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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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### Of note this week

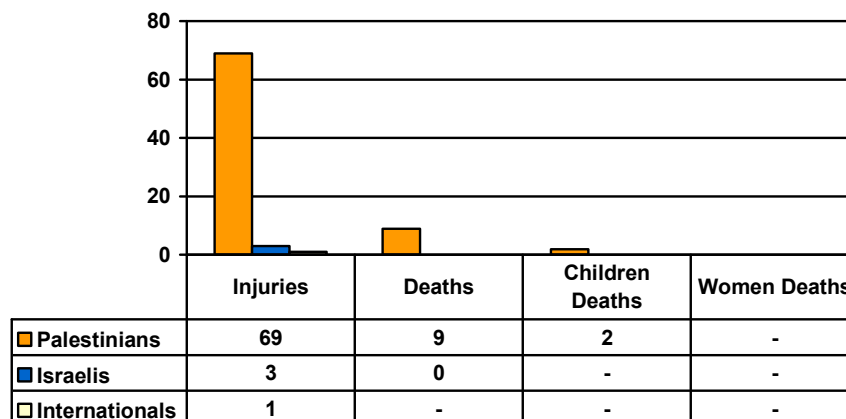
#### Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed eight Palestinians, including three unarmed civilians. The IDF also injured 26 Palestinians, of whom at least 17 were unarmed civilians. One IDF soldier was injured in the Gaza Strip and another in Israel.
- A 22-year-old Palestinian suicide bomber blew up a truck filled with explosives at Erez crossing, causing significant structural damage but no injuries. The crossing was closed for three days, obstructing the movement of humanitarian aid workers and medical cases.
- The IDF carried out six levelling and excavation operations and uprooted an estimated 610 dunums of agricultural land.
- On three separate days, the IDF opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore.
- The fact-finding mission established by the UN Human Rights Council and led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu entered Gaza via Rafah crossing on 27 May and stayed for two days.
- 18 rockets and 26 mortars were fired at Israel, resulting in the injury of one IDF soldier at Zikkim military base. One rocket hit a Palestinian house in Gaza City and injured a 29-year-old mother and her two children (aged 5 and 6 years). In addition, Palestinian militants fired 67 mortars at IDF soldiers operating in the Gaza Strip.

#### West Bank:

- 43 Palestinians, including 18 children, were injured this week. Two were injured by Israeli settlers and the rest by the IDF. One international and six Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets while participating in a demonstration in Ni'lin.
- An Israeli woman was physically assaulted by the IDF while participating in a joint Palestinian-Israeli action to remove an earth mound on the road connecting As Samu' to Road 60 (Hebron).
- The Jerusalem Municipality, accompanied by the IDF and the Israeli Border Police, demolished a one-story house in At Tur due to the lack of a building permit, displacing seven Palestinians, including three children. The family had been previously displaced from Silwan due to attacks by Israeli settlers (Jerusalem).
- Israeli settlers from Shima settlement confiscated a herd of 60 sheep belonging to Palestinian shepherds. The settlers claimed that the sheep were grazing on "State Land." The IDF retrieved the sheep, returned them to their owners, but informed the Palestinian shepherds that they can no longer graze their sheep in the same area (Hebron).
- The IDF canceled an end-of-academic-year celebration organized by different schools in Jerusalem at the Palace Hotel, claiming that PA officials were present (Jerusalem).
- 98 flying checkpoints, 110 IDF search operations and 122 arrests/detentions of Palestinians 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:

- **21 May:** According to Israeli media reports, an IDF soldier was injured at Zikkim military base by a rocket launched from east of Beit Lahiya towards the Green line (Israel).
- **21 May:** Two Palestinian adults (unarmed civilians) were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired a missile at a group of militants northwest of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **21 May:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy (unarmed civilian) died of wounds sustained on 11 April during an IDF incursion into Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **22 May:** A 22-year-old Palestinian suicide bomber died when he detonated a truck filled with explosives at Erez Crossing, specifically at the IDF barrier close to crossing's entrance. A second jeep connected to the attempted attack carrying three militants was driving behind the truck. The vehicle overturned, however, before reaching the checkpoint and the occupants fled the scene (North Gaza).
- **22 May:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and fourteen others, including six children, (all unarmed civilians) were injured with live ammunition when IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Gaza City opened fire at a Hamas-organised peaceful demonstration in front of Karni crossing. The demonstration proceeded from Gaza City to Karni crossing, with the intent of approaching the crossing (Gaza).
- **22 May:** A 62-year-old Palestinian man (unarmed civilian) was killed in the vicinity of his house when IDF tanks fired three tank shells towards Palestinian houses after an IDF unit advanced approximately 1200 metres east of Johr Ed-Dik area north of Al Bureij Camp in which armed clashes took place between the IDF and Palestinian militants (Central Gaza).
- **23 May:** Two Palestinian militants affiliated with Islamic Jihad (both aged 18 years) were killed during armed clashes between Palestinian militants and an IDF unit east of Al Bureij Camp. At 1930 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **23 May:** One Palestinian farmer was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border opened fire at Palestinian farmers working east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **23 May:** Three Palestinian militants (aged 20 and 23(2) years) were killed when IAF helicopters fired two missiles at them in Al Fokhary area southeast of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **23 May:** An IDF soldier was injured by an anti-tank missile fired at his vehicle in Al Fokhary area southeast of Khan Younis. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack (Khan Younis).
- **23 May:** One Palestinian adult (unarmed civilian) was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border opened fire towards Palestinian houses east of Al-Qarrara (Khan Younis)
- **24 May:** Five Palestinian militants were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired a missile at a group of Hamas militants on Al Nazaz Street northeast of Shuja'iyeh (Gaza).
- **24 May:** Two Palestinian militants were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of militants situated on the western side of Nahal Oz fuel crossing (Gaza).
- **24 May:** One Palestinian adult (unarmed civilian) was injured when IDF soldiers fired tank shells towards Palestinian militants after entering 100 metres into southeast of Al Qarrara east of Khan Younis. The militants fired one RPG shell at the IDF soldiers, who withdrew at 2000 hours (Khan Younis).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **21 May:** IDF vessels lit flares and opened fire for ten minutes towards Palestinian fishing boats northwest of Beit Lahia, forcing them to return to the seashore. No injuries or damage were reported (North Gaza).
- **22 May:** IDF patrol boats opened fire west of Rafah for 20 minutes towards Palestinian fishing boats, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).
- **23 May:** According to Israeli media reports, Palestinians fired two rockets from north of Beit Hanoun towards the western Negev. Both rockets landed in open areas in the Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council area. Damage was caused to some greenhouses and a wheat field, which caught fire. (North Gaza)
- **25 May:** IDF patrol boats west of Rafah opened fire for 20 minutes towards Palestinian fishing boats, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).

**West Bank:**

- **22 May:** A 36-year-old Palestinian man (teacher) and a 12-year-old Palestinian boy were injured in Al Ibrahimiya School by stones thrown by Israeli settlers at the school (Hebron).
- **23 May:** Two Palestinian males (aged 37 and 35 years) from Ni'lin village were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by the IDF. The men were demonstrating against the requisitioning of 2,500 dunums of Ni'lin's agricultural land by the IDF and the resumption of Barrier construction thereon (Ramallah).
- **24 May:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was physically assaulted and injured by IDF soldiers stationed at 'Azzun 'Atma Barrier gate checkpoint (Qalqiliya).
- **24 May:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Jenin refugee camp by shrapnel fired by the IDF during a search operation in the camp (Jenin).
- **25 May:** A 28-year-old Israeli woman activist was physically assaulted by the IDF while she was participating in the removal of an earth mound on the road connecting As Samu' to Road 60 via Al Simya (Hebron).
- **25 May:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man was injured in El Far'a refugee camp by live ammunition fired during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in the camp (Tubas).
- **25 May:** Six Palestinian males (between 30 and 45 years of age) and one international female activist were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets and one Palestinian with a shock grenade in a demonstration in Ni'lin village. The protestors were demonstrating against the requisitioning of 2,500 dunums of Ni'lin's agricultural land by the IDF and the resumption of Barrier construction thereon. One Palestinian and two international activists were arrested (Ramallah).
- **27 May:** Nine Palestinian boys (aged 16, 14(4), 12, 11(2) and 10 years) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a confrontation between the IDF and school children throwing stones at the IDF during a military operation in Qalqiliya City (Qalqiliya).
- **27 May:** Seven Palestinian children (between 14 and 17 years of age) and thirteen Palestinian males (between 25 and 41 years of age) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by the IDF in a demonstration in Ni'lin. The protestors were demonstrating against the requisitioning of 2,500 dunums of Ni'lin's agricultural land by the IDF and the resumption of Barrier construction thereon. Twelve Palestinians were also arrested by the IDF (Ramallah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **Late Report—11 May:** One British citizen working for the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute and two German citizens (one working for a German development organization) were physically attacked and verbally abused by armed Israeli settlers near a settlement outpost at the former Yad Yair military base on the road leading to 'Ein Qiniya in At Tirah neighborhood (Ramallah).
- **21 May:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near Jaba' village. No injuries were reported but the car sustained some damage (Ramallah).
- **21 May:** Israeli settlers held a demonstration to protest against the removal of an earth mound by the IDF at Al Fahs junction, located south of the Industrial Zone in the H2 area of Hebron City, on 18 May. During the demonstration Palestinian traffic flow was interrupted (Hebron).
- **22 May:** The IDF arrived at the Palace Hotel in Jerusalem where an end-of-academic-year celebration organised by different schools in Jerusalem was taking place. Claiming that PA officials were present, the IDF stopped participants from entering the hall, forced everybody out and cancelled the event. One Palestinian male was arrested (Jerusalem).
- **23 May:** Several cases of asphyxia were reported when the IDF used tear gas during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists in Bil'in against Barrier construction in the village (Ramallah).
- **25 May:** A group of Israeli settlers threw stones at Palestinian vehicles near Jit partial checkpoint. No injuries or damage were reported (Qalqiliya).
- **25 May:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near Al Judeira village. No injuries were reported but one vehicle sustained some damage (Ramallah).
- **26 May:** Confrontations took place between Palestinians from Bil'in village and Israeli settlers who attempted to install a new outpost near the village. No injuries were reported. One Palestinian was arrested by the IDF who arrived at the site (Ramallah).

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

### Gaza Strip:

- **21 May:** A 24-year-old Palestinian ( Hamas militant) was killed when armed clashes mistakenly erupted between two Hamas militant groups in Johr El-Dik area northeast of Al Bureij Camp. It is believed that each group thought that the other one was an IDF unit (Central Gaza).
- **23 May:** A 33-year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by unknown militants in Ma'an area east of Khan Younis. Local reports indicated that the motive was due to allegedly "immoral behaviour" (Khan Younis).
- **23 May:** A 52-year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by unknown militants in Khan Younis. The background of the incident was an old family dispute (Khan Younis).
- **23 May:** An 11-year-old Palestinian boy was found dead in Al Qarara east of Khan Younis. Local sources reported that the boy was killed when he was tampering with an explosive device (Khan Younis).
- **25 May:** A seven-year-old Palestinian boy was accidentally shot and injured by his uncle in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **26 May:** A Palestinian militant affiliated with Islamic Jihad was injured when Islamic Jihad and Hamas militants mistakenly exchanged fire east of Al Bureij camp. It is believed that each militant group thought that the other one was an IDF unit (Central Gaza).
- **27 May:** Three Palestinians, a 29-year-old mother and her two children (aged 5 and 6 years), were injured when a rocket fired from east of Gaza City towards Sderot landed in Gaza, hitting the family home (Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **24 May:** The Egyptian Authorities discovered and destroyed 12 tunnels under the border line between Gaza and Egypt (Rafah).
- **25 May:** Approximately 100 Palestinians erected a sit-in tent at the Unknown Soldier Park to protest against the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. At 1300 hours the sit-in tent was removed (Gaza).
- **27 May:** Egyptian Security Forces uncovered a store near Rafah Sinai containing 500 kilogrammes of explosive materials, including mortar rounds and rockets. All materials were in bags that were ready for transport (Rafah).

### West Bank:

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

No incidents to report.

### Inter-factional violence

### Gaza Strip:

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

No incidents to report.

### West Bank:

#### 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
21 May 2008	At Tur, Jerusalem	1 house	-	7	-
21 May 2008	Wadi al Joz, Jerusalem	1 garage	-	-	1

<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.

22 May 2008	Johr Ed-Dik, Central Gaza	7 (1 bldg +6 water wells)			
23 May 2008	Al Fokhary, Khan Younis	1	1	-	N/A
24 May 2008	Nahal Oz junction, Gaza City	6	-	-	N/A
25 May, 2008	Adh Dhahiriya, Hebron	-	2	-	N/A
25 May 2008	H2, Hebron City	-	1	-	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1+</b>

- **21 May:** Jerusalem Municipality employees, accompanied by the IDF and the Israeli Border Police, demolished with a bulldozer a one-story house in At Tur that belongs to a Palestinian family living there, due to the lack of a building permit. Seven people (non-refugees) were displaced, including three children. The residents were allowed to remove some furniture. The family had been previously displaced from Silwan neighbourhood due to attacks by Israeli settlers (Jerusalem).
- **22 May:** During the IDF military operation in Johr El Dik area north of Al Bureij Camp, the IDF demolished Johr El Dik Municipality building and six water wells. At 2100 hours the IDF withdrew to border line. (Central Gaza).
- **23 May:** During an IDF military operation approximately in Al Fokhary area southeast of Khan Younis, a concrete factory was destroyed and a slaughterhouse was partially damaged. At 1030 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **24 May:** During the IDF incursion southeast of the Nahal Oz junction east of Gaza City, the IDF demolished one house, two rooms on a farm, two sheds, and a bricks factory (Gaza).
- **25 May:** During the IDF military operation in Adh Dhahiriya, IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers, hitting electrical generators and leading to the power cuts for two hours (Hebron).
- **25 May:** IDF soldiers damaged the contents of a Palestinian house located near the settlement of Tel Rumeida in the H2 area of Hebron City during a military operation (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **21 May:** The IDF closed seven shops located on the main Road 505 near Kifl Haris for four hours after stones were allegedly thrown at Israeli vehicles passing on the road. The shops were opened later in the day following liaison between the Palestinians and Israeli DCLs (Salfit).
- **23 May:** The IDF distributed three demolition orders against a water cistern, a protection wall and a room with a zinc roof in Deir Ballut due to the lack of building permit. All the structures are located in Area C near Deir Ballut checkpoint (Salfit).
- **24 May:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Shima, located south of the town of As Samu', confiscated a herd of 60 sheep belonging to Palestinian shepherds. The settlers claimed that the sheep were grazing on "State Land." The IDF retrieved the sheep, returned them to their owners, but informed the Palestinian shepherds that they can no longer graze their sheep in the same area (Hebron).

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

No incidents to Report

#### **4. Natural Resources**

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

**Nablus Governorate:**

**21 May:** Israeli settlers from Itamar began levelling land belonging to Palestinians from Beit Furik in order to open a road west of the settlement. Palestinians are unable to reach the site to assess the damage. The land levelling is ongoing (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 April 2008 to date:** IDF bulldozers continue to level land on the northern side of Huwwara checkpoint.

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

**Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, and Qalqiliya Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

**Salfit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **16 May 2008 to date:** Israeli settlers continue land leveling west of Revava settlement. The land is about 200 dunums and belongs to Palestinian farmers from Deir Istiya (Salfit).

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

- The Barrier between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. On **20 May**, the IDF closed with cement blocks the only route connecting these two neighbourhoods. Concurrently, the IDF opened a military gate through the Barrier at a nearby location; this route used to be main road connecting the two neighbourhoods but had been closed by the IDF since late February 2007. When the Barrier is complete, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be completely separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**21 May:** The Israeli Housing Ministry issued tenders for the construction of additional 286 housing units in the settlement of Betar Illit (Bethlehem).

**Hebron Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Gaza Strip:**

- **21 May:** Six IDF tanks and four bulldozers entered 50 metres into Johr El-Dik area northeast of Al Bureij Camp. IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated agricultural land, uprooting 200 dunums of olive and citrus trees. At 1040 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **22 May:** During the IDF military operation in Johr Ed-Dik area north of Al Bureij Camp, the IDF uprooted and destroyed 300 dunums of agricultural land, olive trees and greenhouses. At 2100 hours the IDF withdrew to border (Central Gaza).
- **23 May:** IDF bulldozers conducted excavation and search operations approximately 1 kilometre inside Al Fokhary area southeast of Khan Younis. As a result, 60 dunums of agriculture land were completely destroyed. At 1030 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **24 May:** Three IDF bulldozers accompanied by four tanks and three jeeps entered 100 metres into an area southeast of Al Qarara east of Khan Younis. The bulldozers undertook levelling and excavation operations in the area near the border fence. This land is abandoned, however, as it had been previously levelled and had all its trees uprooted by the IDF. The IDF withdrew at 2000 hours (Khan Younis).
- **25 May:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 200 meters into the area east of Al Qarara northeast of Khan Younis. The bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations. This land is abandoned, however, as it had been previously levelled and had all its trees uprooted by the IDF. At 1930 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **26 May:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered about 300 meters into Gaza east of Al Bureij Camp and conducted levelling and excavation operations. The IDF uprooted and destroyed 50 dunums of olive trees. At 1430 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (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
-	-	-
<b>Total Week</b>	-	-

**b) Access to education**

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 April to date:** Teachers and students are unable to report to their schools due to the fuel shortage. Student attendance in all universities in the Gaza Strip was interrupted for the same reason.

**c) Access to employment**

No incidents to report.

**d) Closures/movement restrictions****Nabulus Governorate:**

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

Ongoing incidents:

- **7 May to date:** The IDF continues to close a dirt road with an earth mound connecting Qusin with Road 60.

**Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Qalqiliya, Salfit, Ramallah, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Hebron Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

**Gaza Strip**

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on one day this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements; however, 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 three days 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 23 and 24 May. 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 2007.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing has been closed since 19 April 2008 for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, Kerem Shalom was effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- **Nahal Oz energy pipelines** were open on five scheduled operating days this week.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- **Buffer Zone:** 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.
- **17 May 2007 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.
- 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.

**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), 'Air ash Shamaliya (1), Huwwara (1), Beita (2), 'Aqraba (1), An Nasariya (1)	7
Jenin	'Arraba (1), Sanur (1), Az Zababida (1), 'Ajja (1), Ti'nnik (1), Qabatiya (1), Jab'a (1), Jenin western entrance (1)	8
Tubas	Tayasir (5), 'Aqaba (1), Tammun (1), El Far'a camp (1), Al Far'a village (3), lbziq (1)	12
Tulkarm	'Illar (1), Bal'a (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Beit Lid (1), 'Attil (1), Kafr Sur (3)	8
Qalqiliya	Izbat at Tabib (4), Kafr Laqif (3), Habla (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Jayyus (2), Kafr Tulth (4), Wadi Qana (3), Jinsafut (2)	21
Salfit	Biddya (1), Marda (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Hares (1)	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Underpass Kharbatha at Misbah (1)	1
Jericho	Between DCO CP and Palestinian CP (1)	1
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Al Shawawreh (2), Tuqu' (3), Al Nashash (1), Bethlehem (4), Zatarra (2), Al Khader (1), Obaidiya (2), Dar Salah (1)	16
Hebron	Halhul Overpass (2), Al Fawwar (2), Yatta (3), the H1 area of Hebron City (5), Dura (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Al Arrub RC (3)	20
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>98</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), Balata RC (2), camp No. 1 (2), 'Asira ash Shamaliya (1), An Nasariya (1), Tappuh CP	10	7
Jenin	Jenin RC (3), Qabatya (3), Jenin City (4), 'Arraba (1), Birqin (1), Al Judeida (1), Al Yamun (1), Kafr Dan (1)	15	8
Tubas	Al Far'a (3), Tabas (2), Elfar'a camp (3), Tammon (1), Kashda (1), Tayasir (1)	11	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (3), Zeita (1), Baqa ash Shrqiya (1), Nur Shams RC (1), Tulkarm RC (1) Ehpraim CP	7	9
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (5), 'Azzun (4), Jit (2), Habla (3), Ras 'Atiya (3), Jayyus (3), Hajja (1), Kafr Thulth (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), Kafr Laqif (1), Immatin (1)	27	10
Salfit	Deir Ballut (1), Biddya (1), Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (2)	5	0
Ramallah	Ramallah City (4), Beit Liqya (1), Beit 'Ur al Fauqa (1), Biddu (1), Kharbatha (1), Ni'lin, Bil'in, Flying CP	8	25
Jericho	An Nuwei'ma (1), Jericho (2)	3	2
Jerusalem	Beit Hanini (1), Jerusalem (1), Al Thuri (1), Al 'Isawiya (1)	4	28
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (4), Beit Fajjar (1), Beit Sahur (1), Ad Doha (1), Tuquu' (1), Obeidiya (1)	9	6
Hebron	Nuba (1), H1 area of Hebron City (4), Arrub Refugee Camp (3), Yatta (2), H2 area of Hebron City, Bani Naeim (1)	11	26
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>110</b>	<b>122</b>
Central Gaza	Johr Ed-Dik (1)—24 subsequently released	1	25
Khan Younis	Al Fokhary (1)	1	5
Gaza	Gaza (1)—11 were subsequently released	1	15
Rafah	Rafah (6)—fishermen who were subsequently released	1	6
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>114</b>	<b>173</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 (2,2)	2	2
Jenin	Jenin City (2,3)	2	3
Tubas	Tubas City (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1,2)	1	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Salfit (1,1)	1	1
Ramallah	Beituniya (4,7), Ramallah (2,2)	6	9
Bethlehem	Al Khader (0,3), Ad Duheisha RC (0,1)	0	4
Hebron	Hebron City (0,1)	0	1
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Gaza Strip*</b>			
Rafah	Rafah (1,1)—Head of the Popular Refugee Committee	1	1
Gaza	Gaza (1,2)—a TV reporter and his cameraman	1	2
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>

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

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 21 – 27 May 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 organisations.
<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 24 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 organisations, and Israelis. It 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 2300 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</b> <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0500 to 2300, the IDF manning the checkpoint allows all traffic through during the opening 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.
<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. During the reporting period, some delays were experienced by commuters during rush hour.
<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>	On 31 March 2008, 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.
<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.
<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, some delays were reported.
<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 buses 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. As of early May 2008 the checkpoint will no longer function on a random basis and should open 24 hours during week days and fully operates on Friday and Saturday.
<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 at both the vehicular and pedestrian lanes.
<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. During the reporting period, long delays were reported during rush hours.
<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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West</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>Bank</b>	
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for 300 residents of the Abu Dis neighbourhood adjacent to the checkpoint who have Jerusalem IDs and have their names on a list held at the checkpoint.
<b>Sheikh Sa'd</b>	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for Jerusalem ID holders who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa'd, which is located to the east of the Barrier. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa'd are allowed into Jerusalem through this checkpoint if they possess an Israeli permit.
<b>As Sawahira ash Sharqiya</b>	Manned by the IDF. Allows Jerusalem residents of As Sawahira al Gharbiya who live adjacent to the barrier to access As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, which is located to the east of the Barrier.
<b>Rafat / Al Masyion</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	On the "Fabric of Life" road between Ramallah and Bir Nabala, near Rafat village. As of 5 March, the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Long delays continued to be 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. Delays and incidents of verbal abuse were regularly reported. Jaba' residents reported that IDF soldiers used loud speakers to shout orders at drivers at 3 am in the morning.
<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>Al Jib</b> <i>A checkpoint and a gate</i>	Manned by Border Police. Allow 24/7 access for residents of Al Khalayleh neighbourhood (about 700 Palestinians caught between the barrier and Giv'at Ze'ev settlement). Palestinians with work permits to work in Giv'at Ze'ev settlement are allowed access according to the times stipulated on their permits. The checkpoint serves as a seasonal gate for farmers from Al Jib to access their land following prior coordination with the Israeli Civil administration.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning. Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu'man and listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers from 0600 to 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
<b>Ein Yallow / Al Walaja</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients

	to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
<b>Settler checkpoint: Mizpe Shalem – Efrata</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <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.
<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, control of the checkpoint reverted to a private company.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. This week, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work places inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint have their names listed with the IDF to allow them passage. Friends and family members holding Palestinian IDs cannot visit their relatives in the area since their names are not on the list.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of 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> <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 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>	<p>Erez was open on one day this week for Internationals and Palestinians who obtained special co-ordination. From 22 to 25 May, the crossing was closed due to the suicide bomb attack</p> <p><b>25 May:</b> Erez was open for 60 humanitarian/medical cases and for three bodies (patients who had died in Israeli hospitals) to enter Gaza. The PA Coordinators near the crossing were allowed to return to their offices.</p> <p><b>26 May:</b> Erez was open from 1500 to 1830 hours for internationals leaving Gaza via the pedestrian tunnel and was open from 0700 to 1800 hours for international and Palestinian pedestrians crossing from Israel to Gaza.</p> <p><b>27 May:</b> Erez was open for international and Palestinian pedestrians crossing from Israel to Gaza.</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
<b>Rafah Passenger Crossing</b>	<p>Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June but it was exceptionally opened on several occasions to allow medical and other cases to cross to Egypt or return to Gaza.</p> <p><b>21 May:</b> Rafah crossing was opened to allow seven Palestinian patients to cross to Egypt and 21 injured persons who had received medical treatment in Egypt to return to Gaza.</p> <p><b>22 May:</b> Rafah crossing was open for a Hamas delegation to return from Egypt to Gaza.</p> <p><b>23 May:</b> Rafah crossing was open to allow two Palestinians to cross into Egypt.</p> <p><b>26 May:</b> Rafah crossing was open to allow 35 injured Palestinians who had received medical treatment in Egypt to return to Gaza.</p> <p><b>27 May:</b> Rafah crossing was opened for members of the independent high-level fact-finding mission, led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Professor Christine Chinkin, to enter Gaza via Rafah crossing.</p> <p>According to police officers at Rafah crossing, an estimated number of seven to ten thousand people need to leave Gaza for medical treatment, schooling, trading and other reasons.</p>
<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</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday.

<i>Nablus since July 2003</i>	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/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, control of the checkpoint has been reverted to a private company.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on 21, 25, and 27 May for the transfer of grain and animal feed into Gaza. Since 12 June, however, Karni has otherwise 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 23 and 24 May for the weekend. On 26 May, Sufa crossing first opened at 1230 hours due to a protest by Israeli farmers at the crossing. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was closed this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. Kerem Shalom was open after being closed since 23 January, due to Israeli security concerns.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five scheduled operating days this week (21, 23, 25, 26 and 27 May). On 22 and 24 May, it was closed. Nahal Oz energy pipeline are 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.