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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

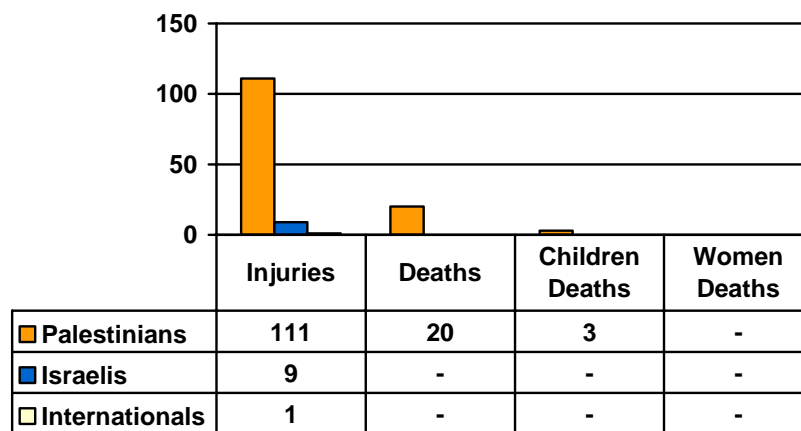
5 – 11 April 2006

Of note this period

- **Violence escalated in the Gaza Strip:** Palestinians fired more than 46 homemade rockets at targets inside Israel (almost double the number compared to the previous week) injuring one Israeli. The IDF fired 1,250 artillery shells (more than five times as many as the previous week). The IDF also conducted six F16 missile strikes including three targeted killings. Sixteen Palestinians were killed (including two children) and 54 injured.
- **Comprehensive external closure of the oPt continued** for the fourth consecutive week (since 11 March) with no movement of Palestinian workers and traders inside Israel. This was coupled with continued tightened closure in the West Bank, especially around the northern West Bank and into the Jordan Valley.

1. Physical Protection

Casualties and protection



- During the week the IDF fired more than **1,250** artillery tank shells and **six** F16 missiles inside the Gaza Strip, particularly in the northern areas. On **5 April** two IDF naval vessels approached the seashore opposite Al Soudania area, west of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip), and fired five shells at open Palestinian areas in the northern Gaza Strip.
- At least **46** home made (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- **5 April:** Palestinian gunmen injured an IDF soldier during a military operation in Nablus city (Nabulus) in an exchange of fire. Five Palestinians were injured in later related confrontations between Palestinian stone throwers and the IDF who responded with live ammunition, tear gas and rubber coated metal bullets.
- **6 April:** Confrontations took place in Nablus city (Nabulus) between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a military operation. The IDF responded with live rounds, tear gas and rubber coated metal bullets injuring one international reporter and 17 Palestinians. On 9 April a 17-year-old Palestinian died from injuries he sustained.
- **6 April:** An Israeli settler was injured after settlers from Yitzhar settlement (Nabulus) clashed with Palestinians near the settlement.
- **6 April:** The IDF shot and injured an 18-year-old Palestinian man after opening fire with rubber coated metal bullets at Palestinian stone throwers in Al 'Aza refugee camp (Bethlehem).
- **6 April:** A 35-year-old Palestinian man was injured by IDF artillery shelling in the area north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **6 April:** Two Palestinian men were injured by IDF artillery shelling in the area of Sheikh Zayed housing project in northern Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).

- **6 April:** One Israeli was injured south of Ashqelon after Palestinians fired homemade rockets from the Gaza Strip at targets inside Israel.
- **7 April:** Two Palestinian men were injured by IDF artillery shelling which hit a house north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **7 April:** The IAF killed five Palestinian men (22, 23[2], 24 and 33 years old) and one of the Palestinians' five-year-old son and injured eight others after launching two missiles at a training base used by Palestinian militants in the former settlement of Rafiah Yam west of Tel Es-Sultan quarter in Rafah (Gaza Strip) (targeted killing).
- **7 April:** The IDF shot and injured a 14-year-old Palestinian boy in Camp No.1 (Nablus) after confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **7 April:** The IDF shot and killed a 22-year-old Palestinian and injured five others in Nablus city (Nablus). Two IDF soldiers were reported injured during the military operation.
- **7 April:** The IDF 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 were injured.
- **7 April:** Israeli Border Police fired tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets at Palestinians demonstrating in Bil'in (Ramallah) against the construction of the Barrier. Two Palestinians were injured.
- **8 April:** The IDF shot and injured three Palestinians (14, 20 and 22 years old) in Silat al Harithiya (Jenin) after confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF search and arrest campaign. On 11 April the 14-year-old boy died from injuries he sustained.
- **8 April:** The IDF beat and injured a 25-year-old PRCS ambulance driver at a flying (random) checkpoint at Jit Junction (Qalqiliya).
- **8 April:** The IDF shot and injured a 28-year-old Palestinian in Nablus city (Nablus) after confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **8 April:** Israeli settlers from Mizad settlement attacked and injured a 21-year-old Palestinian man shepherding his cattle near Sa'ir (Hebron).
- **8 April:** The IAF killed six Palestinians (20[2], 22[2], 23 and 29 years old) and injured another three Palestinians after launching three missiles targeting an Abu Er-Rish Brigades training camp in the former settlement of Neveh Dekalim west of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip) (targeted killing).
- **8 April:** Five Palestinians were injured by IDF artillery shelling in northern Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **8 April:** The IAF killed two Palestinian men (23 and 25 years old) and injured another Palestinian after launching a missile at a vehicle traveling in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) (targeted killing).
- **9 April:** A 28-year-old Palestinian man was killed and seven other Palestinians injured when an IDF artillery shell hit a vehicle transporting PA national security members to their position north-east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **9 April:** A 13-year-old boy was injured by IDF artillery shelling in his house in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **9 April:** Six Palestinians were injured by IDF artillery shelling at a Palestinian plastic factory in the Beit Hanoun industrial zone (Gaza Strip).
- **9 April:** Five Palestinians were injured by IDF artillery shelling north of Beit Lahia Sheikh Zayed housing project (Gaza Strip).
- **9 April:** The IDF injured a 22-year-old Palestinian man after opening fire with rubber coated metal bullets at him near Road 60 (Hebron).
- **9 April:** The IDF shot and killed a 30-year-old Palestinian man in Bethlehem City (Bethlehem). The man was wanted by the IDF for the killing of two IDF soldiers in 2003.
- **9 April:** The IDF shot and injured a 17-year-old Palestinian boy in Camp No.1 (Nablus) after confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **9 April:** The IDF shot and injured a 27-year-old Palestinian man in 'Anabta (Tulkarm) after confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **9 April:** The IDF injured 11 Palestinians when firing live ammunition, tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets at Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF military operation in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **9 April:** Palestinians in At Tur (Jerusalem) clashed with Israeli security forces over a Palestinian apartment allegedly sold to a Jewish organisation. Three Palestinians and four Israeli Policemen were injured.

- **10 April:** Israeli settlers from Otni'el settlement attacked and injured a 21-year-old Palestinian man from Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron).
- **10 April:** An 8-year-old Palestinian girl was killed and 12 others injured (including eight children and one woman) by IDF artillery shelling at their house in northern Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **10 April:** A Palestinian woman was injured by IDF artillery shelling northwest of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **11 April:** The IDF injured four Palestinians when firing live ammunition, tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets at Palestinian stone throwers during a military operation in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **11 April:** A 20-year-old Palestinian was injured by an UXO in Nablus city (Nablus).

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
5 April	Beit Jala, Bethlehem	1	-	n/a
6 April	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	1	-	n/a
7 April	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	2	n/a
7 April	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	0
8 April	H2, Hebron	1	-	n/a
9 April	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	1	-	0
10 April	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
11 April	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	0
Total Week		4	5	n/a

- **5 April:** The IDF demolished a one-room house in Beit Jala (Bethlehem) which was located close to the Tunnels checkpoint.
- **6 April:** A farming shed was destroyed north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip) when it was hit by an IDF artillery shell.
- **7 April:** A building housing a Fatah office was partially damaged when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting at the building in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **7 April:** A house was partially damaged when it was hit by an IDF artillery shell north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **7 April:** A helicopter pad in the Ansar security complex in Gaza city (Gaza Strip) was severely damaged when it was hit by two IAF F-16 missiles.
- **8 April:** The IDF demolished a house in Abu Sneinah neighbourhood in the H2 section of Hebron city following an explosion in the house which injured two Palestinians (injuries not included in the Section 1). IDF soldiers later raided Al Ahli Hospital and arrested the two injured men.
- **9 April:** A factory and a nearby farm located near Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip) caught fire when it was hit by IDF artillery shells. Palestinian fire fighters efforts to bring the blaze under control were delayed because of continued IDF shelling. The factory was completely burnt down.
- **10 April:** A Palestinian house was damaged after being hit by an IDF artillery shell in northern Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **11 April:** A Palestinian housing the Al-Aqsa Brigade's office in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) was damaged after being hit by two rockets from an IAF helicopter.

Other related incidents:

- **5 April - ongoing:** The IDF occupied several Palestinian houses and buildings in Nablus city (Nablus) for several hours daily and used them as observation posts.
- **6 April:** Israeli settlers from Avraham Avinu settlement in the H2 section of Hebron city occupied a three-story building in the vicinity of the settlement. Furniture located in the vacant building was thrown out as settlers moved in their belongings.

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 Khefets and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence around the settlements.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

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" as part of the Barrier 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.

Hebron Governorate:

9 April: Israeli settlers from the Susya settlement planted olive trees on eight dunums of land belonging to the Palestinian community of Susiya.

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 levelling 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 continues for what is understood to be military tower.

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

- New housing construction continues in the settlements of Susiya, Karmei Tsur, Kiryat Arba, Karmel and Pnei Khever;

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: The IDF has completed the section of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb where land levelling had been taken place in the past weeks.
- Land levelling continues on the side of Tunnels and 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The new road between Bir Nabala, Qalandiya village and Rafat has been completed. The road is opened for Palestinians coming from Al jib, Al Judeira and Bir Nabal going to Ramallah.

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	Madama, Nablus	2 hours
Total Week	One Incidents	2 hours

- **2 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on Madama village (Nablus) for two hours after a Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli plated vehicle driving on Road 60.

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

Hebron:

All week: During the reporting period, students walking from the Palestinian village of Al Jab'a (Bethlehem) to their school in Surif (Hebron) were delayed by IDF soldiers 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 continues to remain in place. During the reporting period workers and traders with valid permits for the fourth week were again denied 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:

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

9 April: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after arresting one Palestinian in possession of explosive devices.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin and all Palestinians between the ages of 15 – 32 years from leaving Nablus through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints. Long delays are experienced at these checkpoints. Public taxis and buses are also denied access through Huwwara checkpoint.
- The IDF are preventing Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarm from travelling south through Za'atara checkpoint. Palestinians heading north continued to be allowed access.
- The IDF continue to close 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:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tulkarm Governorate:

6 April: The IDF closed 'Anabta partial checkpoint and Kafriat tunnel partial checkpoint for three hours and prevented vehicular and pedestrians movement in and out of Tulkarm.

Ongoing incidents:

- 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 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 the roads connecting Thinaba with Kafr al Labad and Izbat 'Khmish with earth mounds.
- The IDF continues to prevent residents of Tulkarm from travelling south at Zaatara checkpoint and at flying checkpoints around Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Qalqiliya north checkpoint preventing workers and traders from entering Israel.
- The IDF continues to close the entrance of Kafr Laqif with an earth mound.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

5 and 6 April: The IDF checked Palestinian vehicles at the At Taybe partial checkpoint.

Ongoing incident:

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

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by blocks and was reinforced after IDF soldiers added new cement blocks.

Hebron governorate

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 and 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 Israeli 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.
- The main entrances to Idhna and Tarqumiya from Road 35 are still closed with road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

All week: The IDF removed the earth mound and opened an existing old dirt track between Beit Ikhsa and Beit Hanina al Balad. Palestinians are no longer allowed to drive on Road 437 unless they have an Israeli permit to access Israel.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

5 April: The age restriction imposed last week on Palestinian movement at the DCO checkpoint was lifted. However, delays at the DCO checkpoint continue on a daily basis during the morning and evening rush hours.

All week: The restrictions on Palestinian movements in and out the Jordan Valley via Hamra, Tayasir and Efrayim checkpoints continues to be difficult. The three checkpoints are closed for Palestinians aged between 16-30 years old. All permits issued by the Civil Administration have been cancelled and only those issued by the brigade commander remain active. The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with valid permits from staying overnight in the area. Teachers, school pupils, health staff and Palestinians with Jordan Valley addresses on their ID cards should be able to access the Jordan Valley without age restrictions.

Ongoing incidents:

- 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 60 near; Yits'har junction (7). Road 60 near Al Madina club (7).	14
Jenin	Entrance off: Arraba, Jenin, Bir al Basha, Al Yamun. Between Qabatiya and Sanur.	5
Tubas	Al Far'a camp, Aqqaba, Tammun.	3
Tulkarm	Deir Al Ghusun (2), Balá (2).	4
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), Jit junction (7), Kafr Qaddum, Habla tunnel, Kafr Laqif (2), Izbet at Tabib (3)	28
Salfit	Entrance off; Salfit, Marda, Bruqin, Kifl Haris (2), Iskaka, Yasuf (2), Az Zawiya.	9
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60: Sha'ar Binyamin junction (14), Kharbatha al Misbah (7).	21
Jerusalem	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda camp(3), Al Khadr (3), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza camp (3), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (3), Ash Shawara (2).	27
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im (3), Dura (3), H1 (5), Halhul, Beit Kahil, Al Arrub camp (3), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin, Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh.	27
Total West Bank		138

5. Additional Protection Issues

- **5 – 11 April:** During the reporting period the Israeli DCLs in both Bethlehem and Hebron governorates ceased their official interaction with the Palestinian DCL. All permits for humanitarian reasons or otherwise have to be applied for in person by Palestinians.
- **5 April:** A group of Palestinian gunmen attempted to abduct two Belgium journalists in Al Mawassi west of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). Nearby PA security forces were informed and freed the journalists unharmed.

- **7 April:** Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian, international and Israel activists near Salim village (Nablus) and prevented them from planting olive trees in land belonging to the village.

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), Askar camp (2), Osarin (1), Burin (1), camp No 1 (2), Madama (1), 'Aqraba (1), Huwwara (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Huwwara CP.	15	31
Jenin	Jenin city (2), Jenin camp (2), 'Arraba (1), Salit al Harithiya (1), Kherbit Beir al Basha (1), Qabatiya (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Salem CP.	8	7
Tubas	Al Far'a camp (1) Tubas (1) Tammun (1).	3	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Anabta (3), Tulkarm camp (1), Suweika (2), Iktaba (1), Seida (1), Nur Shams camp (3).	15	18
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (1) Azzun (1).	2	1
Salfit	Salfit (1), Marda (1), Haris (1), Deir Istiya (1).	4	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Qalandiya camp (1), Ramallah (3).	4	10
Jerusalem	Hizma (1), Bir Nabala (1), Al 'Isawiya (1).	3	9
Jericho	No incidents reported.	0	0
Bethlehem	Husan (1), Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza camp (3), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda camp (3), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (1), ad Duheisha Camp (2).	20	15
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		101	106
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		101	106

Appendix: Checkpoints: 5 – 11 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 Nablus (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/Al Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank ID. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening rush hours. Improvements were added to the checkpoint due to the opening of extra lanes for yellow plated cars to go to Jerusalem.
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	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and

North western entrance on Road 436	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 (taxi and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plated 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	5 April: The permanent checkpoint was removed and has operated as a partial checkpoint since. Palestinian vehicles and ID cards are subjected to regular checks.
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 organisations 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. Closed since 3 February for Palestinians.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Closed since 3 February for Palestinians. 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. Closed since 11 March. During the reporting period, IDF soldiers ordered Palestinian employees of the Department of Motors and Vehicles stationed at the checkpoint to leave their posts indefinitely.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Closed since 11 March.
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. The checkpoint is the only entrance point for vehicles of humanitarian organisations into the Old City after access was prohibited from the Givat Ha'avot passage point in the north.
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 26 March the terminal has had normal opening from 8am to 7pm; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 April: 551 arrivals, 641 departures. - 6 April: 724 arrivals, 638 departures. - 7 April: 610 arrivals, 575 departures.

- 8 April: 553 arrivals, 705 departures.
- 9 April: 556 arrivals, 874 departures.
- 10 April: 640 arrivals, 712 departures.
- 11 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/AI 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 Closed on 6 April for construction materials due to the imports of WFP food aid. Open rest of the week for construction materials.

Karni Closed 5 and 6 April.
Open 7 and 8 (Sat) April.
Closed from 9-11 April.

Kerem Shalom Open all week for humanitarian aid from Egypt. The crossing is operational 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.

