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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 25 April – 1 May 2007

### Of note this week

#### **Gaza Strip:**

- Four Palestinians, including a 17 year-old boy, were killed by the IDF during incidents along the border fence in the Gaza Strip. A fifth Palestinian died of wounds sustained during a previous IDF incursion.
- During the week, a total of 22 homemade (Qassams) rockets were fired towards southern Israel (compared to 30 rockets the previous week), at least three of which landed in Palestinian areas. No injuries were recorded.
- The IDF entered the Gaza Strip on three separate occasions; twice to conduct a levelling and excavation operation near the border fence and on a third time to conduct a house-to-house and tunnel search operation under the cover of heavy helicopter fire near Sufa crossing.
- In three separate incidents, IDF vessels opened fire in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah and Al Nuseirat Camp. No injuries were reported.
- The BBC's Gaza correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for more than seven weeks after apparently being abducted on 12 March. His whereabouts remain unknown and there are serious concerns for his welfare and safety.

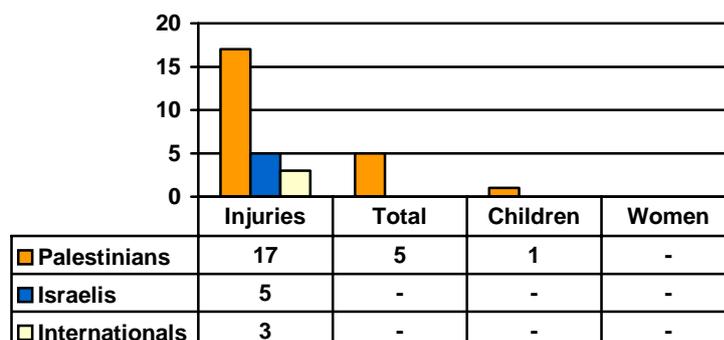
#### **West Bank:**

- Five Palestinians, one Israeli and two internationals were injured by Israeli settlers this week in the West Bank. Israeli settlers also attempted to again return to the evacuated settlement of Khomesh in the northern West Bank and clashed with nearby Palestinians before being evacuated by the IDF two days later.
- Access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley improved dramatically. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints. However, a permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation.
- For the second week Palestinians from the northern West Bank received renewed requisition orders for plots of lands that were requisitioned during the building of the Barrier in 2002 and 2003. The renewed orders are for three years from the date of the expiry of the original order and until 31 December 2008.

#### **Ongoing and escalating PA strikes:**

- Industrial action is escalating in the West Bank (amongst teachers, healthcare practitioners and other PA workers) and spilled over into the Gaza Strip where PA school teachers have remained on strike since 30 April to protest the non-payment of their salaries.

#### **Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties<sup>1</sup>:**



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

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **25 April:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border line east of Jabalia opened fire in the direction of a group of people situated nearby.
- **27 April:** A 17 year-old member of the DFLP was killed when IDF tanks at the border fence east of Khan Younis fired several shells and heavy machineguns at DFLP members who had approached the fence to plant a roadside bomb.
- **27 April:** A 35 year-old man, head of Al Mojahedein Brigades, died of wounds sustained during an IDF incursion into Al Zaitoun Quarter of Gaza City on 16 October 2006.
- **28 April:** Three Hamas members, aged 21, 22 and 27 years, were killed and another seriously injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Gaza City opened fire in their direction when they approached the border fence.

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **25 April:** IDF stationed at the border fence east of Al Maghazi Camp opened fire in the direction of several Palestinian homes for 30 minutes. No injuries were reported.
- **28 April:** IDF vessels fired machineguns sporadically for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats situated west of Rafah. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **29 April:** IDF vessels fired machineguns for 15 minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats situated west of Rafah before the fishing boats returned to seashore. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **29 April:** PA National Security Forces discovered and detonated a roadside bomb found between Rafah terminal and Kerem Shalom crossing.
- **30 April:** IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing and entered 200 metre into the Palestinian area south of the crossing. IDF soldiers conducted a tunnel-search operation before withdrawing.
- **1 May:** An IDF vessel fired machineguns for 20 minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats situated west of Nuseirat Camp. No injuries or damage were reported.

### West Bank:

- **24 April:** At 5:10 pm in A Tur (Jerusalem) Palestinians stoned an Israeli bus, injuring one Israeli.
- **25 April:** Two IDF soldiers were injured in Nablus city (Nablus) when Palestinians detonated an explosive device near their vehicle during a search and arrest campaign in the city.
- **26 April:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy was physically assaulted and injured near Kfar Tappuah settlement (Salfit) by Israeli settlers while he was grazing his sheep.
- **26 April:** At 5:10 pm in Al Eizariyya (Jerusalem) Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle travelling near Ma'ale Adumim, injuring one Israeli.
- **27 April:** Seven Palestinians and one international activist were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF and Border Police during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Many cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported among the residents of the houses close to the Barrier (*not included in weekly totals*).
- **27 April:** Three Palestinian men (aged 35(2) and 56 years), a 45 year-old Israeli Rabbi, a 30 year-old international woman and a 28 year-old international man were injured when a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Pene Hever, located near the Palestinian town of Bani Na'im (Hebron), beat them as they were accompanying Palestinian shepherds to graze in their lands located in the vicinity of the settlement.
- **27 April:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when he was beaten by the security guard of Givat Havot settlement. He was shepherding with his father and brother at the time. He was later arrested along with his father as the security guard alleged that they threw stones at him and that he was forced to open fire into the air in self-defence. The father and son continue to be detained at the Gush Etzion Interrogation Centre (Bethlehem).
- **29 April:** Three Palestinian boys, aged 10, 12 and 13 years, were injured in 'Askar camp (Nablus) by rubber-coated metal bullets during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **28 April:** Israeli settlers stoned Palestinian vehicles near the evacuated settlement of Khomesh and clashed with Palestinians near Burqa village (Nablus). No injuries were reported.
- **29 April:** Palestinians held a large demonstration in Nablus city and marched towards Huwwara checkpoint in protest against the checkpoints set up around Nablus.
- **29 April:** Palestinians held a demonstration in 'Azzun 'Atma (Qalqiliya) in protest against confiscation of their land.

**2.** Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>**Gaza Strip:**

- **25 April:** A 25 year-old Hamas member died when an explosive device he was preparing went off in Al Zaitoun quarter of Gaza City.
- **25 April:** Two Palestinian children were injured by shrapnel while attempting to dismantle an unexploded ordnance (UXO) (an anti-tank shell) in Jabalia Camp.
- **25 April:** A 30 year-old Palestinian woman was killed and four others injured during armed family dispute in Al -Bureij Camp.
- **26 April:** A Palestinian man was abducted and shot and injured by unknown gunmen in front of the UNRWA Beach Camp Distribution Centre in Gaza City. The motive is linked to a family dispute.
- **26 April:** A Palestinian man was abducted and shot and injured by members of the Hamas-dominated ESF in Beit Hanoun. The motive behind the incident is related to alleged "immoral behaviour".
- **27 April:** A 28 year-old PRC member was killed while he was handling an explosive device in his home in Beit Hanoun.
- **27 April:** A cellular phone shop owner was injured when four masked gunmen broke into the shop in Al Bureij Camp and shot the owner in the leg. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **27 April:** Three people were injured in an armed dispute between two local families in Nuseirat Camp.
- **27 April:** A 29 year-old PA National Security member was killed and four others injured during an exchange of gunfire between the Presidential Guard and local family members near the main gate of Rafah terminal. Local reports indicate that members of family opened fire in order to force their exit from the Gaza Strip.
- **29 April:** A 50 year-old Palestinian was killed and another 49 year-old man injured during an armed dispute amongst members of the same family that lasted for 30 minutes in Gaza City.
- **29 April:** A Palestinian man was shot injured when four masked gunmen broke into his home in Deir El Balah. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **29 April:** Two Palestinians were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at their private vehicle in which they were travelling near the former Gani Tal settlement. Both occupants were shot in the legs. The motive is unknown.
- **30 April:** Six people were injured including two ESF members in an internal armed dispute between two local families in Khan Younis. The ESF intervened and brought the situation under control.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **28 April:** An explosive device was detonated in front of a recreational facility frequented by traffic police at Sudanieh. The motive behind the incident is unknown

**West Bank:**

- **25 April:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 4 and 7 years, were injured by a UXO in Jab'a village (Jenin).
- **26 April:** One Palestinian policeman was shot and killed by a Palestinian from Al Bireh city when the Police tried to stop and confiscate his stolen vehicle during a PA campaign to confiscate all stolen vehicles in Ramallah/ Al Bireh governorate.
- **29 April:** Two Palestinian men, aged 23 and 26 years, were injured in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) when masked men opened fire at them.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

- **29 April:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) when masked men opened fire at him.
- **29 April:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was kidnapped and physically assaulted in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) by masked men.
- **30 April:** One Palestinian security officer was injured in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) during clashes with armed Palestinians.
- **30 April:** A group of unknown Palestinians opened fire towards the house of the head of the Preventative Security in Hebron Governorate. Property was damaged although no injuries were reported.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **29 April:** Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades closed down the branch of Prisoners Club and the office of the Ministry of Prisoner Affairs in Hebron City (Hebron) in protest against the inability of the Government to pay pensions to the prisoners and their families.

### 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
25 Apr 07	Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem	1	-	NA	NA
25 Apr 07	A Tur, Jerusalem	1	-	Unknown	NA
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>0</b>

- **25 April:** Between 8 and 9:30 am, Israeli Border Guards demolished a Palestinian house under construction in Sheikh Jarrah (Jerusalem), close the British Consulate, for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **25 April:** At 10:00 am Israeli security forces demolished a Palestinian house in A Tur neighbourhood (Jerusalem) for reportedly being built without a permit. No more details of the resulting displacement is currently available.

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF have occupied the roof of a four-storey Palestinian building in Huwwara village (Nablus) and converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60.
- **29 April:** The IDF damaged a wall in the vicinity of the Ministry of Endowment and Religious Affairs near Rachel's Tomb (Bethlehem) while working on the road.
- **30 April:** The IDF handed seven 'stop building' orders in Kafr ad Dik (Salfit). The orders are for three inhabited houses, three houses under construction and one for an animal pen. All structures were built in Area C, reportedly without building permits.

### 4. Natural Resources

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

##### 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:

**26 April:** The IDF handed out an amendment and prolongation of the requisition order T/26/2003 confiscating 60.4 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Faqqu'a and Jalbun villages.

##### Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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

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**Tulkarm Governorate:**

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## Ongoing incidents:

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

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**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

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## Ongoing incidents:

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

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**Salfit Governorate:**

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No incidents to report.

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**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

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## 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.

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**Jerusalem Governorate:**

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## 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 most days. 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 Adummim 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 Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

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#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

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.

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#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**30 April – 1 May:** The IDF destroyed and damaged crops and harvest in the Palestinian hamlet of Jinba, south of the town of Yatta (Hebron). Ten armoured personnel carriers entered the Palestinian fields and destroyed grain ready for harvest. Eye witnesses were not able to confirm the surface area damaged.

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.

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#### **Gaza Strip:**

**25 April:** Four IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from the border fence and entered 150 metres into the Palestinian area west of Rafah to conduct a levelling and excavation operation.

**27 April:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 300 metres into the Palestinian area east of Al Maghazi Camp to conduct a levelling and excavating operation.

## **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

### **a) Curfew**

No incidents of curfew to report.

### **b) Access to education**

**26-29 April:** On these days 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 educational strike or on 1 May due to a public holiday to mark International Labour Day. 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.
- Since 16 February 2007 to date: The PA health sector in the West Bank remains on strike and governmental hospitals and MoH clinics are closed largely except for emergency cases in hospitals. The health clinics are reportedly open once every two weeks for vaccination and to distribute medicine for chronic diseases.

### **d) Closures/movement restrictions**

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**25 April to date:** Long queues and delays at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints around Nablus city were reported.

**29 April:** The IDF closed the southern entrance of Qaryut village (Nablus) with an earth mound. The road connects the village with Road 60 and Palestinians are forced to use a long detour to reach Road 60.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 28 March 2007, the IDF closed Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

#### **Jenin Governorate:**

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:**

**25 April:** The IDF closed 'Anabta checkpoint for two hours and prevented Palestinian access in and out of Tulkarm due to construction near the checkpoint.

**1 May:** The IDF closed 'Anabta checkpoint from 11am and prevented Palestinian access in and out of Tulkarm due to construction 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:**

**23 April:** IDF bulldozers closed the main entrance to the hamlet of Al Qawawies, south of Yatta (Hebron) as well the gap in the Road barrier opposite to the community.

**Hebron Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

**26 April:** Access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley improved dramatically. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints – Tayasor, 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.

**28 April:** At around 8pm, the IDF carried out a search and arrest campaign in Al 'Auja village north of Jericho. The IDF blocked all entrances to the village with flying checkpoints and directed all traffic movement towards an alternative road close to the border. Seven Palestinians were arrested before the closure was lifted the following morning.

**1 May:** During the morning, the IDF imposed closure on all shops located on Road 90 in Al 'Auja following a stoning incident of a military vehicle passing through the village. The shops reopened the following morning.

**During the reporting period:** A flying checkpoint deployed 20 metres after the Jericho towards the Jordan Valley junction on the road going south was in operation. No Palestinians with West Bank IDs were allowed to pass unless in possession of Israeli permit to enter Israel. No Palestinian plated vehicles are allowed on the road.

**During the reporting period:** Long delays of up to two hours were experienced at Tayasir checkpoint. The unit of IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint frequently were not operating the checkpoint during the day.

Ongoing incidents:

- 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 three out of seven days this week (see appendix for daily log of movement).
- Karni was open on all six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays). Between 29 April and 1 May the crossing was closed to container traffic due to construction on the Israeli side of the crossing.

- Sufa crossing was closed on two out of five scheduled operating days (closed on 25 and 26 April due to Israeli security concerns).
- Kerem Shalom was open one day this week (1 May).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open all six scheduled operating days (the pipelines are scheduled to close on Saturdays).
- 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 flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (7), Huwwara (2), Salim (2), Talluza (1), Beita (1)	13
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (4), Sanur (7), Al Kufeir (7), Al Mansura (1), Jaba' (1), Qabatiya (5), Sir (1), Ash Shuhada (1), 'Arab as Suweitat (1), Ta'innik (1)	36
Tubas	Al Fara'a village (1) Tubas (1)	2
Tulkarm	'Anabta (1), Ramin (1), Balá (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Kafr Sur (2), Al Jarushiya (1), Iktaba (1), Dhinnaba (1), 'Attil (1)	10
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (1), Jayyus (2), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras 'Atiya (2), Izbat at Tabib (2), Kafr Laqif (2)	24
Salfit	Farkha (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road 60 (3)	3
Jericho	Al 'Auja (6)	6
Jerusalem	Za'ayyem (7)	7
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	14
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1(1), Halhul (1), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (1), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Bani Na'eem, Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (1)	14
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>131</b>

## 6. [Search/Arrests/Detentions](#)

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (7), Balata camp (2), Askar camp (3), Camp No.1 (1), Salim (2), Burqa (1), Huwwara village (1), Qaryut (1), 'Aqraba (1), Huwwara CP Zaatara CP, flying CP near Beita.	19	23
Jenin	Jenin city (2), Jenin camp (3), Qabatiya (2), Silat al Harithiya (1), Ya'bad (1), 'Zbuba (1) Qabatiya flying CP	10	1
Tubas	Tubas (1), 'Aqqaba (1), Tammun (2)	4	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Tulkarm camp (1), Seida (1), Qaffin (1), Kafriat Tunnel CP	4	7
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (2), Jayyus (1), Beit Amin ( 1), Kafr Qaddum (1)	12	5
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (1), Yasuf (1)	2	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2), Surda (1)	3	9
Jericho	Al 'Auja (1)	1	7
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (1), Al Eizariyya (1)	2	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala(1)	17	5
Hebron	Hebron City (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (1), As Samu(1), Bani Na'eem(1), Halhul (2)	18	29
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
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<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>88</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 25 April – 1 May 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
<b>'Anabta</b>	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> 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. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>Al Tur</b> 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.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Open)</b> 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.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Delays and long queues reported this week. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas

and Jenin.	
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> 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 Israeli 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.
<b>Tayasir</b> 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.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-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.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin. 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.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	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.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open. Some delays reported.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> 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).
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> 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.
<b>Jaba'</b> At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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'ayem, As Sawahira village, Bethlehem and Hebron are also allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint starting from 10 February 2007. All 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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. Long delays up to 40 minutes were reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> 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.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> 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.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> 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. Security at the checkpoint is jointly manned by private security firm and the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> 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. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> 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.

<b>Meitar</b> 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.
<b>Shani</b> 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.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> 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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> 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.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir</b> Located at the junction 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.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	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"> <li>- <b>25 April:</b> 395 merchants and 25 senior traders crossed</li> <li>- <b>26 April:</b> 411 merchants and 31 senior traders crossed</li> <li>- <b>27 April:</b> 287 merchants and 18 senior traders crossed</li> </ul>

- **28 April:** 58 merchants and 3 senior traders crossed
- **29 April:** 411 merchants and 33 senior traders crossed
- **30 April:** 407 merchants and 29 senior traders crossed
- **1 May:** 417 merchants and 30 senior traders crossed

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

<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah was open three 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"> <li>- <b>26 April:</b> Open 9:30 -16:30 (arrivals: 1,040, departures: 736)</li> <li>- <b>27 April:</b> Open 9:30 -17:00 (arrivals: 1,220 departures: 650)</li> <li>- <b>29 April:</b> Open 9:00 - 17:00 (arrivals: 999, departures 755)</li> </ul>
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#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
<b>Qusin Checkpoint (closed)</b>	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.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	Karni was open on all six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays). Between 29 April and 1 May the crossing was closed to container traffic due to construction on the Israeli side of the crossing.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was closed on two out of five scheduled operating days (closed on 25 and 26 April due to Israeli security concerns).
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open one day this week (1 May).
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open all six scheduled operating days (the pipelines are scheduled to close on Saturdays).

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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.