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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

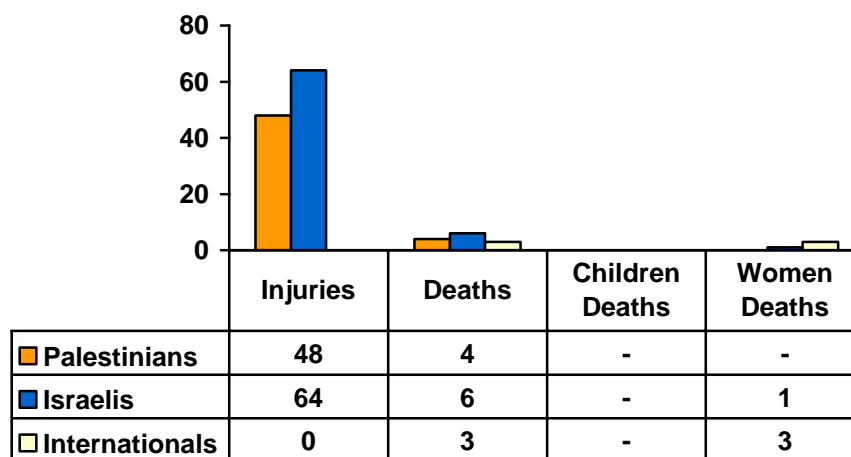
12 – 18 April 2006

Of note this period

- **Suicide bombing in Tel Aviv:** a 21-year old Palestinian suicide bomber exploded in south Tel Aviv claiming the life of 9 civilians and injuring approximately 60 persons. Restrictions on movement were imposed inside the West Bank, particularly in the northern area.
- **Comprehensive external closure of the oPt continued** for the fifth 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 **950** artillery tank shells and **46** F16 missiles inside the Gaza Strip, particularly in the northern areas.
- At least **40** home made (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
12 April: Two male Palestinian militants aged 21 and 22 were killed when spotted by IDF while crawling towards the security fence attempting to infiltrate Israel east of Khan Younis.
- **12 April:** Three Palestinian males (age between 15 and 17 years old) from 'Ayda refugee camp, Bethlehem Governorate, sustained rubber bullet injuries when IDF soldiers opened fire during clashes in the camp.
- **12 April:** An 18-years old Palestinian man from Ad Duheisha refugee camp, Bethlehem Governorate, sustained body injuries after an IDF jeep ran him over during clashes in the camp.
- **12 April:** Confrontations took place in Nablus city and Balata camp (Nablus) between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a military operation. The IDF responded with live rounds, tear gas and rubber coated metal bullets. Two Palestinians (a man and his wife 34 and 28) in Balata camp were injured by shrapnel when IDF exploded a planted explosive device.
- **12 April:** The IDF shot and injured one 16-year-old Palestinian in Ash Shuhada village (Jenin) when confrontations took place between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a search campaign.
- **13 April:** The IDF shot and injured one 15-year-old Palestinian in Qabatiya (Jenin) when confrontations took place between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a search campaign.
- **14 April:** One male Palestinian was injured in an IDF artillery attack on northern of Beit Lahia.

- **15 April:** One male Palestinian was injured in an IDF artillery attack on northern Beit Lahia.
- **15 April:** one male Palestinian aged 31, died of his wounds sustained last week in the IDF missile attack on a training camp in Tel Es-Sultan in Rafah.
- **15 April:** A 15-years old Palestinian male from Al Arroub refugee camp, Hebron Governorate, sustained injuries caused by a rubber bullet after IDF soldiers opened fire in the camp.
- **15 April:** A 37-years old Palestinian man from the Palestinian community of Susiya, Hebron Governorate, along with his 6-year old daughter sustained body injuries when Israeli soldiers beat them while working in their field which is located close to the nearby settlement of Susya.
- **15 April:** The IDF shot and injured one 31-year-old Palestinian in Balata camp (Nablus) when confrontations took place between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a search campaign.
- **15 April:** The IDF shot and injured two Palestinians on a road connecting Asira ash Shamaliya and Taluza (Nablus) when IDF opened fire at their vehicle. One 20-year-old from Balata camp and one from Áskar camp.
- **15 April:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured one Palestinian in Nablus during a search campaign.
- **15 April:** The IDF shot and injured seven Palestinians (aged 14 - 20 in Ya'bad - Jenin) when confrontations took place between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a search campaign.
- **16 April:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured two Palestinians in Tammun (Tubas).
- **17 April:** One Palestinian boy aged 15 was killed and another two boys were injured in an IDF artillery attack on Beit Lahia.
- **17 April:** A 42-years old Palestinian man from the city of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Governorate, suffered a broken hip and a broken hand after being attacked by Israeli Border Police working in the Palestinian village of Abu Dis, Jerusalem Governorate.
- **17 April:** A 21 year-old Palestinian suicide bomber from Al Áraqa (Jenin) killed himself along with 9 civilians, (6 Israelis and 3 internationals, including 4 women) and injured nearly 60 persons in an attack in Tel Aviv.
- **17 April:** Confrontations took place in Nablus city and Balata camp (Nablus) between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a military operation. The IDF responded with live rounds, tear gas and rubber.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
15 April	Susiya, Hebron	1 tent	-	1 family
Total Week		1	-	1 family

- **15 April:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Susya, Hebron Governorate, demolished a tent belonging to a Palestinian man from the nearby Palestinian community of Susiya while attacking his family members. The same family sustained an attack by a group of masked settlers on March 25.
- **April 18:** A group of settlers from Kohav Hashahar settlement on Alon bypass road attacked shepherds and farmers cultivating their land beside the road. Two Palestinians were beaten up by the settlers. The IDF arrived and return the settlers back to the settlement at midday. At around 2pm the settlers returned and chased the farmers from the area.
- **12-18 April:** During the reported period, Israeli soldiers have occupied a number of houses in the H2 section of Hebron City as to provide security for Israeli settlers celebrating the Jewish holiday of Pessach.
- **12-18 April:** During the reported period, Israeli settlers in the H2 section of the City of Hebron attacked Palestinian homes especially in the vicinity of the settlements of Kiryat Arba, Kharsina, Tel Rumeida and Abraham Avinu.
- **15 and 16 April to date:** The IDF occupied a building in Jenin camp for two days and converted it into an observation post during a search and arrest campaign in the city.

Other related incidents:

- **12 April:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a Fatah office in the Daraj quarter of Gaza City. The office was destroyed but no injuries were reported. Several near-by houses were damaged from the blast.
- **16 April:** 15 cows were killed and 10 injured in an IDF artillery attack on a cattle farm in Beit Hanoun industrial zone.
- **18 April:** One metal shop was completely destroyed when hit by an IAF missile 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 Khfets 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:

- Israeli contractors continue levelling land belonging to the villages of Iskaka, Deir Istiya, Marda and Kifl Haris near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages, north of Salfit city, for the construction of the barrier.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:Ongoing incidents:

- The Barrier construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in. Land levelling for the last section of the barrier in Beit Sira is continuing between the village and Makkabim settlement. The barrier construction between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira village is in the final stages. The construction of the "special security arrangements" around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements is continuing parallel to bypass road 465 and east of 'Abud village.
- The IDF continues to clear land around Ateret to create a buffer zone around the settlement. The land belonging to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages and was confiscated a month ago. According to the Israeli DCL this is part of a plan which is to create security areas around the "isolated" settlements.

Hebron Governorate: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.

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

- Land leveling for the construction of the road barrier has continued for a distance of three kilometers between the Palestinian village of At Twani and Khirbet Zenuta
- 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.
- New housing construction continues in the settlements of Susiya, Karmeit Tsur, Kiryat Arba, Karmel and Pnei Khever.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- **16 April:** The IDF uprooted 6 olive trees in the vicinity of Everest Hotel located in the Palestinian city of Beit Jala, Bethlehem Governorate, while continuing the infrastructure work for the Barrier.

On-going:

- Land levelling is taking place on the side of the "Tunnels" checkpoint to expand the site.
- The IDF has erected the Barrier in the section of Rachel's Tomb where land levelling has been taking place in the past weeks.
- New housing construction continues inside of the settlement of Efrat as well as north east of Neve Daniel, Al' Azar, Har Gilo and in Betar Illit.
- Continued construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60 along with massive land levelling.
- Land levelling is taking place on Al Jab'a checkpoint to expand the site

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a road barrier is continuing on road 1, east of Az Za'ayyem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayyem 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 Beit Hanina from the Ar Ram/ Dahiyet al Bareed area. A gap in the Barrier between Ar Ram and Bir Nabala/ Atarot is now manned by an IDF checkpoint, allows passage of school children and humanitarian cases.
- Barrier construction is taking place all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3km of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim, and Kedar.
- The new road between Bir Nabala, Qalandiya village and Rafat has been completed and in operation. The road is opened for Palestinians coming from Al Jib and Al Judeira and Bir Nabala to Ramallah.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

- **13 April:** Two tanks and three bulldozers from Kissufim military base entered into the Palestinian area of Al Qarara, north east of Khan Younis, to resurface land and conducted a search operation along the security fence.
- **14 April:** Two tanks and three bulldozers entered about 300 metres into the Palestinian area east of Al Qarara to level land.

4. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
16 April	Madama and Huwwara, Nablus	10 hours
Total Week	Two Incidents	10 hours

- **16 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on Madama village (Nablus) for five hours during search and arrest campaign.
- **16 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for six hours after Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicle passing on road 60 near the village.

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. Entry into the area requires prior coordination.

b) Access to Education

Hebron:

- **12 April:** A number of students of Raqa Boys School, located near the Palestinian town of Yatta, Hebron Governorate, suffered breathing difficulties when Israeli soldiers fired tear gas into their school.
- **16 April:** Israeli soldiers informed the Principals of Al Fayha Girls School and Al Ibrahimiya Boys School, both located in the H2 section of Hebron City that school will not continue after 10:00 AM as to allow Israeli settler to celebrate the Jewish Holiday of Pessach.
- **12 - 18 April:** During the reporting period, students walking from the Palestinian village of Al Jab'a, Bethlehem Governorate to their school in Surif, Hebron Governorate, were delayed by IDF soldiers stationed at Surif gate.

On-going:

- 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 reported.
- 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 roughed 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 fifth 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:

12 and 16 April: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after arresting Palestinians in possession of explosive devices.

16 and 17 April: The IDF at the flying check point at Al Badhan road prevented Palestinian pedestrians from crossing into and out of Nablus

17 April: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint and prevented residents of Nablus city crossing the checkpoint heading south.

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.
- **Since 5 April to date:** The IDF closed Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin district, Tubas district and Nablus.

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:

17 April: The IDF closed Kafriat tunnel checkpoint for five hours and prevented vehicular and pedestrians movement in and out of Tulkarm after the suicide attack in Tel Aviv.

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:

17 April: The IDF closed Qalqiliya entrance (DCO) and Habla tunnel (Qalqiliya) for three hours after the suicide attack in Tel Aviv.

Since 5 April to date: The IDF established a flying check point at Qalqiliya eastern entrance (DCO) preventing Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Qalqiliya city

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:

14 and 15 April: The IDF closed the Barrier agricultural gates in Mas-ha and Az Zawiya and prevented farmers from accessing their land.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Following the suicide bombing on April 18, the IDF set up flying checkpoints at the bypass roads 465 and road 60. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are not allowed into Jerusalem/Israel due to closure imposed by the IDF.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by blocks and it was reinforced after IDF soldiers added new cement blocks.
- Palestinians wishing to enter Jerusalem were denied access through the Tunnels, Al Jab'a, Wadi Fukin, and Ein Yalow.

Hebron Governorate

Closure remains tight in the district along bypass roads. On road 35 the IDF has reinforced the earth mounds on both sides.

- The earthmound which replaced Yatta gate is currently closed.
- The entrance to the village of Karma is currently closed.
- The Back-to-Back section of the Tarqumiya checkpoint is currently open.
- The gate placed next to the Israeli settlement of Tene was reopened during the reported period, yet an earth wall behind it was reinforced prohibiting access to Adh Dhahiriya.
- The earthmounds placed on the road to the both the cemetery and vegetable market in Beit Ummer are currently open.
- The Idhna – Tarqumiya crossings road remained opened during the reporting period.
- Closures on Road 317 and Road 60 remained strict.
- Zif gate remained open throughout the reporting period, though frequent presence of Border Police and IDF patrols was observed.
- Travel permit restrictions remain enforced along road 60 and road 317 south of Hebron;
- All entrances to As Samu' from 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:

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Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

All week: The restrictions on Palestinian movements in and out the Jordan Valley via Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints remain in place. 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 are still active. Teachers, school pupils, health staff and Palestinians with Jordan Valley addresses on their ID cards can cross the checkpoint:

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 artillery shelling over half the families have temporarily relocated to surrounding localities outside the buffer zone leaving no more than 20 families out of a total of 45 families.

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), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Al Badhan road	17
Jenin	Arraba (7), entrance of Jenin (1), Bet Qabatiya and Sanur(7), Jalbun (1), Az Zababida (1), Fahma (1), Mirka (1), Kafr Rai (1)	20
Tubas	Tubas (1), Aqqaba (2).	3
Tulkarm	Illar (2), Kafr Jammal (1), Faru'n (1).	4
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), Jit junction (7), Bet. Sir & Jayyus (1), Habla tunnel (1), Kafr Laqif (1), Izbat at Tabib (4), Rd 55 Near Qarne Shomron settlement (1), Jinsafut (1), Deir Istiya (1).	31
Salfit	Deir Ballut (1), Marda (1), Bruqin (1), Kafr ad Dik (2), Iskaka (3), Yasuf (1), Az Zawiya Tunnel (2), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1).	10
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 and 465	n.a.
Jerusalem	Nothing to report	n.a.
Jericho	Nothing to report	n.a.
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya, Za'tara, Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp(4), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah, Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Ash Shawara.	23
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar(2),Bani Na'im, Dura(3), Hebron city - H1(5), Halhul (2), Beit Kahil, ,Al Arrub refugee camp, Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin, Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh, Al Burj, Al Majd	25
Total West Bank		129

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.
- **14 – 15 April:** Sewage from the Israeli settlement of Betar Illit, located atop the Palestinian village of Wadi Fukin in Bethlehem Governorate, was discharged into the lands of both Wadi Fukin and Nahhalin.
- **17 April:** Settlers from Elon Moreh opened fire at Palestinian shepherds from Deir al Hatab (Nablus) and confiscated some sheep.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Hamra CP, Nablus city (6), Balata camp (6), Huwwara CP, Askar camp (1), Madama(1), As Sawiya(1), Deir al Hatab(1), Beit Iba CP, Al Badhan CP, beit Furik CP.	16	45
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin camp (5), 'Arraba (1), Qabatiya (2), Ya'bad (1), Deir abu Daif (1), Ash Shuhada (1), Misilya (1), Birqin (2) Al Yamun (1), Arraba Junction CP, Kafr Qud (1), Kafr Rai (1) Fahma (1), Bartaá ash Sharqiya(1) Az Zababida (1) , Al Araqa (1) Sanur (1)	26	24
Tubas	Tayasir CP, Tubas (2) Tammun(1), Aqaba (1)	4	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Anabta (1), Tulkarm camp (1), Iktaba (1), Balá (1), Nur Shams camp (2)	11	25
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (1) Ázzun (1), Jit (1) , An Nabi Elyas (1), Al Funduq (1)	5	2
Salfit	Salfit (2), Az Zawiya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Kifl Haris (1)	5	-
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Beit Sira, Beit Rima	2	3
Jerusalem	Shu'fat refugee camp, Wadi An Nar, Bir Nabala	2	4
Jericho	No incidents to report.		
Bethlehem	Husan, Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr, Beit Jala , Za'atara, Bethlehem (3) , ad Duheisha Camp (2).	21	7
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta(2), Dura (2), Hebron city - H1(4) , Al Arrub refugee camp, Bani Na'im (2), Idhna, Ar Ramadin, As Samu', Ash Shuyukh, Beit Ummar (2), Surif (2), Beit Awwa.	22	12
Total Week West Bank		114	123
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		114	123

Appendix: Checkpoints: 12 – 18 April 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Palestinian pedestrians with valid permits are allowed through between 5:30 am to 5:00 pm. The gate leads to the back to back checkpoint. No vehicular access into Israel is now allowed including humanitarian organizations.
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 from 12 -18 April
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 12 April, the IDF installed concrete barriers on Kafriat Tunnel upgrading the partial checkpoint to a permanent one. The checkpoint controls all traffic between Tulkarm district and south.
'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 from 12 -18 April
Qalqiliya North (new)	The crossing is open from 4:00am to 7:00pm for Palestinian permit holders. Closed from 12 -18 April
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with valid permits. Closed from 12 -18 April
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 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 from 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 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August 2005 the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. On 28 March closed completely for all vehicles.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	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. A security zone has been declared by the IDF around Al Hamra checkpoint. No land has been confiscated; however any Palestinian crossing the area that is not owner of the land will be arrested. Landowners' names have been compiled in a list at the checkpoint. Delays for traders crossing the checkpoint are reported on a

	daily basis.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The IDF maintained restrictions on Palestinians from Jenin accessing Zaatara checkpoint.
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 7:00am to 4:00pm Sunday to Friday. Closed from 12 -18 April
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 and. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Long delays are reported for Palestinians crossing the checkpoint on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for Internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West bank ID. 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 daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem. Long delays are reported.
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. Palestinians with West Bank ID cards working with International organizations and in possession of Israeli permit to enter Jerusalem are again allowed through the checkpoint.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank ID cards are no longer allowed access through the checkpoint.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Palestinians with West Bank ID cards are no longer allowed access through the checkpoint.
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 experienced.

Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours for Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards holding a valid Israeli permit. Long delays have been 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 experienced.
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.
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.
An Nwemeh North Jericho	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.
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.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours. As of 3 February, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Local staff of international organisations are permitted to cross into Jerusalem. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and remains the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. Large scale land levelling is on-going for the enlargement of the existing site.
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 for Road 367	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 settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Since March 11 th , Palestinian workers holding valid work permits were prevented from reaching their work places inside of Israel due to closure measures imposed by the IDF. The back-to-back earthmound located near the checkpoint was removed during the reporting period. Crossing of families to visit Palestinian prisoners in Israel interrupted during the Pessach holiday period.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Closed to Palestinians 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. IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented school teachers from accessing the school in the nearby Palestinian community of Imneizil.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim	Closed to Palestinians.

Mosque	
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 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.
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"> - 12 April: 761 arrivals, 640 departures. - 13 April: 635 arrivals, 695 departures. - 14 April: 797 arrivals, 578 departures. - 15 April: 523 arrivals, 598 departures. - 16 April: 670 arrivals, 615 departures. - 17 April: Data not available. - 18 April: Data not available
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system is operational from 7am to 5pm except on Saturday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted

to cross. From 12-17 April, the opening hours were from 7am-1.30 pm due to the Jewish pass over holiday. On 18 April the checkpoint was closed for the same reason.

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. Palestinians are experiencing long delays on a daily bases in and out the checkpoint.
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Gaza Strip

Sufa	On 12 and 13 April, closed for construction materials. Reopened on 17 April.
Karni	Open 12 April (9am – 2pm) Closed 13 April Open 14 for two hours for imports of goods Closed 15 and 16 April Open partially 17 April in both directions
Kerem Shalom	Close 13 April and on 15 April

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Method and Sources

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

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

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