **28 April:** Three Palestinian prisoners (two political prisoners and one criminal) held at the PA prison in Jericho escaped from prison. In response, the IDF imposed tight restrictions on movement at the checkpoints leading out of Jericho. The PA later caught two prisoners in Ramallah and one in Bethlehem.

### 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
23 April 2008	Road 55, Qalqiliya	-	1	-	1
23 April 2008	Al Amal quarter, Khan Younis	-	1	-	N/A
24 April 2008	Beit Hanun, North Gaza	2+	5	-	N/A
27 April 2008	East of Deir el Balah, Central Gaza	6	-	N/A	-
28 April 2008	Beit Hanun, North Gaza	-	1	N/A	N/A
29 April 2008	H2 area, Hebron	-	11	-	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>8+</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1+</b>

- **23 April:** Israeli settlers from Qarne Shomron settlement threw stones at Palestinian vehicles traveling on Road 55, damaging the wind shield of one taxi (Qalqiliya).
- **23 April:** An IAF aircraft fired one missile towards a vehicle carrying Hamas members travelling in Al Amal Quarter in Khan Younis. The missile missed the target and hit a Palestinian house. The house was damaged but no injuries were reported (Khan Younis).

- **24 April:** Israeli settlers entered the evacuated Khomesh settlement, attacked a Palestinian shepherd from Burqa village, **killed two of his sheep and stole another two** (Nablus).
- **24 April:** During the IDF incursion into northeast of Beit Hanun, several greenhouses were destroyed and five houses were damaged (North Gaza).
- **27 April:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered Gaza east of Deir El Balah to provide support to an IDF unit operating in the area. The IDF unit occupied four Palestinian houses in the area and took sniper position atop their roofs. Six inhabited houses were also demolished and 200 dunums of olive trees were uprooted. The IDF troops withdrew at 2315 hours (Central Gaza).
- **28 April:** During IDF military operation northwest of Beit Hanun an electricity transformer was hit by a tank shell, causing a power outage in the northern area. At 2130 hours the IDF pulled back to the former industrial zone and the former Nissanit settlement (North Gaza).
- **29 April:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba damaged 11 cars in Jabal Johar area in the H2 area of Hebron City. The attack took place after Kiryat Arba settlers sent out an e-mail declaring the imminent destruction by the IDF of an outpost between the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Giv'at Avot. The removal of the outpost was not carried out (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **23 April:** The IDF distributed seven orders for the demolition of six houses and a water cistern and three stop building orders against two houses and an animal pen belonging to Palestinians in Duma village. All these orders were issued due to the lack of building permit (Nablus).
- **26 April:** The IDF forcibly entered into the sewing workshop at the basement of the Girl's Orphanage (affiliated with the Islamic Charitable Society) in the H1 area of Hebron City and informed the employees that they have one more day before the IDF closes the workshop down and confiscates its contents. The IDF reiterated its decision to close the workshop for a period of three years and subject anyone present in the premises after their closure to a five-year prison sentence. As of 6 May, no execution of the order was carried out.

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

**4. Natural Resources**

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

**Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 April 2008 to date:** Israeli army bulldozers continue to level land north 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

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

obstacles, the route of the Barrier, and the route of roads which Palestinians are restricted from using:

- Construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to Roads 465 and 446, has almost been completed, except for the final 50 meter section to connect it back to Road 465. The road is open for access between Shuqba and 465 via an underpass at the intersection of 446 and 465.
- Construction of a road between Beit Liqiya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
- Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The Israeli DCL reports that the underpass will be completed during the summer of 2008.
- Construction has begun on a new road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya. A total of 588 dunums of land were requisitioned and some land levelling at Beit 'Ur al Fauqa has begun. The Israeli DCL reports that the construction of the road will take approximately ten months.

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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 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 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'ayem (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Az Za'ayem without using the entrance lane off Road 1 near Zayem 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:
  - Construction of the patrol road along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint continues.

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

#### Hebron Governorate:

##### Ongoing incidents:

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

#### Gaza Strip:

- **23 April:** An IDF bulldozer accompanied by two tanks entered approximately 80 meters into Gaza south of Sufa crossing under the cover of gunfire. The IDF bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation (Khan Younis).
- **24 April:** During the IDF incursion northeast of Beit Hanun, IDF bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation, uprooted 60 dunums of olive trees, destroyed several greenhouses and damaged five houses (North Gaza).
- **24 April:** Seven IDF tanks, four APCs and two bulldozers entered 800 meters east of Abassan area east of Khan Younis. IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated agricultural land and uprooted 30 dunums of olive and citrus trees. At 1030 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **26 April:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered one kilometre into Al Shouka area east of Rafah. The bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation and subsequently withdrew to Kerem Shalom military base (Rafah).
- **27 April:** During the IDF ground operation east of Deir El Balah, the IDF uprooted 200 dunums of olive trees and withdrew later in the day (Central Gaza).

## 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

### a) Incidents of curfews

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
23 – 24 April 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	18 hours
27 – 28 April 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	18 hours
29 April 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	7 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>43 hours</b>

**23 - 24 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village from 2100 on 23 April to 1500 on 24 April after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 from/to Israeli settlements (Qalqiliya).

**27 - 28 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village from 2100 on 27 April to 1500 on 28 April after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 from/to Israeli settlements (Qalqiliya).

**29 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village at 1700 hours after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 from/to Israeli settlements (Qalqiliya).

##### 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**

**24 and 28 April:** All schools were closed in 'Azzun village due to the curfew imposed on the village (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 April to date:** Attendance at some schools and universities in the Gaza Strip was disrupted due to the fuel shortage.
- 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**

**23 - 27 April:** All Palestinian workers and traders holding work permits were denied access to Israel and East Jerusalem due to the Jewish Passover holiday and the resultant closure imposed on the West Bank.

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:**

**27 April:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for 80 minutes to inspect a suspicious object.

**28 April:** The IDF opened the two metal gates at both sides of 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint and allowed free access between Nablus City and the northern villages. However, the checkpoint's structure remains in place and random checks by the IDF were reported.

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).
- **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:**

**23 April:** The IDF closed the road between 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound. On 25 April, Palestinians opened the earth mound.

**25 April:** The IDF closed the main entrance of Jinsafut village with an earth mound.

**25 April:** The IDF closed the DCO checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City for three hours as they were holding a military training thereat.

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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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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Ongoing incidents:

- **2 January 2008 to date:** The Dead Sea checkpoint functions as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians with West Bank IDs and Palestinian-plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area when the checkpoint is not staffed. When the checkpoint is staffed, however, the Israeli Border Police denies passage to all Palestinians and their vehicles. The checkpoint is staffed on weekends, Jewish holidays, and randomly during the week.
- **26 September 2007 to date:** All West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO and Yitav checkpoints. For exiting Jericho city, only Palestinians from the northern West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to use the DCO checkpoint and are forced to use Yitav checkpoint north of Jericho City.
- **26 April 2007 to date:** Movement of Palestinians who are not Jordan Valley residents into areas north of Yitav checkpoint continues to be controlled through four checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley north of Yitav checkpoint but non-Jordan Valley residents no longer require a permit to enter the Jordan Valley using public transportation through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints. All Palestinians have access to Jericho City with their personal vehicles.

#### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

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**26 April:** The Israeli Police and the IDF denied thousands of Christian worshipers access to the Old City in Jerusalem and to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to celebrate the Christian Holy Fire day. Many worshipers, including women and elderly, were verbally insulted by the Israeli Police and IDF.

Ongoing incidents:

- **25 March 2008 to date:** The road between Beit Hanina al Balad and Ramot checkpoint is closed. Travel for all Palestinians between the Bir Nabala and Biddu areas is via the new sunken road/tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu. Ramot checkpoint continues to operate only for Jerusalem ID holders and residents of An Nebi Samwil, which is located within the seam zone near Har Smuel settlement, and provides access in the direction of Beit Ikse only.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

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**22-28 April:** Palestinians (workers and otherwise) holding valid permits were prevented from reaching East Jerusalem and Israel due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank. Humanitarian cases and employees at international organizations were allowed to cross.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

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**22-28 April:** Palestinians (workers and otherwise) holding valid permits were prevented from reaching East Jerusalem and Israel due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank. Humanitarian cases and employees at international organizations were allowed to cross.

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 four 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 was open on one day this week to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. Since 12 June, however, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on five days this week; it was closed on 25 and 26 April. After being closed between 28 October and 22 December, Sufa crossing was reopened 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 closed 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 three 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	Jammai'n (1), Huwwara (1), Al Badhan village (1), Talluza (1)	4
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Kafr Dan (2), Ti'innk (2), Qabatiya (1), Silat adh Dhar (1), Jaba'a (1), Al Fandaqumiya (1), Haifa Rd (2)	12
Tubas	Tubas (2)	2
Tulkarm	Irtah (3), Kafr Sur (2)	5
Qalqiliya	Izbat at Tabib (3), Jayyus (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Ras 'Attiya (2), Kafr Laqif (4), Kafr Qaddum (2), Immatin (1), 'Asla (1), Jinsafut (1), Izbat Salman (1)	19
Salfit	Salfit (1), Yasuf (1), Kafar ad Dik (1), Marda (4), Deir Istiya (1), Bruqin (1)	9
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Al Shawawreh (1), Tuqu' (4), Al Nashash (2), Beit Sahur (1), Bethlehem (2), Dar Salah (1), Zatar (1)	12
Hebron	Halhul Overpass (3), Al Fawwar (1), Yatta (1), Beit Kahil (1), the H1 area of the City of Hebron (4)	10
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>73</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 (5), Burqa (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Balata RC (3), 'Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Tappuah CP, Al Badhan flying CP	11	16
Jenin	Jenin RC (2), Qabatyia (2), Jenin City (3), Al Yamun (2), Kafr Dan (1), Ya'bad (1), Ti'innk (2), Al Mughayyir (1), 'Anza (1)	15	4
Tubas	Tubas City (2), Al Far'a RC (1), Tammun (1), 'Aqaba (1)	5	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), Irtah (1), Nur Shams RC (1), Tulkarm RC (2), Qaffin (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), 'Attil (1)	9	7
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (3), Kafr Qaddum(4), Jayyus (3), 'Azzun(5), Jit (2), Immatin (3), Habla (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Jinsafut (1), Ras 'Atiya (1)	26	5
Salfit	Marda (5), Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (2)	8	0
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2), Rammun (1), 'Atara CP, Qarawat Bani Zeid (2), Al Jalazon RC (1), Betuniya (1), Kharbatha Al Misbah, close to 'Ein Qinya	7	10
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	East Jerusalem, 'Anata village (1), Qatanna village (1)	2	4
Bethlehem	Obaidia (1), Bethlehem City (3), Al Khader (3), Beit Fajjar (2), Beit Sahur (1)	10	6
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (5), Surif (2), Al Fawwar (1), Beit Ummar (1), Yatta (2), H2 area of the City of Hebron (3), Dura (1)	15	9
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>62</b>
North Gaza	Beit Hanun (1,40), Beit Lahiya (1,1)	2	41
Gaza	Zaitoun (1,0)	1	0
Central Gaza	East of Deir El Balah (0,2), Deir El Balah (1,44)—43 were subsequently released	1	46
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>112</b>	<b>149</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**

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information</b>	<b>Total # of Searches</b>	<b>Total # of Arrested/ Detained</b>
Nablus	Nablus City (1,1)	1	1
Jenin	Jenin City (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	'Anabta (1,2)	1	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1,1)	1	1
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1,1)	1	1
Bethlehem	Tuqu' (1,1), Bethlehem (1,1)	2	2
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Gaza Strip*</b>			
North Gaza	North Gaza-unspecified (1,30)	1	30
Central Gaza	An Nuseirat Camp (1,1), An Nuseirat Camp (1,2+)	2	3+
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>33+</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>41+</b>

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

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 23 – 29 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. Closed from 23 to 27 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
<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. Closed from 23 to 27 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
<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. Closed from 23 to 27 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
<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. Closed from 23 to 27 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
<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. 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</b> <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	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</b> <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Manned by the IDF. As of <b>28 April 2008</b> , the IDF manning the checkpoint allows all traffic through between 0600 and 2200 hours. Random checks were reported.
<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. Closed from 18 to 22 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
<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. Delays of up to one hour 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>	<b>On 31 March 2008</b> , some but not all installations were removed. Passage is permitted for all Palestinians and the checkpoint continues to operate on a random basis several times a week. During the reporting period long delays and tighter procedures were experienced

	by Palestinians crossing the checkpoint who were also requested to lift up their clothes to undergo physical searches.
<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, long delays and tighter procedures were experienced by Palestinians who were also requested to lift up their clothes for physical searches.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho governorate. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are not Jordan Valley residents are prohibited from crossing northward to Al Auja through this checkpoint unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling between Jericho and Ramallah. During the reporting period, long delays and tighter procedures were experienced by Palestinians who were also requested to lift up their clothes for physical searches.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008</b>	Located on Road 90 near the Dead Sea. Since 2 January 2008, operates as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles are denied access to the Dead Sea area whenever the IDF operates the checkpoint, which is at random during weekdays and 24 hours per day on the weekends. Between 23 and 27 April, the checkpoint operated on a daily basis due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
<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. Long delays during rush hours continue to be reported on a daily basis. Between 23 and 27 April, access to Jerusalem was prohibited for all West Bank-ID holders with permits due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
<b>Zayem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 404/45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. Residents of the Palestinian village An Nabi Samwil are permitted to cross to access their village

	only.
<b>Ramot Allon</b> <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As of 25 March 2008, Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves are no longer allowed through the checkpoint and all movements are directed to the new “fabric of life” sunken road and tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu under Road 436.
<b>Shu’fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shu’fat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint. Between 23 and 27 April, access to Jerusalem was prohibited for all West Bank-ID holders with permits due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
<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. Between 23 and 27 April, access to Jerusalem was prohibited for all West Bank-ID holders with permits due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
<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 to one hour 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’ Between Jaba’ Junction and Qalandiya CP</b>	Open. During the reporting period, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported on a daily basis by Palestinians traveling to Ramallah.
<b>Qawasmi</b> <i>Northern entrance at roundabout on road between Atarot and Qalandiya</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards or valid permits and internationals. Vehicle checks for those traveling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel’s Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning. Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule. Between 23 and 29 April Palestinians holding valid entry permits (for work and otherwise) were denied access to Israel due to the Passover holiday.
<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 Shalem – Efrata</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <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. Between 23 and 29 April Palestinians holding valid entry permits (for work and otherwise) were denied access to Israel due to the Passover holiday. During the reporting period it was observed that the Old Tarqumiya checkpoint location was removed and that vehicles can reach up to the new terminal for checking.
<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. Between 23 and 29 April Palestinians holding valid entry and work permits were denied access to Israel due to the Passover holiday.
<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</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the

<i>Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	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 Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to 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 Ibrahim 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>Tarquimiya – 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 four days this week for internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination only. On 23 and 24 April it was only open for internationals and it was closed on 25, 26 and 28 April.  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). On 25 April, two Hamas ministers returned to Gaza from Egypt through Rafah crossing. On 28 April, representatives of Islamic Jihad, PFLP, DFLP and PRC crossed to Egypt through Rafah.
<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>	Manned by the IDF. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to

<i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	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. Closed from 23 to 27 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
<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/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system). Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July 2007, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in 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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on one day this week (29 April) for the transfer of wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. Since 12 June, however, Karni remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was open on five days this week; it was closed on 25 and 26 April. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was closed this week. Kerem Shalom has been open since 4 March, when it re-opened following its closure on 23 January.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on three scheduled operating days this week (23, 27 and 29 April) and were closed on 24, 25, 26 and 28 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.