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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

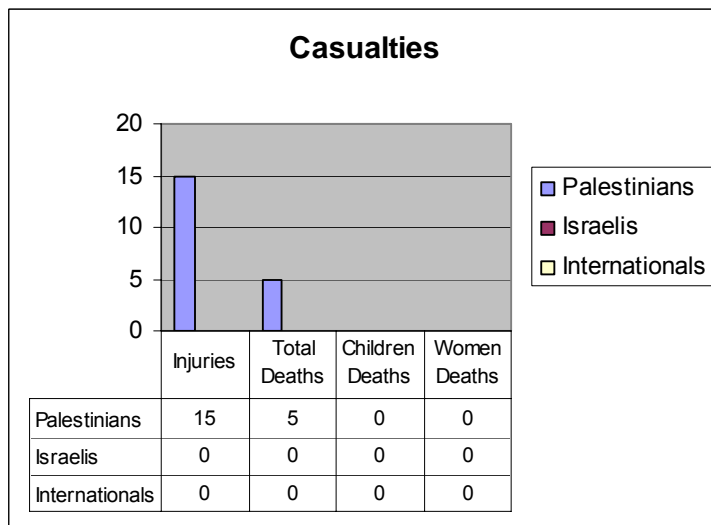
25 - 31 May 2005

Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Restrictions on Humanitarian Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian organisations ▪ **Access and Movement for Civilians** - Curfews, Access to education, Access to employment, Closures/Movement restrictions ▪ **Additional Protection Issues**

Of note this week:

- During the week, 16 missiles and mortar shells were fired at Israeli targets in the Gaza Strip.. No injuries reported (see section 6).

1. Physical Protection



Selected Incidents:

- 25 May:** A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was injured when IDF soldiers fired from the outpost near Neveh Dekalim settlement, the Gaza Strip.
- 25 to 31 May:** Throughout the week, Israeli settlers in the Old City of Hebron threw stones at Palestinian homes in the area of the Tel Rumeida settlement and the old vegetable market; a 12-year-old Palestinian girl and a 30-year-old Palestinian man were hospitalised as a result of the attacks.
- 26 May:** One Palestinian was reported injured when IDF soldiers in the outpost near Salah Ed-Din gate fired in the direction of Block "O" south of Rafah, the Gaza Strip.
- 28 May:** Palestinian militants opened fire towards an IDF position near the Move Dotan settlement, Jenin, from a car driving on Road 585. The IDF fired at the car killing one Palestinian, aged 22, and injuring two others in the car. The injured Palestinians were arrested.
- 28 May:** A Palestinian man with reported heart problems died at Beit Iba checkpoint Nablus; he waited at the checkpoint for 40 minutes as he was travelling to a hospital in Nablus.
- 29 May:** A 28-year-old Palestinian from Yatta town was killed by the IDF in the Old City of Hebron. According to the IDF, the Palestinian approached the checkpoint with the intention of stabbing the soldiers. After a warning shot was fired, the man was hit in the legs and later shot again fatally as he tried to stab the soldiers. The IDF declared the area a military zone and later imposed a curfew for approximately three hours.

- **29 May:** One alleged Palestinian militant, aged 24, was killed when a homemade rocket he was trying to launch prematurely exploded in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
26 May 2005	Khirbet 'Atuf , Tubas	4		4 families
26 May 2005	Beit Awwa, Hebron		1	
30 May 2005	Jabalia, Gaza North		1	1 family
30 May 2005	Battir, Bethlehem	1		10 people
Total Week		5	2	5 families and 10 people

Selected Incidents:

- **26 May:** The IDF entered Khirbet 'Atuf, east of Tubas, and demolished four structures used for animals. These animals contribute to the livelihood of four families.
- **30 May:** One Palestinian house was partially damaged when it was hit by an IDF missile in Jabalia refugee camp, in the northern Gaza Strip.
- **30 May:** The IDF demolished a chicken coop in the Battir, Bethlehem Governorate, following a final demolition order issued three days earlier by the IDF Civil Administration. The structure, according to the owner, was the source of income for his family of 10.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus/Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

- **25 May:** The IDF handed two evacuation orders to farmers from Beit Dajan, Nablus to leave their land and return it to its previous state within 45 days. The order affects 6 dunums (0.6 hectares) of land planted with olive trees.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- 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 villages to the south.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **26 May:** Israeli settlers from Kdumim settlement set fire to agricultural land belonging to a Palestinian farmer from Kafr Qaddum village. Three dunums (0.3 hectares) were destroyed before farmers managed to put out the fire.

Salfit Governorate:

- **25 May:** About 150 olive trees were uprooted and taken away in conjunction with land levelling for construction of the Barrier near Az Zawiya village.
- **26 May:** Israeli contractors started levelling land north of Salfit city for the construction of the Barrier in the Ari'el settlement block area.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Israeli contractors continued levelling land in Deir Ballut, Rafat and Az Zawiya villages for the construction of the Barrier.

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 Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu and south of Beit Liqya.

Hebron Governorate:

- **29 May:** Settlers from Ma'on settlement, Hebron Governorate, harvested 2 dunums (0.2 hectares) of agricultural land planted with wheat that belonged to Palestinian farmers in At Tuwani. Following the intervention of the IDF, the settlers were removed.
- Ongoing incidents:

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

- Land levelling for 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.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- On going incidents:
 - Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Khallet an Nu'man, where, on 25 May, contractors working on the Barrier opened an alternative access road - the original one is being cut by the construction. Observation towers are being placed along the perimeter of the Barrier running in front of 'Ayda camp.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **May 25:** The Israeli Supreme Court issued an injunction order to stop land levelling northwest of Al Jib in Bir Nabalab enclave; requisition orders to confiscate about 1466 dunums (146.6 hectares) of land to construct the Barrier and alternative roads were handed to Palestinian residents in January 2005.
- **May 28:** The Jerusalem Municipality issued a demolition order for a Mosque in Beit Hanina. The mosque was built several years ago but was under renovation.
- 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:

- No reported incidents.

The Gaza Strip:

- No reported incidents.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
25 May 2005	Silat adh Daher village, Jenin	6 hours
25 May 2005	Al Mughayyir, Ramallah	Approximately 1.5 days
29 May 2005	Old City Hebron	3 hours
Total	3	

- **25 May:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Al Mughayyir, east Ramallah District, and closed the two main entrances to the village as well as the track to the solid waste dump site. The IDF commander for the Ramallah area reported to the village council that the curfew was in response to stone-throwing by youths at vehicles on Road 458. The curfew was lifted the following morning.

b) Access to Education

West Bank:

- **25 May:** The IDF held five pupils from Wadi ar Rasha at Ras 'Atiya gate for two hours as they were returning from their classes in Ras 'Atiya, Qalqiliya.
- Due to a curfew, the schools in Al Mughayyir, Ramallah, were closed for two days and final exams were postponed.

The Gaza Strip:

- No new incidents to report.

c) Access to Employment

West Bank: April

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
Total Permits Issued West Bank	10,167	5,503

The Gaza Strip:

- As of 30 May, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Labour, the total number of Gaza Strip workers permits was 5,907 including 1,873 with overnight stay; 825 permits were issued to Erez Industrial Zone workers.

Date	Workers crossing to Israel	Traders crossing to Israel	Workers crossing to Erez Industrial Estate
25 May 2005	3,800	307	627
26 May 2005	3,898	465	605
27 May 2005	2,480	254	0
28 May 2005	123	33	0
29 May 2005	2,452	0	0
30 May 2005	4,170	N/A	610
31 May 2005	3,839	250	635

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

- **27 May:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for one hour after a Palestinian was found carrying explosives at the checkpoint. The explosives were detonated by IDF and the Palestinian was arrested.
- **28 May:** Hamra checkpoint was closed for Palestinians heading north.

Jenin Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **30 and 31 May:** The IDF closed Deir Al Ghusun agricultural gate, which will affect some 20 farmers, who have valid green permits allowing them to access to their land on the other side of the Barrier.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled area unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **29 May:** The IDF closed the DCO checkpoint in the afternoon for several hours and conducted a search campaign in the fields around the area.

Salfit Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

- Flying checkpoints were set up throughout the week in Hebron Governorate; four people were detained.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- Between 26 and 29 May several checkpoints were set up
- The IDF opened the second lane at Gilo checkpoint to allow two-way traffic to cross.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **25 May:** Israeli Border Police closed the Ar Ram checkpoint for several hours and arrested about 30 Palestinian with West Bank IDs.

Jericho Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
-Palestinian West Bank non-Jericho Governorate residents were denied access at Yitav checkpoint near Road 449, north Jericho.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (1), Burin (2), Al Badhan(1), Salim (1)	5
Jenin	Sanur (1)	1
Tubas	'Ein el Beida(1), 'Aqqaba (1), El Far'a refugee camp (1)	3
Tulkarm	Entrances of Al Jarushiya, Qaffin, 'Attil (2) between Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun, at the junction to Enav settlement and 'Anabta (6), between and 'Illar, in Shuweika in Tulkarm city	13
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya DCO (2), entrance of 'Azzun, at Jit junction (2), and on Road 55 near Immatin	6
Salfit	At the junction to Yasuf	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Nothing to report	0
Jerusalem	Ras El Amood (4)	4
Jericho	Nothing to report	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Zat'ara (1), Doha town (1), Al-Khadr (2)	5
Hebron	Hebron City (1), Al-Fawwar (1), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Idhna and Tarqumiya (1), Dura entrance (1), Al-Fawwar (1)	6
Total West Bank		44

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; people are still facing difficulties getting their belongings into and/or out of the area, despite approved coordination.
- During the week, two to three persons were prevented daily from entering the area despite having proper documentation.
- **29 May:** the IDF allowed cooking gas bottles into the area. This is only allowed 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.
- About 100 persons are allowed into Al-Mawassi each day. Dozens of people experience lengthy delays as they try to enter.

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. Access for international organizations into the area remains problematic.

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

- During the week a total of 16 missiles and mortar shells were fired at Israeli targets in the Gaza Strip. Also, a roadside bomb was activated near an IDF troop patrolling on the border fence with Egypt. No injuries reported.
- **26 May:** According to the village council in At Tuwani, south of Hebron Governorate, settlers from the Ma'on settlement stole 13 sheep belonging to a farmer from the nearby hamlet of Maghayir al Abeed. A complaint was filed with the Israeli Police by the Palestinian owner.
- **27 May:** IDF coastal vessels pursued Palestinian fishing boats opposite Deir El Balah beach, the Gaza Strip. The IDF fired in the direction of the Palestinian boats. No injuries were reported but one boat was damaged.
- **31 May:** The IDF occupied a house in Dura, southwest of Hebron Governorate, confining the inhabitants to a room and using the building as an observation point. According to the Palestinian DCL, medical access was facilitated for one sick child, but refused for a second one suffering from complications from a recent mumps vaccination. As of 31 May, access was still being negotiated.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (1) Beit Iba checkpoint (1)	1	1
Jenin	Arraba, Jenin city, Road 585 (2)	2	3
Tubas	El Far'a, Tammun, 'Aqqaba, Tubas city	4	0
Tulkarm	Beit Lid, 'Illar, Shuweika, Seida, 'Attil	5	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (2),	2	0
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan, Bidya, Salfit	3	5
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Shuqba, Beit Liqya and Ramallah city, neighborhood in the industrial zone in Beituniya (3), Bil'in (4)	3	16
Jerusalem	Qalandia checkpoint (3) Ar-Ram (approximately 30) Dahiyat al Bareed, Abu Dis,	2	More than 30
Jericho	No incidents to report	0	0
Bethlehem	Al Khadr (1), Battir (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Beit Jala and Al-Doha (1), 'Ayda, and Ad Duheisha (1) Al- Khadr village (1), Dar Salah (1), Battir (1)	4	5
Hebron	Hebron city and Halhul (2) (1), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Dura (2), Al Fawwar (1), Idhna (2), Samu and Yatta towns (1)	4	6

Total Week West Bank		30	More than 67
Gaza Strip	Gaza City (1), Al Burajj Camp, Gaza Middle area (4)	0	5
Total Week oPt		30	More than 72

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 25 – 31 May 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Efrayim	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. Efrayim checkpoint will become operational on 6 June according to the Israeli DCL.
Kafriat	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.
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned. On 29 May closed for several hours.
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 DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks.
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6am and 6pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Yasuf	Open daily from 5am to 6pm.
Kafr Qasem (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 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.
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 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.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March 2004, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik 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 Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through. Open between 6am and 6pm.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	According to IDF, the checkpoint was removed 4 December 2004. Soldiers are occasionally observed in the checkpoint.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which

main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	villagers occasionally are let through).
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits from 6am to 10pm.
Tubas	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Open for Palestinians with permits from 5am to 10pm.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Qalandiya	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.
Bet El/DCO	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.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
Makkabim 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.
Ni'lin	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.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, 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.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram 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.
Bir Nabala/Atarot 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.
Ramot Alon 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.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container (“Wadi nar”) 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.
Jericho	
DCO 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.
Al Auja (Yitav)	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding

On Road 90	West Bank ID cards from other governorates.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. Second lane open for inbound traffic.
Ein Yalow 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.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Opening times have been 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 eastern side of the city of Bethlehem.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem permits.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Efrata Connecting Road 60 to Road 356	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 90. Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. No Palestinian-plated vehicles allowed on Road 90.
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
Tarqumiya 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, everyday except Saturday and Jewish holidays.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to pass.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.
Beit Yatir 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. Access possible only on foot.
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	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.

Beginning of street leading to settlement	
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	New checkpoint established in April 2005 and now a permanent structure 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 the 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 extremely problematic during Friday prayers.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Since 13 February, the crossing has generally been open. On 27 May, Erez was closed for one hour (from 6:30pm to 7:30pm) for both Palestinians and internationals. On 29 May, Erez Crossing was closed for Palestinians at 4am; about two thousands Palestinian workers were allowed before it was announced closed. On 30 May, Erez crossing was reopened.
Erez Industrial Zone	From 27 until 29 May, Erez Industrial Zone was closed. On 30 May, Erez Industrial Zone was reopened.
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.
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 system has been operational from 5.30am 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 town.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm.
Jenin	
Al 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 partially open from 7am to 11pm.
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.

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, Palestinian DCL.
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison Office (DCL), Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Facilitation of Humanitarian Access: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, UNICEF.
- 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, 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.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: Source: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.