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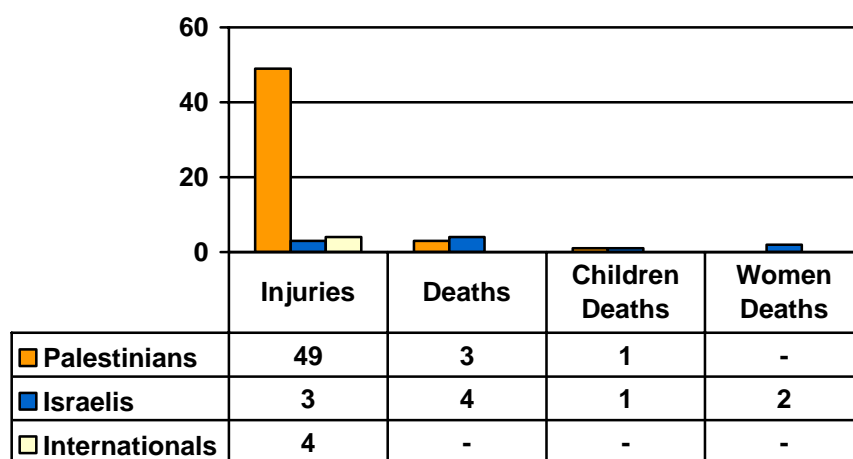
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

29 March – 4 April 2006

Of note this period

- A Palestinian man exploded a suicide bomb in the northern West Bank killing four Israelis including a child and two women.
- IDF fired more than 215 artillery shells and 10 F16 missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip, particularly targeting the northern areas, killing one Palestinian and injured six others including a 6 month old child. Palestinian militants fired 27 homemade (Qassam) rockets into Israel.
- General closure has remained in place in the oPt since 11 March following the Jewish holiday of Purim and the Israeli General Elections.
- Tightened closure throughout the West Bank – especially in northern West Bank and throughout the Jordan Valley. Age and residence restrictions were imposed at checkpoints surrounding Nablus and at Za'atara checkpoint (used for interregional movement). All checkpoints in the Jordan Valley and Jericho were closed for Palestinians between the ages of 16 – 30 years old.

1. Physical Protection**Casualties and protection**

- During the week the IDF fired more than **215** artillery tank shells and **10** F16 missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip (casualties reported in incident descriptions below). **27** home made (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel. No injuries were reported.
- **29 March:** Israeli Border Police injured a 27-year-old Palestinian man from Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron) while en route to work inside Israel.
- **29 March:** The IDF injured two Palestinians during a search and arrest campaign in Al Jalazun camp (Ramallah). One Palestinian was arrested.
- **29 March:** Palestinians stoned Israeli plated vehicles passing on Road 55 near 'Azzun (Qalqiliya) injuring one female settler.
- **30 March:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian, international and Israeli activists demonstrating in Rafat (Salfit) against the construction of the Barrier. Two Palestinians and one international activist were injured.
- **30 March:** A 24-year-old Palestinian from Al Burj (Hebron) killed four Israelis in a suicide bombing, including a 16-year-old boy and two women aged 20 and 58 years old, after blowing himself up inside an Israeli vehicle near Kadumim settlement (Qalqiliya). The Palestinian suicide bomber is included in the weekly total.
- **30 March:** The IDF assaulted and injured a 13-year-old Palestinian boy breaking his leg in Birqin (Jenin).

- **30 March:** A group of Israeli settlers assaulted and injured a 16-year-old Palestinian shepherd from Beit Furik (Nablus) and killed 15 of his sheep.
- **30 March:** A group of Israeli settlers assaulted and injured three Palestinians aged 30, 35 and 60 years old from Beit Dajan (Nablus) and damaged their vehicle.
- **30 March:** The IDF along the Barrier west of Rafat village (Salfit) opened fire towards a number of Palestinian workers as they tried crossing illegally into Israel, injuring one Palestinian who was later transported to an Israeli hospital.
- **30 March:** The IDF assaulted and injured a 17-year-old Palestinian near Qablan village (Nablus).
- **30 March:** The Israeli Border Police fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians, international and Israeli activists demonstrating in Beit Sira (Ramallah) against the construction of the Barrier. Four Palestinians and one Israeli Border Police soldier were injured.
- **30 March:** The IDF fired rubber-coated bullets at demonstrators in Rafat (Jerusalem) demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier. Two Palestinians and one international activist were injured.
- **30 March:** The Israeli Border Police fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians in Shu'fat camp (Jerusalem) demonstrating against delays and harassment at the checkpoint injuring three Palestinians.
- **31 March:** IDF soldiers assaulted and injured a 17-year-old Palestinian boy in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **31 March:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians, international and Israeli activists in Bil'in (Ramallah) demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier. Two International activists and one IDF soldier were injured.
- **1 April:** Israeli settlers injured a 25-year-old international female volunteer working in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) after throwing stones towards her and Palestinian students on route to Cordoba school in H2 area.
- **1 April:** An eight-year-old Palestinian boy in Jenin camp (Jenin) was injured during confrontations that took place during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **1 April:** A group of Israeli settlers assaulted and injured a 65-year-old Palestinian from Salim (Nablus) while he was farming his land.
- **2 April:** The IDF injured 11 Palestinians after firing live ammunition, tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya).
- **2 April:** Two Palestinians, including a seven-year-old boy, were injured by IDF artillery shells into northern Beit Lahiya (Gaza Strip).
- **3 April:** IDF soldiers assaulted and injured a 52-year-old Palestinian man on Road 60 near the Israeli settlement of Beit Khagai (Hebron).
- **3 April:** IDF soldiers assaulted and injured a 19-year-old Palestinian man in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **3 April:** The IDF killed a 15-year-old Palestinian boy after opening fire during an IDF operation in Qalandiya refugee camp (Ramallah).
- **3 April:** The IDF shot and injured two Palestinians, 19 and 25 years old, in Balata camp (Nablus) following an exchange of fire during a search and arrest campaign.
- **4 April:** The IAF injured two Palestinian national security guards after launching two missiles against the Palestinian national security compound in Gaza city (Gaza Strip).
- **4 April:** The IDF injured four Palestinians, including a six-month-old childtoddler after firing artillery shells into northern Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **4 April:** A 45-year-old Palestinian man was killed by artillery shelling into a Bedouin village north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
29 March	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
31 March	Al Mohgraga, Gaza Strip	-	1	0
1 April	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	0

Total Week		3	0
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- **29 March:** IDF artillery units fired shells into open areas north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). One building was hit and the boundary wall damaged.
- **31 March:** An IAF aircraft dropped a missile on the old railway bridge connecting Al Moghraga area with the middle camps (Gaza Strip) damaging the bridge.
- **1 April:** IAF aircrafts launched four missiles targeting a hotel under construction northwest of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip) damaging the building.

Other related incidents:

- **29 March:** Israeli settlers, supported by Israeli security forces, occupied three houses in At Tur and Silwan (Jerusalem).
- **30 March:** An IAF aircraft fired six missiles towards into Beit Hanoun area (Gaza Strip) damaging five roads.
- **30 March:** The IDF occupied one house in Jenin camp (Jenin) for six hours and used it as an observation post. The IDF held the family in one room.
- **31 March:** An IAF aircraft dropped a missile on the Palestine Stadium (Gaza Strip), creating a large hole in the playing field.
- **1 April:** IAF aircrafts launched two missiles targeting Palestine Stadium and park near Palestine mosque in Gaza city (Gaza Strip).
- **4 April:** An IAF aircraft dropped a missile on the PA security base in Ansar, Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The missile struck the presidential helicopter pad and a training base used by Palestinian security forces in Gaza City.

3. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

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 Khafets 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:

- Barrier construction: 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.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in. Construction of the Barrier between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira village is in the final stages. Land levelling for the last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is continuing between the village and Makkaim settlement. The construction of the "special security arrangements" around Ofarim and Beit

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

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.

Hebron Governorate:

30 March: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bat Ayin (Bethlehem) uprooted 30 trees belonging to Palestinians from Beit Ummar.

1 April: Israeli settlers from the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba uprooted 60 olive trees that were planted 30 March in Wad Al Hussein location in the H2 area.

3 April: The IDF issued military order number T/12/06 requisitioning 200 m² (0.2 dunums) in 'Ar Arrub refugee camp for the purpose of establishing a military tower.

3 April: The IDF issued military order number T/04/06 requisitioning 230 m² (0.23 dunums) in H2 area for the purpose of establishing a military post on top one of the houses.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Land levelling and road paving is continuing in the towns of Surif, Nuba and Kharas and on the western side of the village of Al Ramadin. Land leveling also continues in the southern part of Hebron near Shani settlement and the Palestinian village of Imneizil.
- Land leveling for the construction of the road barrier has continued east of the Shani checkpoint on Road 317 during the reporting period.
- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya (Hebron) where the new commercial checkpoint will be built. The contractor cut off the main road and re-routed it to a newly-paved road. Land levelling continues at the back-to-back section of the checkpoint
- Land levelling and road paving continues at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar.
- Land levelling continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil.
- Land leveling around Deir al 'Asal for what is understood to be military tower.
- New housing construction continues in the settlements of Susiya, Karmei Tsur, Kiryat Arba, Karmel and Pnei Khever;

Bethlehem Governorate:

28 March: The IDF issued military order number T/36/06 requisitioning an unspecified number of dunums of land from Beit Jala for the purpose of constructing the Barrier. The military order supersedes military order number T/36/04 A and B issued on 12 August 2004.

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:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction 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. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards intending to drive to

Jerusalem, have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.

- A fence has been installed between Ar Ram/ Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint and the Barrier just north of the checkpoint. The fence prevents vehicles to access Atarot or Bet Hanina from the Ar Ram/ Dahiyet al Bareed area. The gap in the Barrier between Ar Ram and Bir Nabala/ Atarot has been blocked by concrete blocks.

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
2 April	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	12 hours
Total Week	One Incidents	12 hours

- **2 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on Al Funduq village for 12 hours during the funeral of the Israeli settlers from Kadumim killed in the Palestinian suicide bombing on 30 March.

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

Jenin:

1 April: UNRWA schools in Jenin camp were closed due to confrontations taking place in the camp during an IDF search and arrest campaign.

Hebron:

29 March: IDF soldiers threw an unidentified object at a car used by the Palestinian Ministry of Education to transport teachers in the Palestinian town of Bani Na'im (Hebron). The car sustained physical damages.

29 March – 4 April: During the reporting period, students walking from the Palestinian village of Al Jab'a (Bethlehem) to their school in Surif (Hebron) were delayed by Border Police soldiers 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 Governorate. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement. During the reporting period minor delays were experienced.
- 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 continued to deny the teachers' access. The teachers were sent back and are currently using back roads to reach the school.

Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- The 27 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 by Israeli authorities since 11 March due to the Jewish holiday of Purim was not lifted after the holiday. The Gol stated that the closure would be extended until after the Israeli election however the closure was once again not lifted following elections. During the reporting period workers and traders with valid permits were again therefore not allowed access to Israel and East Jerusalem.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

The general closure imposed on the oPt since 11 March remained in place throughout the reporting period.

Nablus Governorate:

29 March: The IDF opened the closure of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya for UN and humanitarian organisations for use from 6am to 8pm.

30 March: The IDF closed the main entrance and all dirt roads connecting Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya with earth mounds.

30 March – 4 April: The IDF prevented Palestinians aged 15 to 32 from exiting Nablus though Huwwara and Beit Iba check points.

31 March: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after arresting one Palestinian in possession of bullets.

1 – 4 April: The IDF closed Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinian vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates.

3 April: Palestinian families living near the archaeological site in Sabastiya (Nablus) were forced by the IDF to stay home and kept shops closed for two hours to secure Israeli settlers performing a wedding at the site.

3 and 4 April: The IDF denied access of public taxis and buses through Huwwara checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- 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.
- The IDF continue to keep closed Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations, in order to finish the construction of the checkpoint.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Al Jalama checkpoint remained closed by the IDF 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:

1 April: The IDF prevented Palestinian farmers from Tammun reaching their lands on the east side of Road 578.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tulkarm Governorate:

29 March – 4 April: The IDF prevented residents of Tulkarm from travelling south through Zaatara checkpoint and at the flying checkpoints around Tulkarm.

29 March: The IDF closed the road connecting Deir al Ghusun village with Bal’a village with an earth mound.

29 March: The IDF dug a trench along side Road 57 reinforcing the old earth wall preventing Palestinian vehicular movement on the dirt road in Ramin.

29 March: The IDF closed Ánabta partial checkpoint and Kafriat tunnel partial checkpoint and prevented vehicular movement in and out of Tulkarm. Pedestrians were allowed to cross.

29 March – 4 April: The IDF prevented Palestinians from Tulkarm city, Ánabta, Íllar and Seida to exit through Kafriat and Ánabta checkpoints.

30 March: The IDF closed the road between Beit Lid and Kur with concrete blocks.

31 March: The IDF closed Khirbet Jubara gate for two and half hours.

31 March and 1 April: The IDF closed the Barrier gates and prevented Palestinian farmers from reaching their lands on the west side of the Barrier.

2 April: The IDF closed 'Anabta partial checkpoint for several hours and prevented vehicular movement in and out of Tulkarm. Pedestrians were allowed to cross.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- 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.
- The IDF continues to close the roads connecting Thinaba with Kafr al Labad and Izbat 'Khmish with earth mounds.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

30 March: The IDF opened the entrances of 'Izbat at Tabib and the western road connecting 'Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun.

30 March - 2 April: The IDF closed Road 55 from 'Azzun to Jit junction with flying checkpoints at all entrances of Palestinian villages connected to Road 55 after the Palestinian suicide bombing near Kadumim settlement.

30 March - 2 April: The IDF prevented Palestinian movement on Road 5506 from Haris to Road 55 (Wadi Qana road) which connects Qalqiliya with Salfit governorate.

31 March – 4 April: The IDF closed the entrance of Kafr Laqif with an earth mound.

31 March and 1 April: The IDF closed the Barrier gates and prevented Palestinian farmer from reaching their lands on the west side of the Barrier.

2 April: The IDF surrounded Jit village for several hours preventing residents from exiting the village during the funeral of the settlers from Kadumim who killed in the suicide bombing. The IDF also closed all the shops on both sides of Road 55 in Al Funduq during the funeral.

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.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

According to the Israeli DCL, Qalandiya checkpoint will be officially in operation on Wednesday 5 April 2006. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem ID card and West Bankers with Israeli permits are allowed to travel via the new checkpoint. Palestinians with West Bank ID cards on the other hand will be using different road to access only the West Bank, East of Qalandiya checkpoint.

Ongoing incident:

- The IDF operated the gate at An Nabi Saleh during the morning rush hours.

Bethlehem Governorate:

A new checkpoint has been placed at the turn of Road 375 leading to the Israeli settlement of Betar Illit and to the agricultural land cultivated by Palestinians between Betar Illit A and B. The checkpoint is manned by the IDF.

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

30 March: The IDF declared that access of all vehicular traffic through the Givat Ha'avot checkpoint is prohibited. This decision includes access by international humanitarian organisations. Settler-guards have been manning the checkpoint for the past 20 days

Ongoing incidents:

- Closure remains tight in the governorate along bypass roads. The IDF have reinforced the earth mounds on both sides of Road 35.
- Closures on Road 317 and Road 60 remained strict. Travel permit restrictions remain enforce along these roads south of Hebron;
- The earth mound which replaced Yatta Gate is currently closed.
- The Idhna – Tarqumiya crossings road remained opened during the reporting period.
- Zif gate remained opened throughout the reporting period, though frequent presence of Border Police and IDF patrols was observed.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road. 60 remain closed (road block and earth mounds).
- The entrance to Adh Dhahiriya remains closed (road block).
- All primary entrances to Hebron from bypass roads (35 and 60) are closed. Alternative entrances via Halhul and Dura are possible through IDF positions.
- Entrances of Idhna and Tarqumiya from Road 35 are still closed with road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

30 March: Israeli security forces increased their presence inside and around the Old City of Jerusalem. Palestinians were stopped and ID cards were checked.

Jericho Governorate:

31 March – 3 April: All checkpoints out of the Jordan Valley and Jericho were closed for Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 30. The only exception was for Jericho ID card holders between ages 16 and 30 who were permitted entrance to Jericho but not to leave. Ambulances, school children, health workers and teachers were permitted crossing, however many faced delays and difficulties especially at Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints.

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. As a result of the intensive IDF artillery shelling, more than half the families have relocated to surrounding localities outside the buffer zone.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Road No. 60 near; Yits'har junction (7). Road No. 60 near Al Madina club (7), Al Badhan Rd (4), Beita.	19
Jenin	Entrance off; Arraba, Jenin, Bir al Basha, al Yamun. Btw Qabatiya and Sanur.	5
Tubas	Btw; Tubas and Aqqaba. Entrance off; Tammun	2
Tulkarm	Btw; Deir Al Ghusun and Al Jarushiya (5). Entrance off; Raminl,	11

	Balá (5).	
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), Kafr Thulth, Hajja, Jit junction (7), Jinsafut, Habla tunnel, Deir Istiya (3), Immatin (3), Sir, Jit village, Jayyus (2), Izbat at Tabib, Sanniriya, Al Funduq (2).	39
Salfit	Entrance off; Bruqin (2), Marda, Kafr ad Dik, Qarawat Bani Hassan, Kifl Haris.	6
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 near Sha'ar Binyamin junction (14).	14
Jerusalem	Entrance: Az Za'ayem, Sheikh Jarrah.	2
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah, Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza camp (2), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Ash Shawara (2).	22
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 (2).	28
Total West Bank		148

5. Additional Protection Issues

- **30 March:** Israeli Police and Border Police fired tear gas canisters and stun grenades at Palestinian "Land Day" demonstrators in Salah Eddin Street (Jerusalem). Four Palestinians were arrested.
- **30 March:** IDF navy vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats and towards the Al Soudania area northwest of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **31 March:** Four Palestinians were killed and another 40 injured in an internal armed dispute over the killing of the head of Popular Resistance Committees in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). These casualty figures are not included in Section 1.

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 (5), Balata camp (1), Áskar (2), Salim (1), Odala (2), Beit Furik (1), Ásira ash Shamaliya (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Hamra CP, Huwwara CP, Al Badhan flying CP.	13	34
Jenin	Jenin city (3), Jenin camp (2), Al Yamun (1), 'Arraba (1), Birqin (1), Kherbit Beir al Basha (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Salem CP.	9	16
Tubas	At CPs/Flying CPs: Tayasir.	0	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Faru'in (1), Ánabta (1), Áttil (1) Tulkarm camp (3), Suweika (2), Iktaba (1), Illar (1), Seida (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Kafriat CP.	16	16
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (2) Ázzun (3), Jinsafut (1).	6	7
Salfit	Biddya (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Bruqin (1).	3	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bir Zeit (1), Ramallah (1), Al Jalazun camp (1), 'Abud (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Qalandiya CP.	4	6
Jerusalem	Hizma (1).	1	6
Jericho	No incidents reported.	0	0
Bethlehem	Husan (1), Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda camp (4), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem city (1).	17	5
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (2), Dura (4), H1 (4), Al Arrub camp (1), Bani Na'im (2), Idhna (1), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1), Ash Shuyukh (2), Beit Ummar (1), Surif (2), Beit Awwa (1), Beit Ummar (3).	27	14
Total Week West Bank		96	107
Gaza Strip	Attempted infiltration: east Bureij camp.	0	4
Total Week oPt		96	111

Appendix: Checkpoints: 29 March – 4 April 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. On 28 March closed for all vehicles, UN and international humanitarian organisations included.
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. Closed for Palestinians aged between 16 and 30 years-old, except for ambulances, health workers and teachers.
Hamra	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on

East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be 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. Closed for Palestinians aged between 16 and 30 years-old, except for ambulances, health workers and teachers.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The IDF maintained restrictions on Palestinians from Jenin accessing Zaatara checkpoint.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablu (NEW)	Open from 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organizations and Palestinian ambulances.
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. Closed for Palestinians aged between 16 and 30 years-old, except for ambulances, health workers and teachers.
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 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. Long delays are reported.
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 for Palestinians aged between 16 and 30 years-old leaving Jericho, except for ambulances, health workers and teachers.
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.
An 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 for Palestinians aged between 16 and 30 years-old, except for ambulances, health workers and teachers.
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 for Palestinians with valid permits (including workers and traders).
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 organizations are also permitted to cross into Jerusalem through this checkpoint. As of 3 February, Palestinians with 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. Large scale land levelling is on-going.
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 since 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 since 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	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Complaints of

settlement, on Road 354	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 B2B 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 at a massive scale. Closed since 11 March for Palestinian workers holding valid permits.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Closed since 11 March for Palestinian workers holding valid permits.
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 has continued on the road barrier east of 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 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. 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. Only residents of Ar Ramadin are allowed crossing. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325
"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"> - 29 March: 701 arrivals, 485 departures. - 30 March: 634 arrivals, 596 departures. - 31 March: 776 arrivals, 491 departures. - 1 April: 621 arrivals, 599 departures. - 2 April: 711 arrivals, 658 departures.

- 3 April: 570 arrivals, 690 departures.
- 4 April: Data not available

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 Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday.
Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.

Jenin

Al Jalama Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.

Ramallah/Al Bireh

Beituniya 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.
Back-to-back checkpoint

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 Partially open for construction materials.

Karni Partially open from 28 March – 3 April. Closed on 4 April.

Kerem Shalom Open all week for the imports of humanitarian aid from Egypt. Operates seven hours a /day.

– End –**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.