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### Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

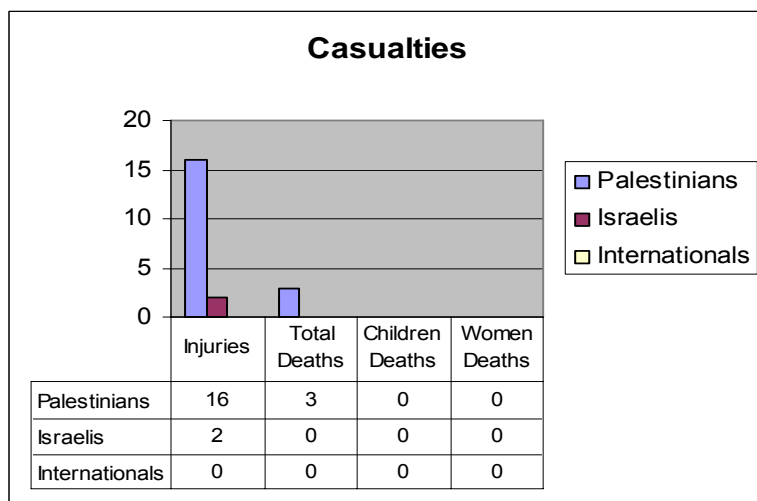
**18 -24 May 2005**

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#### Of note this week:

- **22 and 24 May:** In two separate incidents, the IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint, Nablus. On 22 May, the checkpoint was temporarily closed after a 14-year-old boy was found carrying explosives near the checkpoint; the checkpoint was also temporarily closed on 24 May after a 15-year-old boy was found carrying explosives. In both cases, the explosives were detonated by IDF and the boy was arrested (see section 5).
- **22 May:** The IDF demolished five tents and one semi-permanent structure for lack of building permits in three Palestinian communities in the area of Masafer Yatta, southern Hebron Governorate. Six families (30 persons) were made homeless in Am Sarara, while one family (13 persons) in Al Fakheit and another family of 11 persons in Khallet Athaba also lost their homes. (see section 2).
- **23 May:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for 30 minutes at Gilo checkpoint, Bethlehem, while transporting a 4-year-old boy in critical condition (see section 4).

#### 1. Physical Protection



#### Selected incidents:

- **18 May:** Palestinian militants fired homemade rockets at Neveh Dekalim settlement, the Gaza Strip. The Israel Air Force fired a missile targetting the militants. One of the militants suffered serious wounds and was taken to Nasser hospital in critical condition; he died later in the evening.
- **18 May:** IDF soldiers in an outpost, located at the border fence near Salah Ed-Din gate, the Gaza Strip, opened fire at a Palestinian who they allege was planting a bomb near the security fence; the Palestinian was killed by an explosive device.
- **18 May:** Palestinian militants fired three mortar shells at Neveh Dekalim settlement, the Gaza Strip. An Israeli man was wounded.

- **19 May:** During a demonstration against the Barrier in Bil'in, Ramallah, two Palestinian males and one Israeli peace activist were injured; 26 Israelis peace activist were detained.
- **20 May:** Two Palestinians were injured by IDF fire in Balata refugee camp, Nablus, during an IDF search-and-arrest campaign.
- **20 May:** Palestinian militants operating from an abandoned school in Deir al Balah, the Gaza Strip, fired mortar shells and rockets toward Kfar Darom settlement and the nearby IDF camp. The IDF returned fire. One Palestinian militant was killed; one was wounded. The IDF later demolished the northern boundary wall of the school.
- **22 May:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 11 and 12 years, were wounded by an explosion near the border fence with Egypt opposite the Zurub area. A bomb also exploded in Beit Lahia; three boys, aged between 13 and 15 years, suffered serious wounds.
- **23 May:** Farmers from Yatta town, Hebron Governorate, were denied access to their lands by Israelis settlers just north of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. As a result of confrontations in the area, three Palestinians were injured and one was detained.
- Throughout the week, Israeli settlers in the Old City of Hebron threw stones at and attacked Palestinian homes in the area of Tel Rumeida. One elderly woman was moderately injured in an attack.

## 2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
18 May 2005	Bir Nabala, Jerusalem	1		30
22 May 2005	Masafer Yatta, Hebron	5	1	54
24 May 2005	Idhna, Hebron	7		0
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>84</b>

### Selected incidents:

- **18 May:** The Israeli Civil administration demolished a three-storey building, consisting of four apartments, in Bir Nabala, Jerusalem, due to lack of building permits; 30 Palestinians, including 22 children, were displaced.
- **22 May:** The IDF demolished five tents and one semi-permanent structure for lack of building permits in three Palestinian communities in the area of Masafer Yatta, southern Hebron Governorate. Six families (30 persons) were made homeless in Am Sarara, while one family (13 persons) in Al Fakheit and another family of 11 persons in Khallet Athaba also lost their homes. The ICRC distributed emergency shelter and humanitarian aid to the families affected.
- **24 May:** The IDF demolished an uninhabited one-room house on the western outskirts of the village of Idhna, Governorate of Hebron, after issuing a demolition order last week for lack of permit.
- **24 May:** The IDF and Israeli Border Police demolished a structure, quarters for 185 cows, on the western side of the village of Idhna, in the Governorate of Hebron; the IDF also demolished four animal pens and a one-room home on the western side of the village of Idhna, Governorate of Hebron, for lack of a building permit.

## 3. Natural Resources<sup>1</sup>

### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting

#### Nablus/Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

- No new incidents to report

#### Tulkarm Governorate:

- **20 May:** About 12,000 dunums (1,200 hectares) of agricultural land and about 5,000 olive trees were burned in the seam zone area. The land belongs to farmers from 'Akkaba and Qaffin villages. The cause of the fire is unknown.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Land levelling and construction of a tunnel, by Israeli contractors, continue on Road 57 near Kafriat checkpoint to connect Tulkarm city with the south villages of Tulkarm District.

<sup>1</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare; Ongoing Barrier construction includes both land levelling and construction, concrete and fence.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

- **23 May:** Israeli settlers from Kdumim settlement bulldozed 7 dunums (0.7 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to a Palestinian farmer from Kafr Qaddum village for the expansion of the settlement.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Settlers from Kdumim settlement continue to level Palestinian land belonging to Palestinians from Kafr Qaddum for settlement expansion.

**Salfit Governorate:**

- Ongoing incidents:
  - Israeli contractors continued levelling land in Deir Ballut, Rafat and Az Zawiya villages for the construction of the Barrier.
  - Despite the court order allowing for the resumption of construction in the Ari'el settlement block area, construction has not resumed.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

- No new incidents to report
- Ongoing incidents
  - Land levelling for Barrier construction continues between Budrus to south of al Midya, and between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah). Land levelling for Barrier construction also continues between Beitunia and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu and south of Beit Liqya.

**Hebron Governorate:**

- No new incidents to report
- Ongoing incidents:
  - In Hebron Governorate, land levelling for the construction of the Barrier is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement, and on the western side of Idhna. A concrete wall has been erected along the section near Beit Awwa school.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

- The IDF levelled 20 dunums (2 hectares) of land where grapes and almonds were growing near the entrance of Efrat settlement.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

- No new incidents to report
- Ongoing incidents:
  - The IDF continued levelling land between Har Adar settlement and Beit Surik. Levelling also continues in the area between Qatanna and Kharayib Umm al Lahim villages and between Beit Ijza and Biddu villages.
  - 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 is ongoing.
  - Construction and land levelling continued east and west 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.
  - 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 'Anata town.
  - Barrier construction is ongoing on the eastern and southern sides of the village and in Sheikh Sa'd.

**Jericho Governorate:**

- No new incidents to report

**The Gaza Strip:**

- No new incidents to report

**4. Restrictions on Humanitarian Assistance****West Bank:**

Date	Location	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
21 May 2005	Al Kafriyat checkpoint, Tulkarm		1	
23 May 2005	Gilo checkpoint, Bethlehem		1	
23 May 2005	Gilo checkpoint, Bethlehem		1	
<b>Total Incidents this week</b>			<b>3</b>	

**Selected incidents:**

- **23 May:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for 30 minutes at Gilo checkpoint, Bethlehem, while transporting a 4-year-old boy in critical condition (incident is included in the above total).

**The Gaza Strip :**

No incidents to report

**5. Access and Movement for Civilians****a) Curfew**

- No incidents to report

**b) Access to Education****The Gaza Strip:**

- All of As-Seafa's 24 pupils finished their exams and returned home. The pupils were staying outside of the area during the examination period because access in and out of the area has not been guaranteed in the past.

**c) Access to Employment****West Bank: Month of April (Numbers as reported by the Israeli DCL)**

Governorate	Work Permits	Trade 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	1,269	1,150
Jericho	700	95
Bethlehem	1,370	1,569
Hebron	3,000	678
<b>Total West Bank</b>	<b>10,167</b>	<b>5,503</b>

**Gaza Strip:**

- As of 24 May, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Labour, the total number of Gaza Strip workers permits was 5,788 including 1,490 with overnight stay; 818 permits were issued to Erez Industrial Zone workers.

Date	Workers crossing to Israel	Traders crossing to Israel	Workers crossing to Erez Industrial Estate
18 May 2005	4,228	260	613
19 May 2005	0	0	0
20 May 2005	0	0	0
21 May 2005	0	0	0
22 May 2005	4,707	130	580
23 May 2005	4,773	254	615
24 May 2005	3,983	287	630

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

- **18 May:** The IDF further restricted the closure on Qaryut village by placing an earth mound at front of the southern entrance of the village.
- **22 May:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint at 7.30 pm for two hours after a 14-year-old boy was found carrying explosives near the checkpoint. The explosives were detonated by IDF and the boy was arrested.
- **24 May:** Delays occurred at Hamra checkpoint due to the IDF intensifying the checking of Palestinians commuters.
- **24 May:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after a 15-year-old boy was found carrying explosives near the checkpoint. The explosives were detonated by the IDF and the boy was arrested.

**Jenin Governorate:**

- No incidents to report

**Tubas Governorate:**

- **22 May:** Delays occurred at Tayasir checkpoint after the IDF forced drivers to remove the goods from their trucks at the checkpoint in order to search the goods.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

- **18 May:** The IDF lifted the tight closure which was imposed on Tulkarm city since the Israeli Passover holiday began on 22 April.
- **22 May:** The IDF opened "Tayba" Tulkarm checkpoint for Palestinian traders only. On 24 May workers were also allowed to pass.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

- **18 May:** The IDF opened the northern agricultural gate in Jayyus village.
- **23 May:** The IDF closed 'Azzun 'Atma gate at 11am for two hours.

**Salfit Governorate:**

- **18 May to date:** Throughout the week, the opening of Yasuf gate was delayed in the morning.
- **18 May to date:** The IDF continued increasing vehicular searches at Deir Ballut checkpoint delaying vehicular movement.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

- There has been an increase in the numbers of IDF patrols in Ramallah and Al Bireh cities.

**Hebron Governorate:**

- **24 May:** The IDF removed earth mounds blocking the entrance to Hebron from the south at the crossing with Yatta and replaced them with a closed gate.
- **24 May:** The IDF has blocked the alternative passage for vehicles next to the road blocks placed on Road 354, south of the Beit Awwa checkpoint.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

- No incidents to report

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

- No incidents to report

**Jericho Governorate:**

- Palestinian West Bank non-Jericho Governorate residents are denied access at Yitav checkpoint on Road 90.

**West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints**

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Al Badhan Road (5), Road 60 near Burin village (1)	6
Jenin	Road 60 near Jaba' junction, northern entrance of Jenin city	2
Tubas	Between Al Badhan and Wadi al Far'a villages	1
Tulkarm	Entrances of Qaffin, Bal'a, at the junction of Deir al Ghusun and Far'un, at the junction to Enav settlement and 'Anabta (3), between 'Attil and 'Illar, in Shuweika in Tulkarm city	8
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya DCO, An Nabi Elyas, entrances of 'Azzun (2) and 'Izbat at Tabib, Jit junction, and on Road 55 near Al Funduq.	7
Salfit	Near the overpasses of Iskaka and Az Zawiya, on the road between Az Zawiya and Rafat and at the entrance of Deir Istiya.	4
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No incidents to report	0
Jerusalem	No incidents to report	0
Jericho	No incidents to report	0
Bethlehem	Al Khadr-Husan junction, between Tuqu' and Za'tara and at entrance to Beit Sahur	3
Hebron	Ar Ramadin junction, in Khursa, between Idhna and Targumiya and near Ar Rifa'iyya	4
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>35</b>

## **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 without 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 week, two to three persons each day were prevented from entering the area despite having proper documentation. A person with heart problems was denied exit for five days, despite a referral letter from an UNRWA doctor, to go to the hospital in order to receive treatment.
- **18 and 19 May:** The gate was closed from Wednesday morning until Thursday afternoon.
- For approximately 25 days now neither empty nor full cooking gas bottles have been allowed out of or been allowed into the area.
- Other goods (including fuel) are now only allowed to be taken in during the afternoon opening hours.

### **Al-Mawassi:**

- IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally open twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders - from approximately 8am to 1pm, and 2.30pm to 5pm. Males aged 16 to 25 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders are required prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. 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 since 14 January 2004.

### **Al-Ma'ani:**

- Since 20 July 2002, the IDF has prevented all vehicular movement in and out of the Palestinian area adjacent to 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 Al Maa'ni ID holders only from 6.30am to 7.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, 1pm to 2pm, and 4pm to 5pm.

### **Abu Nahiya:**

- A fence was placed around the 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.

### **Abu al-Ajin Area:**

- Several Palestinian families live isolated and fenced in north and south of Kissufim Road in the Abu al-Ajin area. The families have their own key to the gate in the fence; however their movement is restricted to opening hours three to four times daily. The area is unreachable by vehicles.

## **6. Additional Protection Issues**

### **Searches/Arrests/Detentions**

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Location, # of incidents in brackets</b>	<b>Total # of Searches</b>	<b>Total # of Arrested/ Detained</b>
Nablus	Nablus city (4), Kafr Qalil, Balata refugee camp (3), 'Askar refugee camp, Camp No. one, Sabastiya.	11	11
Jenin	Deir Abu Da'if, Al Yamun	2	0
Tubas	Tammun	1	0
Tulkarm	Seida	1	4
Qalqiliya	'Azzun, Qalqiliya city (2), Kfar Qaddum	4	3
Salfit	No incidents to report	0	0
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Deir Ammar refugee camp, Deir Ghassaneh, 'Arura and Ramallah city.	4	4
Jerusalem	Al 'Isawiya.	1	8
Jericho	No incidents to report	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah	1	2
Hebron	Idhna, Hebron city - H2, Al Fawwar refugee camp, At Tabaqa, Dura	5	3
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>
Gaza Strip	Al Mughraqa	1	0
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints Status 18 – 24 May 2005

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	Open from 6am to 6pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 22 May opened for Palestinian traders and on 24 May also open for workers and traders.
<b>Efrayim</b>	The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. The checkpoint is under construction and currently not operational. Palestinian workers and traders are therefore instructed to cross through Taybeh checkpoint.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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 proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	Unmanned
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Officially open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint prohibits movement for Palestinians on that road that leads to Highway 5 and restricts movement on that road that leads to Ramallah. Delays were reported throughout the week.
<b>Yasuf</b>	Open daily from 5am to 6pm. Opening in the morning was reported delayed throughout the week.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subjected to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am until 11pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am until 6pm.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subjected to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am until 11pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am until 6pm.
<b>Sarra</b> South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March 2004, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut. Teachers with IDs from the Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through. Open between 6am and 6pm.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Sabastia)</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	According to IDF, the checkpoint was removed 4 December 2004. Soldiers are occasionally observed in the checkpoint.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through).
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to	Open 24 hours for permit holders.

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<b>Dahiat Sabah al Khayr</b> “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta’a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits 6am to 10pm.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Open for Palestinians with permits from 5 am to 10 pm.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. West Bank residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Jewish and Arab Israeli citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni’lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. The secondary checkpoint at the entrance to Ni’lin village has been lifted allowing freer access in and out of Ni’lin and Al Midya villages.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for 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, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Az Za’ayem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff 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, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits 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.
<b>Container (“Wadi nar”)</b> East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli-yellow plate cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can pass without permits.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates.
<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>Bethlehem</b>	
<b>Gilo</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. Inbound and outbound traffic on one lane causing delays.



<b>Ein Yalov</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Open from 7am to 12pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem permits.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians
<b>Efrata</b> Connecting Road 60 to Road 356	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On road 90, along Dead Sea.	No Palestinian-plated vehicles allowed on Road 90
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with permits from 6am to 5pm, every day except Saturday and Jewish holidays.
<b>Meitar</b> On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. Palestinians with permits are allowed to pass.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Checkpoint expanded to include more permanent structures.
<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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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. Access possible only on foot.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
<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 by foot living between it and the settlement.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez</b>	Since 13 February, the crossing has generally been open. On 19 May, the IDF closed Erez checkpoint and Erez Industrial Zone for Palestinian labourers. On 22 May, both were reopened for labourers. Also on 19 May Palestinian militants fired two homemade rockets at Erez. The IDF closed Erez checkpoint for one hour.
<b>Erez Industrial zone</b>	Erez Industrial Zone was open part of the week (please also see above).
<b>Netzarim Junction</b>	Closed
<b>Abu Houli Junction</b>	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 20 May, at 1pm the IDF closed Abu Houli Gush Qatif Road; at 8pm the road was reopened for one hour only. On 22 May at 1am the road was reopened.
<b>Abu Al Ajin Road</b>	Closed
<b>Salah Eddin at Kfar Darom</b>	Closed
<b>West Morag Junction</b>	Main Salah Edin road was open at Sufa/Morag
<b>Beach Road</b>	24 hour opening
<b>Al Muntar Junction</b>	Closed
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Since 20 February, Rafah Terminal has been open from 8.30am to 4pm for all Palestinians without age restrictions.

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has been operational from 7.30am to 5pm except on Saturday.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The back-to-back system has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya town.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. Transit of trucks need liaison with the Palestinian DCL.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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.
<b>Jericho</b>	
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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The crossing was partially open from 7am to 11pm. On 19 May, Karni commercial crossing was partially opened. At 6pm, the IDF closed Karni due citing threats and rocket attacks. On 22 May, the terminal was partially reopened.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing remained closed for labourers but was open for construction materials 7am to 5pm.

#### Road Gates

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

## 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 Gaza. 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 defense Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors.
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison Office (DCL), Village Councils, Hebron and Bethlehem Land Defence Committees.
- Facilitation of Humanitarian Access: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH).
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: Source: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, the office of the United Nations Security Coordinator (UNSECCORD), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.