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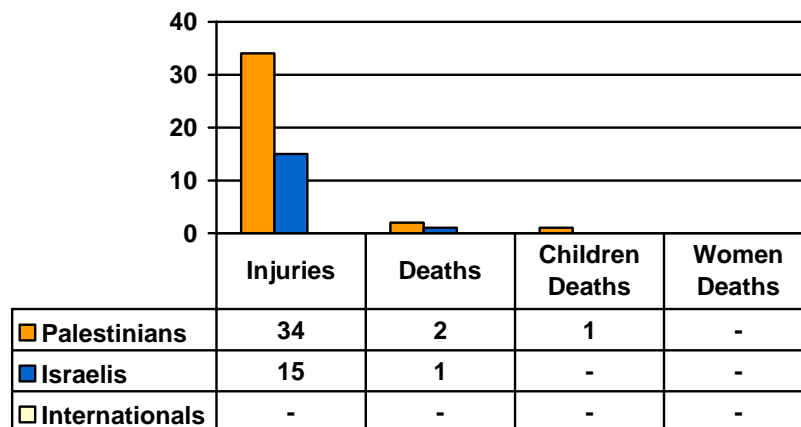
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

15 – 21 March 2006

Of note this period

- Due to the long closure of Karni crossing, the Gaza Strip has severe shortages of flour and other essential food commodities. Most of the bakeries across the Gaza Strip had to close down. Karni crossing reopened on 20 March for imports only but closed again after one hour. The crossing was open for imports only again on 21 March.
- A 12-year-old Palestinian girl was killed in Nablus by the IDF during a military operation.

1. Physical Protection**Casualties and protection¹**

- **15 March:** The Israeli Border Police fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian stone throwers in Shu'fat camp (Jerusalem) demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier. Two Israeli Border Police were injured in the clashes.
- **15 March:** Three Palestinian, attempting to fire homemade rockets from an area east of Rafah (Gaza Strip), where injured when one of the rockets prematurely exploded (These casualty figures are not included in the weekly total).
- **15 March:** Israeli Border Police fired live ammunition, killing a 20-year-old Palestinian man during demonstrations against construction of the Barrier in Kharbatha al Misbah (Ramallah). Another three Palestinians were injured in the clashes.
- **15 March:** Israeli settlers entered Áwarta village (Nablus), opened fire and injured two Palestinians (16 and 17 years-old). The IDF later forced the settlers to leave the village.
- **15 March:** A 17-year-old Palestinian was injured in Áwarta village (Nablus) by an unexploded ordinance (UXO).
- **16 March:** Palestinian gunmen injured two settlement security guards when they opened fire at an Israeli vehicle passing on Road 60 near Beita entrance (Nablus).
- **16 March:** One IDF soldier was shot and killed by friendly (IDF) fire in Jenin city (Jenin) when IDF surrounded a house and opened fire during a search and arrest campaign.
- **16 March:** During an IDF incursion in H1 area of Hebron city (Hebron) IDF soldiers injured a 17-year-old Palestinian male.
- **16 and 17 March:** Palestinian demonstrated against the construction of the Barrier in Kharbatha al Misbah (Ramallah). Five IDF soldiers were injured by Palestinians throwing stones.
- **17 March:** Palestinian, international and Israeli activists demonstrated in Beit Sira (Ramallah) against the construction of the Barrier. The Israeli Border Police fired tear gas

¹ The Israeli fatality was due to friendly (IDF) fire during an IDF operation.

canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. Ten Palestinians and four Israeli Border Police were injured.

- **17 March:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Four Palestinians were injured.
- **17 March:** Two Palestinian (22 and 27 years old) were killed when a rocket they were intending to launch from Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip) into Israel prematurely exploded (These casualty figures are not included in the weekly total).
- **17 March:** During a military operation in Al Yamun (Jenin), the IDF opened fire at a Palestinian plated taxi, killing a 12-year-old Palestinian girl and injuring her 20-year-old uncle. The IDF are investigating the incident.
- **17 March:** The IDF opened fire during a search and arrest campaign in Tubas city (Tubas) injuring one Palestinian male.
- **19 March:** Masked men shot and killed a 35-year-old Palestinian man in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya). The circumstances of the killing are not known and the casualty figure is not reported in the weekly total.
- **19 March:** Israeli settlers attacked and injured a 15-year-old Palestinian boy in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **19 March:** Israeli settlers from Beit Hadassah (H2 area of Hebron city, Hebron) injured a 12-year-old Palestinian girl after they threw empty bottles from the settlement of Beit Hadassah at Palestinian houses adjacent to the settlement.
- **20 March:** The IDF opened fire with rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes with Palestinian stone throwers in Ash Shuyukh (Hebron), injuring three female Palestinian students (16, 17 and 18 years old).
- **20 March:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets during a search and arrest campaign in Qalandiya refugee camp (Ramallah). Four Palestinians and two IDF soldiers were injured.
- **20 March:** The IDF occupied eight houses in Beita (Nablus) and fired live rounds and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian stone throwers, injuring one 16-year-old Palestinian boy with live ammunition.
- **21 March:** The IDF shot and injured a 15-year-old Palestinian boy in 'Askar camp (Nablus) when they opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- During the reporting period **26** home made rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel. No injuries were reported.
- During the reporting period the IDF fired more than **30** artillery tank shells and **10** F16 missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported.

2. [Shelter and Property](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
17 March	Al Yamun, Jenin	1	-	n/a
21 March	Immatin, Qalqiliya	1	-	n/a
Total Week		2	-	n/a

- **17 March:** The IDF demolished an apartment in a three-storey building in Al Yamun (Jenin) during a military operation. Some external walls of neighbouring houses were also damaged.
- **21 March:** The IDF demolished a three-storey building in Immatin village (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without a permit.

Other related incidents:

- **15 March:** The IDF set fire to personal belongings in a house in Kafr Qaddum (Qalqiliya) during a search and arrest campaign.
- **16 March:** An IAF F16 fighter jet fired three missiles at access roads north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip) severely damaging three roads.
- **16 March:** The IDF damaged fruit and vegetable stands at the Beita central market (Nablus) after an incident involving shooting at an Israeli vehicle in the area.
- **19 March:** An IAF F16 fighter jet fired a missile at an access road north of Bureij camp (Gaza Strip) causing severe damage to the road.

- **20 – 21 March:** The IDF occupied eight houses in Beita village (Nablus) and used them as observation posts.

3. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue installing 3m high concrete slabs along Road 60 from Shave Shomeron checkpoint south to Deir Sharaf Junction to build a security zone and a wall/fence around the settlement.

Jenin and Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli contractors continue levelling land north of Salfit city, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages for the construction of the Barrier.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: The IDF issued military order no. T/12/05 requisitioning 81.6 dunums (8.2 hectares) of Palestinian land in Beituniya for the construction of the Barrier.

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in. Land levelling for the last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is continuing between the village and Makkaim settlement. The construction of the Barrier between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira village is in the final stages. The construction of the "special security arrangements" around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements is continuing parallel to bypass Road 465 and east of 'Abud village.
- The IDF continues levelling land around Ateret settlement to create a buffer zone around the settlement as part of "special security areas around isolated settlements". This is a new measure confirmed by the Israeli DCL to secure small isolated settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

16 March: Israeli settlers from Tel Rumeida in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) cut off three grapevines belonging to a Palestinian family living nearby. Settlers also prevented members of the Palestinian family from ploughing their orchard.

20 March: The IDF issued a military order requisitioning 7 dunums (0.7 hectares) of Palestinian land from Ar Ramadin for the purpose of enlarging the Israeli settlement of Eshkolot.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya where the new commercial checkpoint will be built.
- Land levelling continues at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar. During the reporting period the road connecting the Barrier and the terminal's bridge has been paved.

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

- Land levelling continues in the southern part of Hebron near the Israeli settlement of Shani and the Palestinian village of Imneizil for the construction of the Barrier.
- Land levelling and road paving continues for the construction of the Barrier in the towns of Surif, Nuba and Kharas.
- Road paving and land levelling continues for the construction of the Barrier in the western side of the village of Al Ramadin.
- Land levelling for the construction of a road barrier has continued near the Palestinian hamlet of Khirbet Zanuta
- New housing construction continues in the Israeli settlements of Susiya, Karmeit Tsur, Kiryat Arba and Karmel.
- Continued land leveling and development in Deir al 'Asal village for "military requirements".

Bethlehem Governorate:

15 March: The IDF issued an amendment to military order no. T/86/05 (issued 9 May 2005) requisitioning 766 dunums (76.6 hectares) of Palestinian land in Al Walaja, Battir, Husan, Al Qabu, Wadi Fukin (Bethlehem governorate), and Surif (Hebron governorate) for the construction of the Barrier.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues next to Rachel's Tomb in preparation for the Barrier around a Palestinian empty apartment building.
- Land levelling continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site.
- Land levelling continues near Al Jab'a checkpoint to expand the site.
- Continued construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.
- New housing construction continues in the Israeli settlement of Efrat as well as northeast of Neve Daniel (in its most recent expansion), and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.

Jerusalem Governorate:

During the reporting period: The IDF issued military orders no T/18/06 requisitioning 35.6 dunums (3.6 hectares) and T/13/05 requisitioning 271.7 dunums (27.2 hectares) of land in Al Jib for construction of the Barrier.

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariyya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3km of the Barrier south of Maale Adumim and Kedar.
- The IDF closed the road from Qalandiya checkpoint towards Atarot checkpoint; construction is taking place in the area to continue the part of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.
- Construction continues on a new road between Bir Nabala, Qalandiya village and Rafat. The road will allow access of residents from Bir Nabala, Al Jib and Al Judeira to Ramallah.
- Construction of a road barrier is continuing on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem checkpoint. The road barrier connects to the new Border Police station north of Az Za'ayem.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The borders are also being reinforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.

4. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
15 March	Kafr Qaddum, Qalqiliya	12 hours
20 March	Beita, Nablus	8 hours
21 March – ongoing	Beita, Nablus	18 hours
Total Week	Incidents	38 hours

- **15 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Kafr Qaddum village (Qalqiliya) for 12 hours during a search and arrest campaign.
- **20 March:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Beita village (Nablus) for eight hours during a military operation.
- **21 March - ongoing:** The IDF imposed curfew on Beita village (Nablus) during a military operation. The curfew is still ongoing.

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinians' movement inside As Siafa area in the northern Gaza Strip continues to be restricted following the IDF announcement of parts of the northern Gaza Strip a "no go" or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December. The 250 Palestinian residents of As Siafa (within this buffer zone) continue to limit their movement during the day and do not move after dark. Entry into the area is only possible with prior coordination from the IDF.

b) Access to Education

Nablus:

19, 20 and 21 March: All schools in Beita were closed due to the military operation in the village (curfew is also imposed at times throughout this period).

Qalqiliya:

15 March: Two schools were closed in Kafr Qaddum during curfew imposed on the village.

Hebron:

15 March: IDF soldiers stationed at the entrance of Al "Arrub camp arrested three Palestinian students (17 (2) and 18 years old) while on route back home from school.

15-21 March: During the reporting period, students walking from the Palestinian village of Al Jab'a (Bethlehem) to their school in Surif (Hebron) were delayed by Israeli Border Police who are stationed at Surif Gate.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani (south Hebron). The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried out by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.
- Imneizil elementary school was delayed as teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' were unable to reach the school on time. IDF soldiers managing Beit Yatir checkpoint denied the teachers' access. The teachers were sent back and advised by the soldiers to use risky alternative roads.

Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- 60 Students from As Siafa living inside the "no-go" or enlarged buffer zone in the northern Gaza Strip and surrounding areas are experiencing difficulties reaching their schools on time.

c) Access to Employment

The general closure imposed on oPt on 11 March due to the Jewish holiday of Purim was not lifted after the holiday. The GoI has now stated that the closure will last until after the Israeli election. Therefore, workers and traders with valid permits were not allowed access to Israel and East Jerusalem in the reporting period.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

The general closure imposed on the oPt on 11 March remained in place.

Nablus Governorate:

15 March: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour.

15 – 21 March: Delays and long queues were experienced at the flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road. On **16 March** the IDF at the flying checkpoint prevented Palestinians from Jenin to enter Nablus.

16 March: The IDF established a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Beita village and prevented residents from entering or exiting the village after a shooting incident at an Israeli plated vehicle. On **17 March** the IDF closed the main entrance of Beita village with concrete blocks and closed the roads connecting Beita with Awarta and Odala with earth mounds. Residents were prevented from entering or exiting the village. On **20 March** the IDF opened the main entrance of Beita village but the roads connecting the nearby villages of 'Awarta, Odala and Aqraba remain closed with earth mounds. On **21 March** the IDF again closed the main entrance of Beita village with concrete blocks.

16 March: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint and denied access to Palestinians heading north after a shooting incident at an Israeli plated vehicle.

16, 17 and 21 March: The IDF forced Palestinians to close the shops located on both sides of Road 60 in Huwwara village.

16 – 21 March: The IDF closed the gate at the entrance of Jamma'in and prevented vehicular movement from entering or exiting the village.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF have closed Shave Shomeron checkpoint for Palestinians during erection of concrete blocks. It remains open for humanitarian organisations from 6am – 8pm provided they have prior coordination.
- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin from leaving Nablus through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints. Long delays are experienced at these checkpoints.
- The IDF at Za'atara checkpoint continue to deny access for Palestinians from Jenin heading south through the checkpoint. Palestinians heading north continued to be allowed access.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue to close Al Jalama checkpoint preventing workers and traders from entering Israel. The commercial checkpoint (back to back) remained open with delays this week.
- The IDF continues restricting the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Food products require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinians experiences daily long delays at Tayasir checkpoint, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.

Tulkarm Governorate:

20 March: The IDF closed the roads connecting Thinaba with Kafr al Labad and Izbet 'Khmish with earth mounds.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- Delays and long queues continue to be experienced at 'Anabta partial check point and at the flying checkpoint near Kafriat tunnel.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Deir al Ghusun village with 'Attil village with earth mounds.
- The IDF continues to close Efrayim checkpoint preventing workers and traders from entering Israel. The Taybeh commercial checkpoint (back to back) remains open.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Qalqiliya north checkpoint preventing workers and traders from entering Israel.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close a dirt road between Haris and Deir Istiya with an earth mound.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

15, 17 and 18 March: The IDF closed An Nabi Saleh gate during the morning rush hours. Palestinians from Bani Zeid village cluster used the alternative road via 'Abud village. The average closure time of the gate was between 1 ½ to 2 hours.

21 March: The IDF closed Qalandiya checkpoint around 10.30 am due to a "high security alert". The checkpoint was reopened at approximately 12.30 am.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed by road blocks.
- Delays continued to be experienced at Gilo checkpoint.

Hebron governorate

During the reporting period the IDF increased the frequency of flying checkpoints at the Halhul bridge and inside of the H1 section of the city of Hebron. Closure also remains tight in the governorate along bypass roads.

15 – 21 March: During the reporting period IDF soldiers added five new closures on Road 60 - two closures next to Karma; two closures between Adh Dhahiriya and Road 60; and one closure in the vicinity of Abu Al Arqan.

15 March: Israeli DCL office in Hebron began issuing magnetic cards for Palestinians.

Ongoing incidents:

- Access restrictions to Road 35 continues to be reinforced with earth mounds on both sides.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road 60 remain closed with a roadblock and earth mounds. The entrance to Adh Dhahiriya from Road 60 remains closed with a road block.
- All primary entrances to Hebron from Road 35 and 60 are closed. Alternative entrances via Halhul and Dura are possible through IDF positions permanently manned.
- Entrances to Idhna and Tarqumiya from Road 35 are still closed with road blocks.
- The earth mound which replaced Yatta Gate was re-established by the IDF after being removed in the past weeks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

21 March: The Israeli security forces erected numerous flying checkpoints after a specific security alert.

Jericho Governorate:

20 March: At around 12:30am the IDF closed Jericho DCO and An Nwemeh checkpoints until 2:30pm.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prohibit all Palestinians from entering the Jordan Valley unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley. However, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to stay over night in the area.
- Delays at the DCO checkpoint is continuing on a daily basis in the morning and evening hours.
- The IDF continue to operate the former partial checkpoint at An Nwemeh with official opening hours from 5am to 8pm.

Gaza Strip

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.

- The IDF continues to enforce the “no go” or enlarged buffer zone in the Palestinian areas which lies to the north of Gaza on the border with Israel. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Road. 60 near; Yits'har junction (7). Road 60 near Al Madina Club (5), Al Badhan Rd (7), Beita (2), Āsira ash Shamaliya.	22
Jenin	Al Yamun, Ash Shuhada.	2
Tubas	Tubas, Tammun.	2
Tulkarm	Deir Al Ghusun (4), 'Illar, Ramin, Balá (3), Bizzariya jun Rd 57 (2).	11
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; DCO (7), 'Azzun (2), Kafr Thulth, Hajja, Jit junction (7), Hajja junction to Kafr Qaddum (7), Habla tunnel (2).	27
Salfit	Deir Istiya, Iskaka, Yasuf.	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 near; Sha'ar Binyamin junction (14).	14
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina, Near St. Johns, Shu'fat, Entrance of; Beit Ikse.	4
Jericho	Khan al Ahmar junction.	1
Bethlehem	Husan, Beit Sahur, Al 'Aza camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya, 'Ayda camp (4), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara, Bethlehem .	17
Hebron	Yatta, Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im, Dura (2), H1 (6), Halhul (2), Beit Kahil, Al Arrub camp (5), Ad Dhahiriya, Ar Ramadin, Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh	27
Total West Bank		130

5. Additional Protection Issues

- Due to the long closure of Karni crossing, the Gaza Strip has severe shortages of flour and other essential food commodities. Most of the bakeries across the Gaza Strip had to close down.
- The person killed in Jericho prison last week has been identified as a Palestinian prisoner from Turmus'ayya (Ramallah). The body has been returned to his family.
- **18 March:** An Israeli settler assaulted a Palestinian from Biddya (Salfit) and caused damage to his vehicle. The Palestinian submitted a complaint to the Israeli police.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (4), Balata camp (2), Āskar (3), Beita (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Jammaín (2). At CPs/Flying CPs; Hamra CP, Beit Furik CP, AL Badhan flying CP.	14	25
Jenin	Jenin city (2), Al Yamun (1), Ya'bad (1), Silat al Harithiya (1). At CPs/Flying CPs; Ash Shuhada flying CP, Salem CP, Reikhan CP.	5	15
Tubas	Tubas (2) Tammun (2).	4	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Ātil (1), Ānabta (1).	3	0
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (2) Āzzun (2), Kafr Qaddum (3), An Nabi Elyas (1). At CPs/Flying CPs; Jit junction flying CP.	8	8
Salfit	Salfit (1), Marda (1).	2	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Beituniya (2), Turmus'ayya (1), Ramallah city (1), Qalandiya camp (2), Qarawat Bani Zeid (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Qalandiya CP.	7	17
Jerusalem	Beit 'Anan (1).	1	12
Jericho	No search/arrest operations reported.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (1), 'Ayda camp(3), Al Khadr (6), Dar Salah (1), Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza camp (3), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (1), Ash Shawara (1).	22	20
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (1), Yatta (2), Dura (2), H1 (3),	21	8

	Halhul (1), Al Arrub camp (3), Bani Na'im (1), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (1), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Beit Ummar (1), Surif (1), Beit Awwa (1).		
Total Week West Bank		87	105
Gaza Strip	Attempted infiltration to Israel; East of Bureij (2), east of Rafah.	0	15
Total Week oPt		87	120

Appendix: Checkpoints: 15 – 21 March 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 5pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The gate leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
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. On 29 June the checkpoint became operational from 4am – 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian company operating at the checkpoint. Closed since 11 March.
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.
Kafriat Tunnel	On 1 March IDF Installed concrete barriers on Kafriat Tunnel flying checkpoint situated 1km south of Kafriat Tunnel upgrading the flying checkpoint observed on a daily basis to partial checkpoint. The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. Closed since 11 March.
Qalqiliya North (new)	Open between 4am to 7pm for Palestinian permit holders. Closed since 11 March.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open between 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Closed since 11 March.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open between 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open between 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint. 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 between 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. The IDF continues to restrict villages between 16 – 40 years old from crossing.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access. Since 1 February humanitarian organisations need prior coordination for crossing due to the installation of concrete slabs as a security wall for the settlement.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.
Hamra East, before closure regime	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be

main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	present in the Jordan Valley areas. A security zone has been declared by the IDF around Hamra checkpoint. No land has been confiscated; however any Palestinian crossing the area that is not owner of the land will be arrested. Landowners names have been compiled in a list at the checkpoint. Delays for traders crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The IDF maintained restrictions on Palestinians from Jenin accessing Zaatara checkpoint.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Friday. Closed since 11 March.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Long delays are reported for Palestinians crossing the checkpoint on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open only for Internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West bank ID with valid permits. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening rush hours.
Bet El/DCO	Open between 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.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
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 and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid 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, Palestinians with valid 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 and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
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	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not

between north and south West Bank	required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plate cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. Long delays are reported.
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. Delays are reported especially during morning rush hours. Closed on 14 March.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. Closed on 14 March.
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. Closed on 14 March.
Nwemeh North Jericho	Since 15 February the partial checkpoint has become permanent with regular opening hours from 5am to 8pm. Palestinian vehicles and ID cards are subjected to regular checks. Closed on 14 March.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Closed since 11 March.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Since 3 February Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. However, on 3 February, the checkpoint was manned and causing slow traffic and congestion.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations Local staff of international organisations are also permitted to cross into Jerusalem through this checkpoint. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers are checking vehicles in both directions but are not always manning the checkpoint. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Not open for Palestinians as of 3 February 2006.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Not open for Palestinians as of 3 February 2006. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint..
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours. On bypass road 90, restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Complaints of mistreatment by soldiers manning the checkpoint were reported during the reporting period.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open for both Palestinian workers and commercial goods from Palestinian areas to Israel. Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am – 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 7pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint while construction on the crossing point is still ongoing. Closed since 11 March for workers and traders.
Meitar	Open 24 hours. Closed since 11 March for workers and traders.

Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. The soldiers manning the checkpoint are not allowing teachers coming from As Samu towards Imneizil school from accessing Road 317. Work on the new road barrier is taking place near the checkpoint.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Moved south by 1 km to the section of road where the Barrier will cross Road 316. IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented school teachers from accessing the school in the nearby Palestinian community of Imneizil.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim 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. During the reporting period, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented students from the schools of Cordoba and Al Mohammadiya from reaching their schools in a timely fashion.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting 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 problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by IDF soldiers and Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check is performed which a departure from last previous weeks where only Palestinians living in Al Ramadin were allowed access. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Delays have been reported by Palestinians trying to cross the checkpoint during the reported period.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower. The checkpoint was manned at certain periods during the reported period.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower. During the reported period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint. The checkpoint was manned for disconnected periods during the reported period. On 11 March, soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed a PLC Member for more than an hour.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4 – 5:00pm; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 March: 613 arrivals, 572 departures. - 16 March: 849 arrivals, 836 departures. - 17 March: 980 arrivals, 654 departures. - 18 March: 783 arrivals, 695 departures. - 19 March: 667 arrivals, 803 departures. - 20 March: 591 arrivals, 757 departures. - 21 March: 669 arrivals, 701 departures.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling

checkpoint. Delays were experienced. The back-to-back system has been operational from 7am to 5pm except on Saturday.	
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. 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	
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	
Sufa	Since 14 February, Sufa crossing was closed because of a security threat as IDF said.
Karni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9 March: Karni crossing was reopened for importing commodities only. ▪ 10 March: Karni was opened at 2.00pm for two hours. ▪ 11 March: Karni was closed for Shabat. ▪ 12 and 13 March: Karni crossing was partially open both ways. ▪ 14 March: Karni crossing was closed. ▪ 20 March: Karni crossing reopens for 1 hour for imports only. ▪ 21 March: Karni crossing reopens from 11 am for imports only.

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Method and Sources

The information used to compile these Briefing Notes comes from a range of sources with a field presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The accuracy of the reported information is ensured through the corroboration of reports by two additional sources. Typically, the OCHA Field Coordination Unit (FCU) receives an initial incident report from a source, which is verified through visits to the incident site in addition to further corroboration with a third source, such as an NGO. In addition, OCHA FCU collects military orders as documentary evidence and provides information on incidents witnessed in person.

In the interests of timeliness and readability, the sources are not listed for each incident within the texts of the report. Listed below are the sources relied upon each week in compiling this Briefing:

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.

