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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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### Of note this week

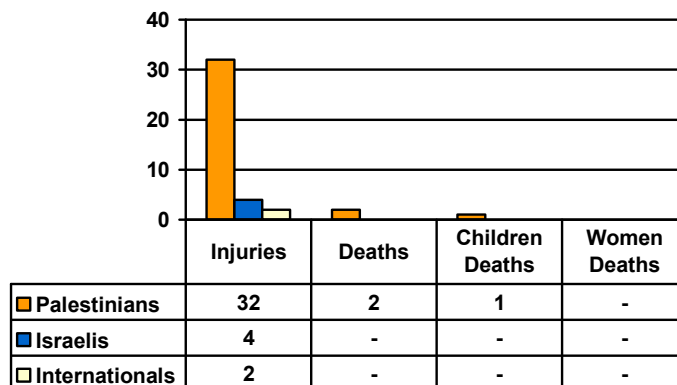
#### Gaza Strip:

- The IDF injured two Palestinians (unarmed civilians) near the border in Khan Younis governorate.
- On 1 July, approximately 25 patients and 130 other Palestinians on a list approved by the Egyptian government crossed from Gaza to Egypt via Rafah crossing. According to police officers at Rafah crossing, approximately 5,000 Gazans applied for permits to leave Gaza for medical treatment, schooling, trading and other reasons.
- On one occasion, IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea. No injuries or damage were reported (Central Gaza).
- Raw and partially-treated sewage continues to pour into the Mediterranean from the Gaza Strip due to the lack of fuel supplies and spare parts for treatment plants. The worst affected areas are southern Rafah, north of Wadi Gaza and the beaches alongside Gaza City. WHO has asked municipalities to post signs that clearly indicate polluted areas since many people continue to swim and fish in these areas.
- Three rudimentary rockets and five mortars were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. No injuries or damage were reported.

#### West Bank:

- The IDF killed two Palestinians (unarmed civilians) and injured 28 others, including 23 in anti-Barrier demonstrations in Ni'lin in Ramallah governorate. In addition, three Israeli and two international protestors were injured by the IDF during anti-Barrier demonstrations.
- Israeli settlers fired two mortar shells from Brakha settlement towards Burin village that resulted in neither injuries nor damage (Nablus).
- Israeli settlers threw stones at and injured two Palestinians (Hebron), threw stones at and damaged a Palestinian-registered taxi (Qalqiliya), and burnt one olive tree (Ramallah).
- The IDF issued demolition orders against six structures in the Hebron governorate, including three houses and a mosque.
- The Israeli Border Police raided two mechanic shops in Hizma and confiscated ten vehicles belonging to Palestinians from East Jerusalem under the claim that Israeli law bans the repair of Israeli-plated vehicles in West Bank areas outside the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.
- This week, 98 flying checkpoints, 150 IDF search operations and 48 arrests/detentions of Palestinians were reported this week. Compared to the previous week, this is a 31% increase in flying checkpoints and a 32% increase in IDF search operations.

#### 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:

- **25 June:** An 82-year-old Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border, near Khuza'a east of Khan Younis, opened fire on Palestinian farmers working in the area (Khan Younis).
- **1 July:** A 36-year-old Palestinian woman herding sheep was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Khan Younis opened fire at her while she was approaching the border fence (Khan Younis).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **10 April to date:** The lack of sufficient fuel supplies continues to adversely affect all aspects of life in Gaza, including the use of wooden ovens, flooding of some sewage facilities and access difficulties to reach educational and health facilities.
- **25 June:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Rafah opened fire into the air while Palestinian farmers were attempting to tend their fields in Al Shouka area, forcing the farmers to leave the area. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **26 June:** One rudimentary rocket was fired from Beit Hanoun towards Sderot that exploded in an open area in Sderot's industrial zone. Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility. There were no reports of injuries or damage (North Gaza).
- **27 June:** According to Israeli media reports, two mortar shells fired from Gaza landed in open areas near Kibbutz Kfar 'Aza in the Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council area. No injuries or damage were reported. No Palestinian faction has claimed responsibility for this attack (Israel).
- **28 June:** According to Israeli media reports, Palestinian militants fired a number of mortar rounds at Karni crossing. The media reports did not indicate whether the rounds landed in Israel or Gaza. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **28 June:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Deir El Balah, forcing them southwards. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **30 June:** Palestinian militants attempted to fire one rudimentary rocket from east of Abu Al Ajeen towards Sderot. The rocket exploded at the launch site but no injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **30 June:** One rudimentary rocket was fired from north of Beit Hanoun towards Sderot. According to Israeli media reports, one rocket fired from northern Gaza landed in Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council. No injuries or damage were reported. No Palestinian faction has claimed responsibility for this attack (Israel).

### West Bank:

- **24 June:** Two Palestinian men (ages 24 and 55) from Khirbet Shuab Al Buttom, south of Yatta, were injured by stones thrown by two Israeli settlers from Mitzpe Yair outpost (Hebron).
- **24 June:** An 18-year-old Palestinian male was physically assaulted by the IDF during an IDF search and arrest operation in Bani Na'im (Hebron).
- **25 June:** A 31-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted by the IDF during a house-search operation in Surif (Hebron).
- **25 June:** Twelve Palestinians and one Israeli were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by the IDF during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, international and Israeli protestors against Barrier construction in Ni'lin. Several cases of asphyxia were also reported (Ramallah).
- **25 June:** A 19-year-old Palestinian male was injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during clashes with Palestinian stone throwers in Al Far'a refugee camp (Tubas).
- **26 June:** An IDF soldier was injured when an Israeli-plated car, reported as stolen, hit him at the DCO checkpoint at the entrance of Qalqiliya City, apparently while trying to avoid being checked by the soldiers (Qalqiliya).
- **27 June:** Two international protestors (males) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by the IDF during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli, and international protestors against Barrier construction in Bil'in. Cases of asphyxia were reported (Ramallah).
- **27 June:** A 17-year-old Palestinian male (unarmed civilian) was killed with live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF military operation in Beit Ummar (Hebron).
- **27 June:** A 32-year-old Israeli man was injured when IDF soldiers physically assaulted him during an anti-Barrier demonstration in the village of Umm Salamona (Bethlehem).

- **28 June:** A 16-year-old Palestinian male was injured when the IDF physically assaulted him inside the Ibrahimi mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City after he refused to show his ID to IDF soldiers (Hebron).
- **29 June:** Five Palestinians and one Israeli were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by the IDF during a demonstration against Barrier construction on Ni'lin land. Another Palestinian was injured when a sound grenade hit him and broke his arm. Several cases of asphyxia were also reported (Ramallah).
- **29 June:** An 18-year-old Palestinian male (unarmed civilian) was killed by IDF soldiers who entered Tubas City and open fire at him close to midnight. An IDF ambulance took the body and handed it over to PRCS the next morning. The context of the incident remains unclear (Tubas).
- **1 July:** Five Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by IDF soldiers during a demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors against Barrier construction in Ni'lin. Many cases of asphyxia were reported (Ramallah).
- **1 July:** A 25-year-old armed Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Qabatiya when an exchange of fire erupted between him and the IDF. The man fled (Jenin).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **During the reporting period:** The Israeli Border Police raided two mechanic shops in Hizma village and confiscated ten vehicles belonging to Palestinians from East Jerusalem under the claim that Israeli law bans the repair of Israeli-plated vehicles in West Bank areas outside the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem (Jerusalem).
- **1 July:** Israeli settlers fired two mortar shells from Brakha settlement towards Burin village south of Nablus City. The shells landed in an open area near houses in the village. No damage or injuries were reported (Nablus).

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

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **25 June:** Two Palestinians men were injured by live ammunition in armed clashes between two local families in Jabaliya. The police arrived and brought the situation under control after arresting two people (North Gaza).
- **27 June:** A 55-year-old Palestinian man, a suspected drug dealer arrested by the police on 24 June in Deir Al Balah, died while in police custody. The police is conducting an internal investigation into the incident (Central Gaza).
- **28 June:** A 60-year-old Palestinian man was stabbed to death during a family dispute among cousins in Gaza City (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **28 June:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government organised a search operation to locate new tunnels in Rafah. As a result, the police destroyed two tunnels in blocks J and O and three tunnels opposite Al Salam quarter (Rafah).
- **29 June:** Approximately 80 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).
- **1 July:** An unidentified person on a motorcycle threw a homemade explosive device at the Al Azhar University junction. No injuries or damage were reported (Gaza).

### **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):

<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.

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
25 June 2008	Tammun, Tubas	-	4	-	N/A
28 June 2008	Near Qedumim settlement, Qalqiliya	-	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>		-	<b>5</b>	-	<b>1+</b>

**25 June:** The IDF entered Tammun village and carried out a search operation. According to Palestinian security forces, three Palestinian vehicles and the door of one shop were damaged by IDF soldiers who used their rifles to break the windshields of the vehicles and to break the shop's door (Tubas).

**28 June:** Israeli settlers from an outpost near Qedumim settlement attacked, threw stones at, and caused damage to a Palestinian-registered taxi. An IDF patrol travelling on the road stopped and rescued the Palestinian taxi driver (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

**26 June:** The IDF issued demolition orders against a house and an almost-completed new water cistern in At Tuwani as well as a mosque, a generator room and a house in the nearby village of Umm Faggarah south of Yatta. The IDF also issued a demolition order against a house in Khirbet Al Jawaya near Al Karmel village south of Yatta (Hebron).

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

**26 June:** Unknown assailants detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) outside the home of a former preventive security officer in As Saftawi area southwest of Jabaliya. The home was damaged but no injuries were reported (North Gaza).

**28 June:** An IED was planted by unknown persons in Az Zawiya market behind the Gaza Municipality police station. The explosion caused damage to several shops but no injuries were reported (Gaza).

### 4. [Natural Resources](#)

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

**Salfit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

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

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**26 June:** One olive tree belonging to a farmer from Deir Nidham village was burnt by a group of Israeli settlers from Hallamish settlement (Ramallah).

### 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**

No incidents to report.

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

**c) Access to employment**

No incidents to report.

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

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

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**26 June:** The IDF closed the DCO checkpoint east of Qalqiliya city for three hours after an apparently stolen Israeli-plated car hit an IDF soldier and managed to enter Qalqiliya City.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

**28 June:** Approximately 2000 dunums of agricultural land (mostly planted with olive trees) were burned west of the Barrier. The land belongs to Ar Ras and Khirbet Jubara villages. The IDF allowed the owners of the land who possess permits to enter and help in extinguishing the fire and fire brigades from Qalqiliya and Tulkarm were allowed to enter the closed area behind the barrier following coordination with the IDF. Fire brigades from Israel also helped in the operation. According to the Ministry of Agriculture in Tulkarm, the cause of the fire is the heat wave in the area.

**30 June:** Major delays were reported at Enav checkpoint.

**Ramallah Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** Long delays were reported at 'Atara checkpoint during the morning and evening rush hours and on the weekend due to slow checks conducted by the Border Police manning the checkpoint.

**Hebron Governorate:**

**27 June:** The IDF blocked the road between the village of At-Tuwani and the town of Yatta with an earthmound.

**Gaza Strip**

- Gaza fishermen continue to be prohibited from fishing beyond six nautical miles off the coastline.

**Functioning of Gaza crossing points:**

- **Erez** was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements; 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 2007 but has operated since then 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 2007, however, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on two days this week; it was closed from 25 to 28 June and on 1 July. After being closed between 28 October and 22 December 2007, 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 the Palestinian suicide attack against the IDF military base located at the crossing on 19 April 2008. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December 2007, 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.

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya (2)	2
Jenin	Al Jarba (1), Jaba' (1), Zububa (2), Ti'innik (2), Misliya (1), Rummana (1), 'Anin (1), Jenin (1), As Shuhada' (1)	11
Tubas	Tayasir (6), Al Far'a RC (1)	7
Tulkarm	Al Jarushiya (1), Dear Al Ghusun (1), Ramin (1), Beit Lid (1), Far'un (1), Bal'a (1), 'Attil (1)	7
Qalqiliya	Izbat at Tabib (2), Kafr Laqif (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), Kafr Thulth (3), Immatin (1)	8
Salfit	Az Zawiya (2), Deir Istiya (1), Biddya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (3), Iskaka (3), Kifel Hares (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Haris (1), Marda (1), Salfit (1)	15
Ramallah/AI Bireh	Entrance to Shuqba- on Road 465 (1), Ein 'Arik (1)	2
Jericho	Entrance to Fasayil (1), Bypass Rd 1 to Jericho (1)	2
Jerusalem	Hizma (1)	1
Bethlehem	Tuqu (3), Al Shawawreh (1), Dar Salah(2), Bethlehem (1), Beit Sahur (1), Al Doha (1), Duheisha RC (2), Al Nashash (1), Beit Jala (1)	13
Hebron	Halhul overpass (6), Al Fawwar (2), H1 area of the City of Hebron (4), Ad Dhahiriya (1), Dura (4), Deir Samit (2), Khursa (1), Beit Ummar (4), Yata (2), Bani Na'im (4)	30
<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 (7), Burin (1), Kafr Qalil (1), 'Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Beit Furik (1), Camp No.1 (4), Beit Iba (2), Huwwara (1)	18	7
Jenin	Jenin (4), Qabatiya (1), Arraba (2), Zububa (1), Kafr Ra'i (1), Silat al Harithiya (1), Ti'innik (3), Ya'bad (1), Al Yamun (1), Az Zababida (1)	16	5
Tubas	Tubas (3), El Far'a RC (1), Tammun (1)	5	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (5), Ramin (1), Shuweika (1), Shufa (1), Nur Shams RC (1), 'Attil(1), Sayda (1), Bal'a (1), Beit Lid (1), Zeita (1), Deir Al Ghusun (1)	15	9
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (4), Jit (3) Habla (3), Ras 'Atiya (1), Jayyus (3), Hajja (1), Kafr Thulth (3), Kafr Qaddum (3), Sanniriya (1), Immatin (2), 'Asla (1), Kafr Laqif (2)	27	4
Salfit	Salfit (2), Sarta (1), Az Zawiya (3), Marda (1), Biddiya (1)	8	3
Ramallah	Ramallah (3)	3	2
Jericho	Jericho (1)	1	1
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (3), Al Khader (1), Doha (1) Ad Duheisha RC (4), Al Shawawreh (5), Dar Salah(2)	16	3
Hebron	H1 area of the City of Hebron (7), Dura (6), Khallet Al Dar (4), Beit Ummar (9), Nuba (2), Bani Na'im (10), Al Nu'man (3)	41	13
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Gaza Strip*</b>			
Central Gaza <sup>2</sup>	East of Al Bureij (0,2)	0	2
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>50</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> On **30 June**, IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Bureij Camp opened fire towards two Palestinians approaching the border, who were thought to have the intent to infiltrate into Israel. The two men were arrested by the IDF (Central Gaza).

**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>
Ramallah	Ramallah (1,1)	1	1
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Gaza Strip*</b>			
North Gaza	Jabaliya (1,2)—family dispute; Beit Hanoun (1,1)—accused of firing one rocket towards the western Negev and arrested on 1 July	2	3
Central Gaza	Al Bureij Camp (1,0)—house of a Farah activist was searched, summons issued for two of his sons, and documents were confiscated	1	0
Rafah	Rafah (1,1), Tel Es Sultan (1,1)	2	2
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

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

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 25 June - 1 July 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. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported. On 26 June, the checkpoint was closed for three hours.
<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 reporting period, 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. On 23 June, the checkpoint was closed for ten hours due to a security alert.
<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. On 23 June, the checkpoint was closed for ten hours due to a security alert.
<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. Delays were reported during the reporting period.
<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 continue to be 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, long delays of up to 35 minutes were experienced by commuters on a daily basis.
<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.
<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 to Ramallah. Delays of up to 50 minutes were reported during the weekends for vehicles exiting Jericho.
<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 Fridays and Saturdays.
<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.
<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 Bank</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Manned by the IDF. Allows 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 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. Delays during the morning and evening rush hours reached up to 30 minutes.
<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 who possess permits to cross into Jerusalem are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint.
<b>Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</b>	Open. New installations are being added by the IDF. Delays of up to 25 minutes were experienced during rush hours for those entering 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>Al Jib</b> <i>A checkpoint and a gate</i>	Manned by Border Police. Allows 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.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khamlet 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.
<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>	This 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 firetrucks 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 towards 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 directly 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>	Located near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Erez was open on six days this week for Internationals and Palestinians obtaining special co-ordination. On 28 June, the crossing was closed.  On <b>30 June and 1 July</b> , Erez was open for internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination arrangements; however, the crossing closed at 1500 hours for pedestrians leaving Gaza.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
<b>Rafah Passenger Crossing</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June 2007 but it has been exceptionally opened on several occasions to allow medical and other cases to cross to Egypt or return to Gaza.  <b>1 July:</b> Rafah crossing was open; approximately 25 patients and 130 other people on a list approved by the Egyptian government crossed from Gaza to Egypt via Rafah crossing.  According to police officers at Rafah crossing, an estimated number of at least five thousand people who need to leave Gaza for medical treatment, schooling, trading and other reasons applied for permits.
<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. It is closed on Fridays and Saturdays. Open between 0730 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0730 to 1300 hours on Fridays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. From 9 January 2007 to 31 May 2008, the checkpoint has been open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and from 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. It is closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Since 1 June 2008, the checkpoint operates on Sundays and Wednesdays only, from 1000 to 1800 hours. Outside of these hours and days, the checkpoint operates sporadically. It is open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the

back-to-back system.

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#### **Ramallah/AI Bireh**

##### **Beituniya**

*Back-to-back checkpoint*

This checkpoint is open for commercial goods (back-to-back system) and operates from 0700 to 1630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. It is closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, and then 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 at this location.

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#### **Hebron**

##### **Tarqumiya**

*West of Hebron on Road 35*

Provides entry 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 on site. During the reporting period, long delays for commercial trucks were reported. Since 6 April, control of the checkpoint has been reverted to a private company.

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#### **Gaza Strip**

##### **Karni**

The conveyor belt operated on one day this week (30 June) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, Karni remained closed for all other imports and all exports.

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##### **Sufa**

Sufa crossing was open on two days this week (29 and 30 June).

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##### **Kerem Shalom**

Kerem Shalom was closed this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. This crossing has been closed since a Palestinian suicide attack targeted an IDF military base at the crossing on 19 April 08.

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##### **Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines**

Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on three days (27, 29 and 30 June). These pipelines are scheduled to be 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.