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# Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes 27 April – 3 May 2005

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Of note this week:

- Israeli settlers attacked a group of Palestinians in the old city of Hebron. At least two Palestinians were hospitalised (section 1).
- Settlers from Karnei Shomron settlement uprooted 300 olive trees that belonged to Palestinian farmers from Jinsafut village, Qalqiliya (section 3).
- The Gaza Strip: Since 25 April, no Palestinian workers were permitted into Israel or the Erez Industrial Zone (section 5).
- During the week in the Gaza Strip, more than 28 homemade rockets and mortar shells were fired by Palestinians in the direction of the Israeli settlements and Israeli towns (section 6).

# 1. <u>Physical Protection</u>

# Deaths and Injuries<sup>1</sup>

Palestinians:	Deaths: 1
	Injured: 38 (approximate)
Israelis:	Deaths: 1
	Injured: 4
Internationals:	Deaths: 0
	Injured: 1

# Selected incidents:

- **27 April:** A Palestinian woman was injured as a result of IDF shots fired in the direction of the Rafah neighborhood of Al Shaborah, the Gaza Strip.
- **28 April**: Five Palestinians and one international activist were reported injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters fired by the IDF during a demonstration against the Barrier construction in Bil'in, west of Ramallah. On 1 May, a similar demonstration took place in Bil'in and at least 11 Palestinians were injured from tear gas inhalation.
- **28 April**: Israeli settlers attacked a group of Palestinians in the old city of Hebron. At least two Palestinians were hospitalised as a result of the attacks.
- **28 April:** In Qassis, west of Al Khadr town in Bethlehem Governorate, a group of Israeli settlers from the Efrat settlement attacked Palestinian farmers.
- **29 April**: A group of settlers from Enav settlement, Tulkarm, threw stones at Palestinian vehicles passing on Road 557. No injures were reported.
- **29 April:** A group of settlers from Berakhya settlement threw stones at Palestinian cars near Burin village, Nablus. Seven cars were damaged. The IDF clashed with the settlers and one IDF officer was injured. Eight settlers were detained.
- **1 May**: A Palestinian man suffered serious injuries from IDF gunfire from an outpost located at the border fence near Rafah, the Gaza Strip.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, UNRWA, WHO, IDF website, Israeli MFA, offices of governors.

# 2. Shelter and Property

<sup>1</sup> Sources used to calculate these figures include IDF soldiers and Palestinian militants.

# People displaced/House demolitions/Demolition orders

Total houses/structures demolished: 5

Total residents affected: Not available

Total partially-built houses/structures demolished: 0

# West Bank:

- 28 April: The IDF occupied a house in Burqa village, Nablus, and used it as an observation point.
- **28 April:** Two eviction orders were issued to three Palestinian families (20 people) living in tents and caves in Saadet Tha'lah hamlet southeast of Yatta town in Hebron Governorate.
- **28 April:** The IDF occupied a house in Fawwar refugee camp (south Hebron) and detained the residents (six people) in one room. In addition, during the week the IDF occupied four houses in the Old City of Hebron for three days and used them as observation posts.
- **1 May:** The IDF entered Khirbet 'Atuf, west of Tubas, and ordered shepherds residing there to evacuate their dwellings within 24 hours. On 3 May, the IDF demolished three of these dwellings.
- **2 May:** The Israeli Jerusalem Municipality demolished one house in Jabal al Mokabber and one house in Sur Bahir for lack of building permits.

# The Gaza Strip:

• No incidents to report

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

# 3. <u>Natural Resources</u> Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>2</sup>

# Nablus/Jenin/Tubas Governorates:

• **1 May:** The IDF began bulldozing an unknown amount of land belonging to Palestinians from 'Azmut village, Nablus.

# Qalqiliya/Tulkarm Governorates:

• **27 April**: Settlers from the Karnei Shomron settlement uprooted 300 olive trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from Jinsafut village, Qalqiliya.

# Salfit Governorates:

• No incidents to report

# Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

• No incidents to report

# Hebron Governorate:

• **30 April**: Ten olive trees were uprooted by a group of settlers from Susya in the Hebron Governorate.

# Bethlehem Governorate:

 The concrete wall along Caritas Road in Bethlehem was completed with the installation of a large observation tower.

# Jerusalem Governorate:

# North West Jerusalem

• The IDF continued levelling land between Har Adar Settlement and Beit Surik. Levelling also continued in the area between Qatanna and Kharayib Umm al Lahim villages and between Beit Ijza and Biddu villages.

# North Jerusalem

- Construction of the Barrier continued along Road 60 between Qalandiya and Ar-Ram checkpoints. Land levelling to construct a new checkpoint/terminal located south of the current checkpoint continued.
- Construction and land levelling continued east of Qalandiya checkpoint for construction of DCL offices, a parking lot and a road.
- Land levelling and construction of the Barrier continued alongside the road between Jaba', Hizma and Anata.

# East Jerusalem

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

• Land levelling is ongoing near the Coptic housing project and in Wadi Ayyad near Neve Yaakov settlement, as well as on the northern side of Shufat Refugee camp and 'Anata town.

## South/Southeast Jerusalem

Barrier construction is nearly finished from Al 'Eizariyya to Sur Bahir where construction is
ongoing on the eastern and the southern sides of the village.

## Jericho Governorate:

• No incidents to report

## The Gaza Strip:

• No incidents to report

Sources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Council

# 4. Facilitation of Humanitarian Assistance

# Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances and medical teams

West Bank: Denial of access: 1 Delay (more than 30 minutes): 0 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

The Gaza Strip: Denial of access: 1 Delay (more than 30 minutes): 1 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

 1 May: A PRCS ambulance was delayed one hour and 10 minutes at AI Tuffah checkpoint in Khan Younis while transporting a female patient with severe hypertension from AI Mawassi to Naser hospital.

Sources: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

# 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

# A. Curfews

- 27 April: Sarra village, Nablus, for 10 hours.
- 29 April: Silat adh Dhahr village, Jenin, for six hours.
- **2 May:** 'Ein el Beida village, Tubas, for five hours.
- **2 May**: Seida and 'Illar villages, Tulkarm, from 3am to 11am during a search campaign that was followed by an exchange of fire between the IDF and two Palestinians.
- **3 May**: Jaba' village, Jenin, for 12 hours.

Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL

# B. Access to Education

# West Bank:

• No incidents to report

# The Gaza Strip:

- The majority of As Seafa pupils decided to leave the closed area and stay outside for the school's examination period. During the reporting period, the remaining 11 pupils living in As-Seafa were not able to reach their schools on time. They were delayed leaving through the As Seafa gate until late morning. Upon return, the pupils were delayed for four hours before being permitted to re-enter through the gate at 3.30pm.
- 27 April: Schooling was disrupted because Abu Holi checkpoint was closed.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

# C. Access to Employment

# West Bank:

**Permits issued for the month of April:** The general closure on the West Bank due to the Israeli Passover holiday was effective until 2 May. No Palestinian workers were allowed access to Israel until that date. The closure for the northern part of the West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) remains in effect.

Governorate	Work Permits	Trade Permits	Check Point Permits	Humanitarian permits
Nablus	1,021	531		
Jenin	348	0		
Tubas	131	150		
Tulkarm	1,348	550		
Qalqiliya	384	590		
Salfit	596	190		
Ramallah and Al Bireh	N/A	N/A		
Bethlehem	1,370	1,569		
Hebron	3,000	678		
Jericho	700	95 approved 120 submitted	131 approved 184 submitted	134 approved 164 submitted

## The Gaza Strip:

• Since 25 April, no Palestinian workers have been permitted into Israel or the Erez Industrial Zone.

Sources: UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

# D. Closures/Movement Restrictions:

As noted above, the general closure imposed on the West Bank on 22 April due to the Israeli Passover holiday was lifted on 2 May. The closure remains however in effect in the northern areas of the West Bank (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya).

#### Jenin Governorate:

• 27 April: The IDF established checkpoints at the entrances of Sanur village for three hours.

## Nablus Governorate:

• The IDF closed Za'tara (Tapu'akh) checkpoint throughout the week to Palestinian residents of the northern West Bank who were attempting to travel south.

#### **Tubas Governorate:**

- 2 May: Major delays occurred at Tayasir checkpoint.
- 2 May: The IDF established a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Tammun village.

#### Qalqiliya Governorate:

• Flying checkpoints were reported throughout the week at the entrances of Qalqiliya city (DCO), 'Azzun Jayyus, Immatin, 'Izbat at Tabib, 'Izbat Jal'ud villages and at Jit junction.

# Salfit Governorate:

• Throughout the week, delays were reported at Yasuf checkpoint.

# Tulkarm Governorate:

- Flying checkpoints were reported throughout the week at the entrances of Tulkarm City, Bal'a, 'Illar 'Attil, Kafa, Seida, Ar ras, Deir al Ghusun, Al Jarushiya, 'Anabta villages and at the junctions of Far'un, Beit Lid villages and Enav settelment.
- 30 April to 3 May: The IDF closed Kafriat checkpoint preventing movement in and out of Tulkarm City.

#### Hebron Governorate:

• As a result of the security measures imposed by the IDF during the Jewish Passover holiday, movement for Palestinians inside the old city of Hebron was difficult. In some instances, Palestinians were forced by the IDF to stay in their homes.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

 The construction of a new bypass road connecting Tko'a settlement in Bethlehem Governorate with Jerusalem has now reached AI Fureidis village. According to the Palestinian DCL, the road will affect some 1,000 villagers (including 350 pupils) who may not be able to cross it to reach basic services.

#### Ramallah/Al Bireh Governorates:

30 April to 2 May: The IDF closed the two entrances to Al Mughayyir, northeast Ramallah District, with earth mounds. There was no vehicular access into the village for two days. The Palestinian DCL contacted the Israeli DCL and the IDF removed the earth mounds on 2 May.

## Jerusalem Governorate:

2 May: Palestinians living in the neighbourhoods of Silwan and Ath Thori returning from the direction of the Old City were denied access home on roads near the Old City, and had to use alternative routes.

### Jericho Governorate:

Palestinian West Bank non-Jericho District residents are still not allowed access to and from Road 90 at the Yitav checkpoint.

# The Enclosed Areas in the Gaza Strip:

As-Seafa:

- Since 13 February, 2005, the IDF has permitted Palestinians aged 30 and older residing in As-Seafa to pass in and out with out any prior coordination; males and females aged between 16 and 30 are still required to have 48 hours prior coordination. The gate is open two times daily (irregularly) at 7.30am and 2pm. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been problematic. The IDF requires prior coordination in order to bring goods into the area.
- During the last week, two to three persons each day were prevented from entering the area • despite having proper documentation.
- 2 May: The IDF prevented people from bringing any goods into the area. •
- It is still problematic to transfer cooking gas canisters in and out of the area; Palestinians are only allowed to carry them by hand.

## AI Mawassi:

- IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at AI Tuffah checkpoint generally open twice daily for limited numbers of AI Mawassi ID holders - from approximately 8am to 1pm, and 2.30pm to 5pm. Since 10 May 2004, males aged below 30 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders have been required to have prior coordination to pass though AI Tuffah checkpoint. Since 6 June 2004, prior coordination has been required for unmarried females with Al Mawassi IDs who are aged 18 to 25. Vehicles are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.
- Tel Es-Sultan checkpoint remained closed.
- 26 April: The IDF permitted 60 Palestinians to enter and 80 to leave.
- 27 April: Al Tuffah checkpoint was closed.

Al Maa'ni:

- Since 20 July 2002, the IDF has prevented all vehicular movement in and out of this Palestinian area adjacent to the the Kfar Darom settlement. The IDF has also erected a fence around the area. The area remains a closed military zone, following a suicide attack on 27 February 2004.
- Movement is restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate generally open four times daily for AI Maa'ni ID holders only from 6.30am to 7.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, 1pm to 2pm, and 4pm to 5pm. Access for international organisations into the area remains extremely problematic.
- Abu Nahiya:
- A fence was placed around Abu Nahiya area, south of Kfar Darom settlement, in the corner of Kissufim Road and Salah Eddin Street. Approximately 16 families reside in the area. No vehicles are allowed in and out of the area. The fence is open 24 hours for residents.

Source: OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

#### 6. **Additional Protection Issues**

#### West Bank:

28 April: Two stockrooms with spare parts for vehicles were burned by the IDF in Adh Dhahiriya town in the south of Hebron Governorate.

#### Gaza Strip:

During the week, more than 28 homemade rockets and mortar shells were fired by Palestinians in the direction of the Israeli settlements and the nearby Israeli towns.

# Searches/Arrests

#### Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

• Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Nablus City, Balata refugee camp (Nablus), Zawata village (Nablus), Sabastiya village (Nablus), Jenin City and Kafr Dan village (Jenin). In total, 14 Palestinians were reported arrested.

# Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

 Throughout the week, IDF search-and arrest campaigns took place in Tulkarm City and Seida (Tulkarm). Four Palestinians were reported arrested.

#### Ramallah /Al Bireh

 Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Turmus'ayya and Silwad. Four Palestinian was reported arrested.

#### Hebron/Bethlehem

 Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place Bani Na'im, Al Fawwar, Adh Dhahiriya and Hebron City in the Governorate of Hebron with five Palestinians arrested. In the Bethlehem Governorate, searches took place in Al Khadr and Al 'Ubeidiya with three Palestinians arrested by the IDF.

#### Jerusalem/Jericho

• 1 May: Israeli security forces arrested a Palestinian from the Old City.

#### Jericho:

• No incidents to report

#### The Gaza Strip

 30 April: IDF troops arrested two unarmed Palestinians trying to cross into Israel near Kissufim east of Deir El Balah.

Sources: OCHA FCUs, UNRWA, UNSECCORD, UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit	
Taybeh	Open from 6am to 6 pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits
Efrayim	The checkpoint functions as a crossing point into Israel and is only open for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. The checkpoint can only be crossed by foot and is open daily between 5am and 5pm.
Kafriat	The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement into Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. Closed since 30 April.
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned.
Jaljoulia	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 the DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint prohibits movement for Palestinians on that road that leads to Highway 5 and restricts movement on a road that leads to Ramallah.
Yasuf	Open daily from 5am to 6pm. Delays were experienced during the week.
Kafr Qasem (On Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am to 6pm.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11 pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am to 6 pm.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.

# Appendix: Checkpoints Status 27 April – 3 May 2005

road to Qalqiliya	
Qusin	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit
Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan	
district of Jarzim with Nablus	
City	
Beit Furik	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut. Teachers
Eastern gate and checkpoint.	with IDs from the Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through. Open between
After the closure regime main	6am and 6pm.
gateway between Nablus and	
the Jordan Valley Shave Shomeron (Sabastia)	According to IDF, the checkpoint was removed 4 December 2004. Soldiers are occasionally
Northwest, main road to Jenin	observed in the checkpoint.
Maale Efrayim	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Southeast connecting Jericho	
and Nablus	
Hamra	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit
East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas,	Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through).
Jenin	
Zaatara (Tappouah)	Permanently manned. Closed for holders of northern West Bank IDs since 22 April 2005.
South, main road to Ramallah	
Salim	Closed by earth mound on 23 March 2005; all movement channeled to Beit Furik
Main entrance to Salem, Deir	checkpoint.
Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	
Jenin	
AI Jalama Main entrance to	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Israel	
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr "al	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.
Amn al Watani"	
Northern entrance of Jenin	Development of the second
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-	Open for Palestinians with green permits between 6am and 10pm.
Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan	
enclave	
Tubas	
Bisan	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Main entrance to Israel Tayasir Gate	Open for Palestinians with permits from 5am to 10pm.
Gate to the Tubas eastern	
agricultural lands in the Jordan	
Valley	
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
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Az Za'ayyem	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip
North eastern entrance on	Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Road 1.	
Ar Ram	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip
Northern entrance on Road 60	Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to
north.	show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip
Northern entrance on Road	Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to
404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip
North western entrance on	Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to
Road 436	show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card
Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata	Open 24 hours for Palestinian with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organizations. Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Checkpoint Container ("Wadi nar")	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian
East of Abu Dis, main transit	reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli-
between north and south West	yellow plate cars are not allowed to cross.
Bank	
Jericho	
DCO	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed the security of Jericho to the Palestinian
Main checkpoint off Road 1	Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and
	West Bank ID card holders. Israelis are prohibited from crossing. Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in the Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates.
Gate opposite Allenby	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses
Checkpoint off Road 90	taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
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Bethlehem	
Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only
North entrance to Bethlehem	Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. Inbound and outbound traffic
	limited to one lane, which causes delays.
Ein Yalow	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations and
Bypass road east of Walaja,	Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs.
on Green Line	Opening times have extended and are new from Com to 10pm for all traffic Delectinian
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Opening times have extended and are now from 6am to 12pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass, all commercial trucks are re-routed to the
Entrance to Bell Jala	eastern side of the city of Bethlehem.
Tunnels	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem permits.
Road 60 at Har Gilo	
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata	Open 24 hours for settlers only. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it
Southern entrance to	restricted for Palestinians.
settlement	
Efrata	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Connecting Road 60 to Road	
356	
Gush Etzion	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Onen 24 hours Delectinien werkens and traders with respective second to second
Wadi Fukin	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross.
Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	
Al Jab'a	Closed for the Passover holidays to all holders of work and trade permits.
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367, Green Line	
Ein Gedi	On bypass Road 90; formally located near the Avnot settlement but was moved south to the
On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. No Palestinian-plated vehicles allowed on
	Road 90
Hebron	
Beit Awwa	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
At entrance to Negohot	
settlement, on Road 354	The check point is open for workers and traders with a smith from Core to Four states to
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with permits from 6am to 5pm, every day
	except Saturday and Jewish holidays.
goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both	
Hebron and Bethlehem	
districts	
Meitar	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. Palestinians with permits are allowed to
On Road 60, Green Line after	pass.
intersection with Tene	
settlement road.	
Shani	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.

At turn for Shani settlement on	
Road 317.	
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizeil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits. Teachers from other areas are allowed to pass in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Long delays and problematic passage were reported throughout the week.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
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 by foot living between it and the settlement.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Since 25 April, Erez crossing has been closed for Palestinians, entry was only granted to humanitarian cases and VIPs.
Erez Industrial zone	Since 22 April, Erez Industrial Zone has been closed.
Netzarim Junction	Closed
Abu Houli Junction	Since 9 February, Abu Houli checkpoint has been open 24 hours a day. Traffic is only allowed in one direction at any one time. Since 13 March, private cars have been allowed to cross but at least four people need to be inside. On 26 April, the IDF closed Abu Houli checkpoint at 3.20pm until 5.30pm. At 9.15pm, the IDF re-closed the checkpoint and it remained closed through 27 April. On 28 April, it was reopened for two hours from 6am to 8am and then from 9pm.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Salah Eddin at Kfar Darom	Closed
West Morag Junction	Main Salah Edin road was open at Sufa/Morag
Beach Road	24 hour opening
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 20 February, Rafah Terminal has been open from 8.30am to 4pm for all Palestinians without age restrictions.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back is operational from 730am to 5pm, except on Saturday.
Qalqiliya DCO	The back-to-back system has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya City.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm.
Jenin	
AI Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. Transit of trucks need liaison with the Palestinian DCL.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya New back-to-back checkpoint is now in operation.	Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to- back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
Jericho	

Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours are 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The crossing was reported by Israeli officials to be open from 7am to 11pm, however other Palestinians reports indicated that the crossing was partially open from 9am to 9pm.
Sufa	Sufa crossing remained closed for labourers but was open for construction materials 7am to 5pm.

#### **Road Gates**

Gate	Status
Tulkarm	
Anabta	The gate is now removed following the handover of Tulkarm to the Palestinian Authority. Palestinians are now able to travel east.