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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

Intense factional violence across the Gaza Strip erupted following the killing on 13 May of a senior Fatah leader. Heavy armed clashes occurred on Gazan streets between Fatah forces and Hamas and its affiliated Executive Support Force (ESF) and rival factions established checkpoints, searched vehicles and arrested/abducted people. As at 15:00 hours 15 May, 18 Palestinians were killed and more than 80 injured, including a four year-old girl in inter-factional violence, armed family feuds and reckless use of weapons/handling explosives.

Gaza Strip:

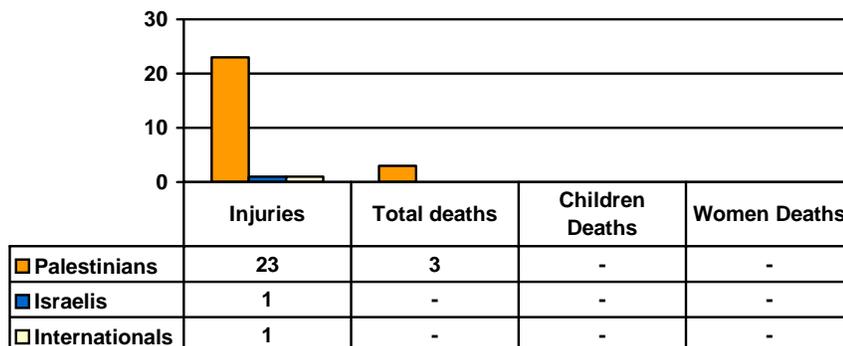
Palestinian/Israeli violence continues:

- One Palestinian man was killed and three Palestinians injured when the IDF opened fire from the border fence on two separate incidents;
- 23 Qassam rockets and 11 mortar shells were fired from Gaza towards southern Israel and the IDF Kissufim military outpost. The Israeli media reported that at least four Israelis were injured in Sderot although exact casualty figures are currently unconfirmed.
- An IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a suspected rocket-launch site northwest of Beit Hanoun. No injuries reported. The IDF detonated a roadside bomb found near the Kissufim outpost and also responded to mortar shells fired towards the base with heavy machine gunfire on three separate occasions;
- The IDF vessels opened fire twice at Palestinian fishing boats west of the Al Waha resort in Beit Lahia and west of Rafah. No injuries were reported although two fishermen were detained;
- The IDF arrested five Palestinians in the north and south of the Gaza Strip, including two Palestinians during a house-to-house search operation near Sufa under heavy air cover.

West Bank:

- Strikes amongst government workers continue in the West Bank (teachers, healthcare practitioners and Bethlehem municipality workers).
- A closure around the City of Jerusalem was imposed by Israeli authorities during their celebrations of 40 years of "reunification of Jerusalem".

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties¹:



¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **9 May:** Two Palestinians farmers, including a 92 year-old man, were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence south of Karni open fire at the direction of farmers working near Johr Ed-Dik.
- **14 May:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained after he was shot injured and arrested by IDF soldiers on 31 January when he approached the border fence in a suspected attempt to cross into Israel. The IDF had transported him to an Israeli hospital for treatment, where he later died.
- **15 May:** A 45 year-old Hamas member was shot and killed and another injured by IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Gaza City as they were approaching the fence.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **10 May:** IDF vessels opened fire sporadically for ten minutes at the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of the Al Waha resort in Beit Lahia. The boats returned to the seashore. No injuries were reported.
- **10 May:** One mortar shell was fired from southeast of Bureij Camp towards the Green Line, but it landed in the Palestinian area. No injuries were reported.
- **10 May:** IDF discovered and detonated a roadside bomb near the IDF Kissufim military east of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported.
- **13 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a suspected rocket-launch site near the agricultural school northwest of Beit Hanoun. No injuries were reported.
- **13 May:** IDF vessels opened fire for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats situated west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to seashore. No injuries or damages were reported.

West Bank:

- **8 May** (previously unreported): At 11:00 am in Isawiya (Jerusalem), Palestinians stoned Israeli policemen during the demolition of a Palestinian house, injuring three policemen.
- **9 May:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy and a 29 year-old Palestinian woman were injured in Camp No. 1 (Nablus) by live ammunition during an IDF search and arrest campaign. The injury to the woman who was in her seventh month of pregnancy caused her to lose her unborn child (the unborn child is not included in the weekly totals).
- **9 May:** An international peace activist (age: late 20's), an Israeli peace activist (age: early 30s) and three Palestinian men (age: 42, 30, 28 years) were injured when IDF soldiers physically assaulted them while trying to remove the cement blocks blocking the main entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron). The Israeli activist was later arrested. The Israeli Defence Minister has reportedly stated that he would open an investigation into the incident.
- **11 May:** A Palestinian family of three (27 year-old husband, 23 year-old wife and their eight month old infant) suffered gas inhalation at Al Badhan checkpoint (Nablus) and were transported to hospital after IDF fired tear gas canisters to disperse people who gathered near the checkpoint.
- **11 May:** Seven Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF and Israeli Border Police during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Further cases of tear gas inhalation were reported (not included in weekly totals). The IDF detained 11 Palestinians during the demonstration.
- **12 May:** A 45 year-old Palestinian woman from Far'ata (Qalqiliya) was physically assaulted by Israeli settlers from Gil'ad outpost while working her land.
- **12 May:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man from the hamlet of Susiya, south of the town of Yatta (Hebron), was injured when two Israeli settlers from the settlement of Suseya beat him while he was shepherding his sheep in his land located near the settlement.
- **13 May:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was injured in the Barqan Israeli Industrial Area (Salfit) by live ammunition when the Israeli security guard opened fire at him. Reportedly the man had tried to take the guard's weapon.
- **14 May:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was injured in 'Askar refugee camp (Nablus) by live ammunition during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **15 May:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Jenin refugee camp (Jenin) by live ammunition during an IDF search and arrest campaign in the camp.

Israel

- **14 May:** A taxi driver from East Jerusalem was killed in Tel Aviv by an Israeli citizen who targeted him because he was an Arab.

2. [Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²](#)

Gaza Strip:

- **9 May:** A PA National Security Force (NSF) officer was shot and injured when he reportedly broke into the Palestinian Communication Company (PCC) building in Gaza City for unknown reasons. Following the incident, his family members residing in Khan Younis set ablaze two PCC vehicles and threw stones at the PCC building.
- **10 May:** A Palestinian bystander was injured during an exchange of gunfire between PA police and gunmen from local family in Gaza City.
- **10 May:** A middle-aged Palestinian man was shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Nuseirat Camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **10 May:** A four year-old Palestinian girl was injured during an internal dispute among local family members in Khan Younis.
- **10 May:** A Fatah-affiliated Jenin Brigades member was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire on a Fatah base located on Salah Ed-Din road in Bureij Camp.
- **11 May:** Two Palestinian bystanders were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire on an Executive Support Force (ESF) military base in Beit Lahia.
- **11 May:** Five Palestinians (two PA security officers, two Hamas members and female bystander) were injured during armed clashes between PA NSF and the Hamas affiliated ESF at Jala' street in Gaza City.
- **11 May:** A Palestinian man (not affiliated with the security forces) accidentally shot and injured himself while handling his pistol in Deir El Balah.
- **11 May:** A Palestinian teenage boy was shot and injured during a celebratory shooting at a wedding party in Khan Younis.
- **13 May:** A 34 year-old Fatah leader was shot and killed by Hamas gunmen in Jabalia Camp. Following the incident, Fatah members shot and injured a Hamas member.
- **13 May:** A 34 year-old Palestinian bystander was shot and killed when the family members of Fatah leader who was killed in Jabalia earlier in the day demonstrated in protest to the killing by shooting heavily into the air.
- **13 May:** A Palestinian teenage boy was shot and injured in a family feud in Nuseirat Camp.
- **13 May:** A Palestinian man (not affiliated with the security forces) accidentally shot and injured himself while he was handling his weapon in Khan Younis.
- **13 May:** A stray bullet injured an ESF member during training at their base.
- **10 May:** Two Palestinian men were injured during an armed family dispute between two local families in Rafah.
- **13 May:** Two Palestinian people were injured during the funeral procession of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades leader in Jabalia amidst heavy ceremonial shooting that took place.
- **13 May:** A Hamas member was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in his direction in Jabalia Camp. Hamas members accused Fatah of being behind the incident.
- **13 May:** Three Palestinians were injured including one in serious condition, in an explosion in Fakhoura area in Jabalia Camp. Local reports indicate that PFLP members were preparing an explosive device.
- **13 May:** Two Palestinians affiliated with Hamas (both aged 25 years) were killed and a third injured during intense armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah in Gaza City.
- **13 May:** A total of 14 Palestinians, including five PA NSF members and an unknown number of bystanders, were injured when armed factional clashes expanded to the Shejayeh neighbourhood of Gaza City. Sporadic clashes continued after both factions established checkpoints and searched passing vehicles and arrested several people.
- **13 May:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was killed during an internal dispute between two local families in Nuseirat Camp. It was also reported that his home was set ablaze.
- **13 May:** Three employees working in Electricity Company were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at a company vehicle on Salah Ed-Din road in Al Maghazi Camp.
- **13 May:** Three PA NSF members were injured when unknown gunmen travelling in a vehicle opened fire at them at the main entrance of Deir El Balah.

² Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. 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.

- **13 May:** A Palestinian teenage boy was injured in Rafah when a tunnel located under the borderline between Egypt and Gaza Strip collapsed.
- **14 May:** Three Hamas members were injured during armed clashes between the ESF and Fatah members on Al Whda Street in Gaza City.
- **14 May:** A PA Palestinian Security member in the Tal El Hawwa area in Gaza City shot a Hamas activist in the leg.
- **14 May:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was killed and another bystander injured during armed clashed between Fatah and Hamas gunmen in Khan Younis.
- **14 May:** Two bodyguards (aged 22 and 24 years) of a Fatah - Al Aqsa Brigades leader bodyguards were killed and 14 others injured when Hamas members targeted the home of the leader with RPGs and heavy shooting.
- **14 May:** A PA Preventive Security member was abducted and shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Beit Lahia. Fatah members accused Hamas of being behind the incident.
- **14 May:** A PA Preventive Security member was shot and injured by Hamas gunmen in Jabalia.
- **14 May:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man was shot killed by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis.
- **15 May:** Two Hamas and Fatah members (aged 24 and 47 years) were killed and 12 others injured when the ESF broke into the PA NSF base east of Shejayeh in Gaza City.
- **15 May:** Seven PA security forces members (aged 25, 27, 28, 30 and 32 years and two with age not reported) were killed when unknown masked gunmen fired a missile at their jeep. The jeep overturned on the Eastern road (Karni netzarim). The gunmen then opened fire on the jeep.
- **15 May:** Four people were injured when an IED detonated in a home owned by a Hamas member in Gaza City. Local reports indicate that he was preparing an explosive device.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **9 May:** A local family gunmen set ablaze the Palestinian Tele-Communications damaging the office.
- **10 May:** Unknown gunmen abducted a PA Colonel while he was travelling in his vehicle in Nuseirat Camp. The motive behind the abduction is unknown.
- **11 May:** An exchange of gunfire erupted between the ESF and the local family members when the ESF requested the family to stop shooting heavily in the air during a wedding celebration. No injuries were reported.
- **12 May:** A roadside bomb was detonated under a jeep owned by a PA police officer in Jabalia Camp. The Jeep was damaged although no injuries were reported.
- **12 May:** Unknown gunmen travelling in a vehicle opened fire at the PA NSF east of Al Maghazi Camp. PA NSF members responded with gunfire although no injuries were reported.
- **13 May:** Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade's members abducted a Hamas member in Bureij Camp. Following the incident, the ESF surrounded the home of Al Aqsa Brigades member and heavy shooting erupted for approximately 15 minutes. No injuries were reported.
- **13 May:** Armed clashes erupted between the ESF and Fatah members in the Khuza'a area in Khan Younis.
- **14 May:** Armed clashes resumed between the ESF and PA NSF in Deir El Balah. It was reported that several RPGs were fired at the PA National Security base although no injuries were reported.
- **15 May:** 15 masked gunmen broke into an UNRWA installation in Gaza City in an attempted to steal the commodities using a skip-lift. One of the guards informed nearby neighbours who pursued the gunmen before they fled the premises. Minor damage was reported.

West Bank:

- **9 May:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man was killed in Nablus city (Nablus) during a family dispute.
- **12 May:** A 26 year-old Palestinian man was killed in Hajja vlliage (Qalqiliya) during a family dispute.
- **12 May:** A 31 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) when a group of masked men opened fire at him.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **10 May to date:** The UNRWA health clinic and the camp service office in Camp No.1 (Nablus) remains closed after Palestinians fired into the air over a dispute between a Palestinian refugee family and the UNRWA camp office on a shelter case.

3. Shelter and Property³

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
9 May 07	Ash Shawawra, Bethlehem	1	-	8 (including 6 children)	-
9 May 07	Al Walaja, Bethlehem	1	-	-	Unknown
Total		2	-	8	Unknown

- **9 May:** The IDF demolished a house it surrounded in the village of Ash Shawawra (Bethlehem) in pursuit of a Palestinian man reportedly on their 'wanted' list (the owner of the house). Eight Palestinians were displaced including six children by the demolition. Twenty sheep also were killed as a result of the demolition as they were in the basement of the home at the time.
- **9 May:** The IDF demolished an animal pen in the town of Al Walaja (Bethlehem) which is surrounded on all sides by the Barrier for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **10 May:** The IDF damaged the doors of five stores in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya). The IDF came to search the premises reportedly for stolen car parts but the stores were closed.

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

- **9 May:** The IDF occupied a house in Deir Istiya village (Salfit) and converted it into an observation post for four hours. The IDF held the family in one room during this period.
- **12 May:** The IDF issued 11 "Stop-Building" orders against houses in Khirbet Salama and Fuqeiqis, in the suburbs of the town of Dura (Hebron) due to being built in Area C without permits.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - 25 April to date: The IDF continues to occupy the roof of an uninhabited four-storey Palestinian building in Huwwara village (Nablus) and converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting⁴

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 January 2007 the IDF have continued to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was earlier requisitioned on 10 July 2005 (Military Order T/106/05).

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

9 May: The IDF issued a requisition order (T/15/04), requisitioning 338 dunums of land from Bardala village, Tubas. The land is located on the eastern side of the Barrier in the closed areas (between the Barrier and the Green Line). The reason stipulated for the requisition was security purposes. This land had previously been fenced by the IDF, although no military order had been issued prior to this one.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues around Avnei Khefets and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence.

³ This section only includes incidents related to shelter and property caused by the Israeli authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration etc) and Israeli settlers. Incidents caused by Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence are not included.

⁴ 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

Qalqiliya Governorate:

9 May: The IDF issued an amendment and continuation of a previous requisition order (T/41/2002), requisitioning 369 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Mas-ha and Sanniriya villages. The previous requisition order was for 480 dunums of land.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages.
 - The Barrier construction and what is called by the IDF the "special security arrangement" around Ateret settlement is complete. A fence now encircles the settlement on land earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belonging to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.
 - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira village is complete between Beit Sira and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed.
 - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud, Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
- Construction of 'fabric of life' roads:
 - Construction continues of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba. The road is parallel to bypass Road 465 (now primarily for Israeli use and to form part of the Barrier around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements) and construction is proceeding very quickly. This road is part of the Israeli plan to create alternative roads for Palestinians or "fabric of life roads".
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan. This road is being constructed by the Israelis on Palestinian land as part of the "fabric of life roads" plan.
 - Construction of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443 is continuing. This road is the third of the so-called "fabric of life roads" that are being constructed by the Israeli authorities to alternate roads closed for Palestinians due to the closure/Barrier in the Jerusalem area.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction continues along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Only one detour between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible due to the continued construction. Even pedestrians have been stopped going through these areas this week and clearly the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank, encompassing it into Jerusalem. The once open area through the wall, is now a 'Gate' sealed off with a large iron structure. This week, the Iron Gate was open some days, while further construction work was carried out on others parts of the wall in Dahiyet al Bareed. Vehicles use the rough road a few metres beyond the gate, when it is closed. Construction of the Barrier in this neighbourhood is progressing at a rapid pace.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.

- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1, or East 1, an area north of Ma'ale Adumim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

9 May: The IDF prevented access through the Tunnels Checkpoint (Bethlehem) between 08:00 and 11:00 hours after their was shooting in the area.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
 - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem city). Additional sections of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
 - Land levelling continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and in the vicinity of Har Gilo and Efrata settlements for the construction of the Barrier.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both sides of the road leading to Beit Jala at the junction with Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khadr village has been accelerated. Land levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60 leading to the western villages.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy School. A one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land levelling is on-going east of the Gush Etzion checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

14 May: The IDF closed down the gate leading to Al Fawwar Camp (Hebron) for more than one hour to Palestinian traffic.

Ongoing incidents:

Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.

- Land levelling, including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.
- A Palestinian internal road (parallel to Road 35) connecting Hebron city and the towns of Idna and Tarqumia remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

Gaza Strip:

9 May: An IDF foot patrol backed by a bulldozer and a tank entered 100 metres into the Palestinian area north of Beit Lahia to conduct a levelling and excavation operation.

11 May: Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 100 metres into the Palestinian area east of Maghazi Camp to conduct a levelling and excavating operation.

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians](#)

a) Curfew

No incidents of curfew were reported.

b) Access to education

13-15 May: The IDF and Israeli Police came on time to escort Palestinian students to and from their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid to their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron). On other days during the reporting period students did not go to school due to the

strike by PA teachers. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

c) Access to employment

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 12 March 2006, Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply directly to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years, married with a child and with no security file. Criteria to apply for a work permit inside Atarot industrial zone is slightly more relaxed; a person should be above 21 years old, married with a child and no security file.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

10 and 11 May: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for several hours on 10 May. Long queues and delays were reported at the checkpoint when it was open. On 11 May the IDF used teargas to control hundreds of Palestinians waiting at both sides of the checkpoint. A family of three were taken to hospital suffering tear gas inhalation.

11 May: The IDF once again closed the main entrance of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village with a road block and built up the earth mounds alongside Road 60 near the village.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 29 April 2007, the IDF closed the southern entrance of Qaryut village with an earth mound. The road connects the village with Road 60 and the water filling point for the village. Palestinians are now forced to take a long detour to reach the filling point.
- Since 28 March 2007, the IDF closed Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

Jenin Governorate:

14 and 15 May: The IDF closed Mevo Dotan checkpoint on Road 585 and prevented Palestinians farmers from Ya'bad from reaching their land. The IDF demanded permits from the farmers to allow them to cross.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August 2006, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials still require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

12 May: The IDF closed 'Anabta checkpoint for several hours in the evening due to construction work near the checkpoint.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

11 May: Israeli settlers from the Gush Etzion area prevented Palestinian land owners from Al Khadr town from accessing their land located to the west of Road 60. The Israeli settlers have previously prevented access on 4 May.

Hebron Governorate:

9 May: Palestinians from Adh Dhahiriya town along with international and Israeli activists temporarily opened the closure at the entrance of the town on Road 60. The opening was re-closed by the IDF later.

Ongoing incidents:

- Despite an Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 requiring the dismantling of the Road Barrier along Road 317, the Road Barrier is still present and no attempts to remove it have been carried out. Rather, the IDF have closed some of the gaps Palestinian herders used to use to reach their lands.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

10 May: The IDF erected a flying checkpoint daily along the Dead Sea road to prevent all Palestinian vehicular and pedestrian movements into the Dead Sea area. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are not allowed into the area except with permits to work inside settlements.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 26 April 2007, access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley improved. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints – Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav – however, a permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.
- Since 9 January 2007, Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- Since 14 September 2006, the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian traders throughout the week (see appendix for daily log of movement). The crossing remains closed since 12 March 2006 for Palestinian workers.
- Rafah crossing was open two out of seven days this week (see appendix for daily log of movement).
- Karni was open on five out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays and on 15 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).
- Sufa crossing was open on four out of five scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Friday and Saturdays and on 15 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).
- Kerem Shalom was open one day this week (13 May).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays and on 15 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a 'no-go' zone. Officially, entry into the area for the 250 residents and

international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF, however this is not enforced.

Reported IDF flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Salim (1), Huwwara (2)	3
Jenin	Az Zababida (3), 'Arraba (7), Bir al Basha (1), As Suweitat (1), Zabda (1), Sir (1), Fahma (4), Kafr Ra'l (1), Sanur (7), Al Yamun (1), Kafr Dan (1), Al Jalama (1), Zbuba (1), Qabatiya (2), Al Kufeir (7)	39
Tubas	Tammun (1)	1
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (1), Shuweika (1), 'Attil (1), Far'un (1), 'Illar (1), Ramin (1), Beit Lid (1)	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), Jayyus (1), Kafr Thulth (2), Ras 'Atiya (2), Izbat at Tabib (3), An Nabi Elyas (1), Wadi Qana (1)	31
Salfit	Yasuf (3), Burqin (1), Haris (1), Deir Istiya (1)	6
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (2)	2
Jericho	Dead Sea Road (7)	7
Jerusalem	Za'ayyem (6), Sheikh Jarrah – St John (6), Sheikh Jarrah (4)	16
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refugee camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (4), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Ad Doha	17
Hebron	Yatta (3), Dura (4), Hebron city – H1 (5), Halhul, Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif, Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (3)	23
Total West Bank		152

6. [Search/Arrests/Detentions](#)⁵

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Camp No.1 (1), 'Askar RC (5), Balata RC (4), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (1), Deir Al Hatab (1), Deir Al Hatab (1), Nablus City (7) Huwwara CP, Al Badhan CP, Zaatara CP	20	11
Jenin	Kafr Dan (3), Al Jalama (1), Al Yamun (3), Jenin RC (3), Kafr Ra'l (2), Jenin City (4), Qabatiya (3), Zbuba (1), Flying CP Al Kufeir, Flying CP Kafr Rai', Flying CP Al Jalama, Flying CP As Suweitat.	20	14
Tubas	Flying CP Tammun	0	2
Tulkarm	Dhinnaba, (1) Irtah (1), 'Attil (1), Shuweika (1), Nur Shams camp (2), Tulkarm RC (4), Tulkarm city (4)	14	4
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (7), Habla (1), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), 'Azzun (3)	15	7
Salfit	Bidya (1), Haris (1), Yasuf (2)	4	0
Ramallah	Ramallah (2), Bil'in	2	23
Jericho	Allenby bridge	0	1
Jerusalem	Bet Duqqu (1), Isawiya, Neve Ya'akov	1	11
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refugee camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (2), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	15	7
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (4), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (3)	26	8
Total Week West Bank		117	88
Gaza Strip			
	Near Sufa (1), Beit Lahia, off the coastline ⁶	1	7

⁵ This section only includes search, arrests and detentions conducted by the Israeli authorities. Arrests, detentions etc by Palestinian authorities or during internal Palestinian violence are not included.

⁶ On 10 May an IDF undercover unit moved from the border fence and entered 300 metres into the Palestinian area north of Beit Lahia. The IDF arrested three Palestinians before withdrawing across the Green Line. On 10 May two IDF military jeeps moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing and entered 300 metres into the Palestinian area south of the crossing. IDF soldiers conducted a house-to-house search operation under cover of

Total Gaza Strip	-	-
Total oPt	117	88

heavy helicopter gunfire before arresting two Palestinians. On 14 May an IDF coast guard vessels pursued and opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats west of Beit Lahia. The IDF arrested two fishermen who were later released

Appendix: Checkpoints: 9 – 15 May 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Closed for several hours on 12 May due to construction work.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks. Closed on 5 May for two hours.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm 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 pass the checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron (Open) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians and since 28 March 2007 closed for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations after previously opening earlier in the month for these types of vehicles.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Agraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Agraba village with Road 505.
Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed on 10 May for several hours. Delays and long

queues were reported on 10 and 11 May.

Jenin:

Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 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.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians. Closed on 14 and 15 May.

Tubas:

Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the checkpoint is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back to back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Officially open between 5am-10pm. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. However, long delays were reported on a daily basis as the IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint continue to implement the closure of the Jordan Valley on many occasions.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 3am-10pm. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. However, long delays were reported on a daily basis as the IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint continue to implement the closure of the Jordan Valley on many occasions.

Ramallah/AI Bireh:

Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays during the morning and evening rush hours reported in the pedestrian lane.
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Some delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	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 Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

Jerusalem:

Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. Delays were reported during morning rush hour. Problems of access were reported by Americans carrying passports with valid entry visas.
Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits an use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.

Jericho:

DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. (Except for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira village, Bethlehem and Hebron are also allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint starting from 10 February 2007. All
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	vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Some delays were reported by people travelling to Al 'Auja.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. Some of the workers arrive at 2 am and came overnight to be able to cross into Jerusalem in a timely fashion.
An Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, 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. On 5 May members of the villages of An Nu'man and Al Khas staged a symbolic demonstration in which they met at the checkpoint separating them.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local ID with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11 am and 4 pm. On 23 February the IDF began operating the checkpoint. On 9 May the IDF prevented access through the checkpoint between 08:00 and 11:00 hours.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.

Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police and open 24 hours. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. Terminal set up is almost complete as a new monitoring tower was installed and the ring road was completed.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. During the reporting period the IDF manned the checkpoint. All Palestinians with a Ramadeen address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir Located at the function of the two towns on Road 60 (also called 'Nabi Younis' checkpoint)	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was partially open for Palestinians merchants, senior traders (over the age of 35 years), internationals, humanitarian cases and Palestinians working for UN organisations this week. The following log of movement was recorded during the week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 May: 403 merchants and 31 senior traders crossed - 10 May: 388 merchants and 26 senior traders crossed - 11 May: 235 merchants and 13 senior traders crossed

- 12 May: 47 merchants and 3 senior traders crossed
- 13 May: 393 merchants and 27 senior traders crossed
- 14 May: 399 merchants and 31 senior traders crossed

The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.

Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah was open two out of seven days this week. The following log of movement was recorded on the three days Rafah was open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 May: Open from 9:00 - 17:30 in both directions (arrivals: 1,258, departures: 1,200) - 14 May: Open from 9:00 - 17:00 in both directions (arrivals: 1,358 and departures: 1,089)
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Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Qusin Checkpoint (closed)	Open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus. Since 10 March 2007 to date closed and commercial trucks diverted to Beit Iba checkpoint.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back-to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	Karni was open on five out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays and on 15 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on four out of five scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Friday and Saturdays and on 15 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open one day this week for the import of humanitarian supplies (13 May).
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays and on 15 May the crossing was closed at the request of the PA due to the internal violence).

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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 Organization (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.