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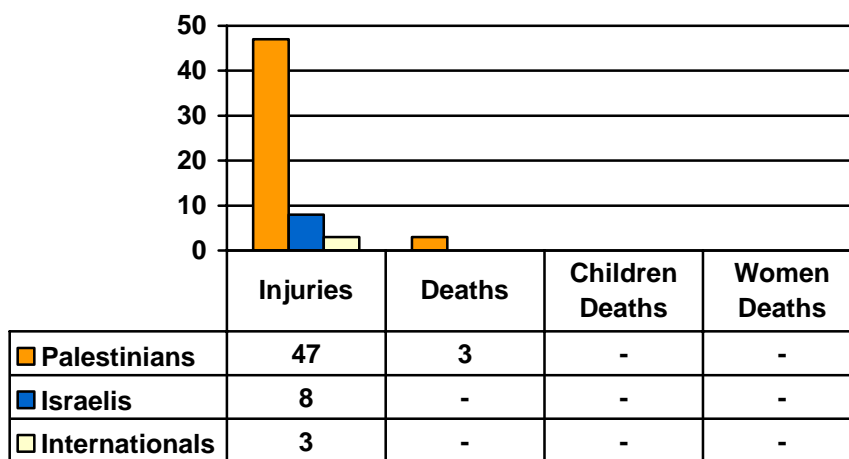
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

19 – 25 April 2006

Of note this period

- **Comprehensive external closure of the oPt continued** for the sixth consecutive week (since 11 March) with no movement of Palestinian workers and traders inside Israel.¹
- **Internal movement within the West Bank** remained very restricted. No northern West Bank residents were able to move south of Nablus governorate.

1. Physical Protection²**Casualties and protection**

- During the week the IDF fired more than **500** artillery tank shells, particularly in the northern areas and east of Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- At least **20** home made (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- **19 April:** The IDF injured one Palestinian in Bir Zeit (Ramallah) after clashes erupted between them and a group of Palestinian youths.
- **19 April:** Two Palestinian men were injured in clashes with the Israeli Border Police at Ar Ram checkpoint (Jerusalem).
- **19 April:** Confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Nablus city (Nablus). Seven Palestinians were injured by IDF firing live rounds, tear gas and rubber coated metal bullets.
- **19 April:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured two Palestinian men (25 and 32-years-old) from Nur Shams camp at a flying checkpoint near Kafr Sur (Tulkarm).
- **19 April:** A Palestinian man was injured after the IDF fired an artillery shell into an open area in the north of Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **20 April:** Israeli settlers attacked and injured three international volunteers (25, 32 and 79-years-old) working in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) while accompanying Palestinian students of Cordoba School on their way home.
- **21 April:** The IDF shot and injured with live ammunition a 17-year-old Palestinian boy in Ad Duheisha refugee camp (Bethlehem) during clashes in the camp.
- **21 April:** A 33-year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by the IDF in Deir Abu Daif village (Jenin) during a search campaign.

¹ Some traders from Ramallah and Jerusalem governorates were allowed access from 20 April. (See below).² Two of the Israeli injuries were due to IDF action.

- **21 April:** The IDF injured four Palestinians during a military operation in Nablus city (Nablus) after confrontations took place between Palestinian stone throwers and the IDF who responded with live rounds, tear gas and rubber coated metal bullets.
- **21 April:** A Palestinian man stabbed and injured a Border policeman at Ar Ram checkpoint (Jerusalem).
- **21 April:** The Israeli Border Police fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Barrier demonstrators in Bil'in (Ramallah). Seven Palestinians and two Israeli activists were injured and seven Palestinians were detained. Three Border Police soldiers were injured by stones.
- **22 April:** Five Palestinians (15[2], 17, 23 and 28-years-old) were injured by the IDF during a military operation in Nablus city (Nablus) after confrontations took place between Palestinian stone throwers and the IDF who responded with live rounds, tear gas and rubber coated metal bullets.
- **22 April:** Israeli security forces injured three Palestinian men (22, 27 and 30-years-old) and a 75-year-old Palestinian woman from the Palestinian communities of Susiya and At Tuwani (Hebron) during a demonstration against the planned road barrier.
- **23 April:** The IDF shot and killed two Palestinian men (25 and 28-years-old) driving in their vehicle in Bethlehem. A 22-year-old Palestinian man was injured in a separate shooting incident at his vehicle in Bethlehem.
- **23 April:** Three Palestinians (seven and eight [2]-years-old) were injured in Nablus city (Nablus) by an unexploded ordinance (UXO).
- **23 April:** Palestinians stoned Israeli plated vehicles passing on Road 60 through Huwwara village (Nablus) injuring one settler.
- **24 April:** Palestinians stoned Israeli plated vehicles passing on Road 55 near 'Azzun (Qalqiliya) injuring one settler.
- **24 April:** The IDF shot and injured a Palestinian man at Beit Iba checkpoint (Nablus).
- **24 April:** A 19 year-old Palestinian student died after drowning in a river near Beit Iba checkpoint (Nablus) while attempting to bypass the checkpoint which denies access for males aged from 16 to 30-years. (Fatality is not included in the weekly total).
- **24 April:** The IDF at Tayasir checkpoint (Tubas) physically attacked and injured a Palestinian man from the Jordan Valley.
- **24 April:** A 19-years-old Palestinian man was killed by an IDF missile while attempting to fire rockets toward Israel from east of Johr Ed-Dik area in Gaza city (Gaza Strip).
- **25 April:** The IDF injured six Palestinians (14, 15 [2], 16 [2] and 24-years-old) during a military operation in Nablus city (Nablus) after confrontations took place between Palestinian stone throwers and the IDF who responded with live rounds, tear gas and plastic coated metal bullets.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
24 April	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	-	1	0
Total Week		0	1	0

- **24 April:** The IDF damaged an animal shelter in artillery shelling east of Beth Hanoun (Gaza Strip). Two cattle were also killed in the shelling.

Other related incidents:

- **19 April - ongoing:** The IDF occupied several Palestinian buildings in Nablus city (Nablus) for several hours and used them as observation posts.

3. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

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:

- 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:

19 April: The IDF issued military order number T/05/66 requisitioning 25 dunums from the Palestinian towns of Beit Ummar and Halhul to establish a security buffer zone around the Israeli settlement of Karmeit Tsur.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land leveling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya, Hebron Governorate, where the new commercial checkpoint will be built. The contractor cut off the main road and re-routed it to a newly-paved road.
- Continued land leveling and development in Deir al 'Asal for the possible purpose of placing a military tower
- 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 Zanuta.
- Continued land leveling and road paving at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar.
- Continued land leveling at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

- 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:

- 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 and allows passage of school children, humanitarian cases and residents of Ar Ram that live west of the Barrier.
- 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, but has been stopped since the 3 March pending a court case.

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
25 April	Huwwara, Nablus	11.5 hours
Total Week	One Incident	11.5 hours

- **25 April:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) after Palestinians stoned Israeli plated 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. 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 major delays were reported as IDF soldiers showed up as much as one hour late for the escort.

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 the oPt by Israeli authorities since 11 March continues to remain in place. During the reporting period workers and traders with valid permits for the sixth week were again denied access to Israel and East Jerusalem. Only some traders from Jerusalem and Ramallah governorates were allowed access into East Jerusalem and Israel as of 20 April.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

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

Nablus Governorate:

19 April: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for one hour after arresting a Palestinian in possession of explosive devices.

19 April to date: The IDF at Zaatara checkpoint prevented residents of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm governorates from crossing the checkpoint heading south.

25 April: At 11am the IDF held hundreds of Palestinians on both sides of the earth mounds at Al Badhan road and prevented their access into and out of Nablus city until 7.30pm.

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 continue to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations, in order to finish the construction of the checkpoint.
- The IDF continued to close Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus districts.

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:

- The restrictions on Palestinian movement in and out of 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 should be able to cross the checkpoints. Despite the limited number of people who are authorized to cross the checkpoint, long delays have been reported particularly at Tayasir, where the access is being authorized by the soldiers and waiting times vary considerably.

Tulkarm Governorate:

19 April: The IDF closed the main road at the junction between Baqa ash Sharqiya and Qaffin with concrete blocks.

19 April: The IDF closed 'Anabta road gate and prevented Palestinian access in and out of Tulkarm.

21 April: The IDF closed the road connecting Beit Lid and Kur and the road connecting Saffarin and Kafr Sur with earth mounds preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from north heading south.

21 April to date: The IDF closed the seasonal agricultural gates in Tulkarm district; only Qaffin gate remains open for the beneficiaries of ICRC program.

23 and 24 April: The IDF closed 'Anabta partial check point for vehicular movement.

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 prevent residents of Tulkarm from travelling south at Zaatara checkpoint and at flying checkpoints around Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

19 April: The IDF Installed concrete barriers on Jit junction upgrading the flying checkpoint to a partial checkpoint and divided it into lanes. The checkpoint is controlling all traffic between Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya districts.

24 April: The IDF opened the entrance of Kafr Laqif.

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:

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

19 April to date: The IDF closed Qarawat Bani Hassan road gate preventing Palestinian vehicular movement and controlled pedestrians' movement with a flying checkpoint.

22 April: The IDF closed the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan industrial area and Road 5 with three earth mounds preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from North West bank towards south. This road was use by Palestinians to avoid Zaatara check point.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

19 April: The IDF closed Beituniya commercial checkpoint due to the Jewish Passover holiday.

21-24 April: Atara partial checkpoint was in operation on a 24 hours basis. The IDF checked vehicles and ID cards of Palestinians going into Ramallah. Average delays of one hour were reported during morning and evening rush hours.

All week: The IDF checked vehicles and ID cards of Palestinians going through the An Nabi Salih partial checkpoint. The partial checkpoint was closed on 23 April, Palestinians used an alternative long road via 'Abud village and were checked by IDF soldiers at the entrance to 'Abud. Long delays were reported.

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

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

19 April: The IDF imposed tight closure around Jericho district and closed off all checkpoints leading in/out of Jericho town. Palestinians other than Jericho residents including those travelling to Jordan via Allenby Bridge were not allowed into Jericho via An Nwemeh and the DCO checkpoints. Jericho residents were not allowed out of the town unless they were staff of international organizations or in possession of medical permits to go to West Bank or Jerusalem hospitals.

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 No. 60 near; Yits'har junction (3). Road No. 60 near Al Madina club (7), Áqraba (7).	17
Jenin	Arraba (7), Jenin, Bet Qabatiya and Sanur (7), Al Yamun, Arab as Suweitat (2), Fahma (2), Ya'bad, Bir al Basha, Al Kufeir, Ajja.	24
Tubas	Tubas, Áqqaba, Tammun.	3
Tulkarm	Bal'a (2), Kafr Jammal (2), Ramin, Kafr Sur, Beit Lid, Farún, Al Jarushiya, Ar Ras, Ánabta.	11
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (2), An Nabi Elyas, Izbat at Tabib (2), Bet. Hajja & Al Funduq (2), Jinsafut, Ázzun tunnel (2), Wadi Qana (3).	27
Salfit	Salfit, Marda, Haris, Bruqin (3), Iskaka (3), Deir Istiya, Az Zawiya Tunnel (4), Qarawat Bani Hassan (7).	21
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 near: Sliwad, Sha'ar Binyamin junction (2).	3
Jerusalem	Ar Ram.	1
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (5), 'Ayda camp (4), Al Khadr (3), Dar Salah, Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza camp (3), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (2), Ash Shawara.	28
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar(4),Bani Na'im, Dura (4), H1(3), Halhul (3), Beit Kahil, ,Al Arrub refugee camp (3), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin, Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh.	28
Total West Bank		163

5. Additional Protection Issues

- 19 – 21 April: Water supply to the village of An Nu'man (Bethlehem) interrupted by the breaking of a pipe, was not restored until the end of the Jewish holiday by the Israeli contractor working on the new checkpoint in the area. Repairs were undertaken following intervention by the Israeli DCL.
- **22 April:** 35 Palestinians were injured in clashes between Hamas and Fatah supporters in Gaza city (Gaza Strip).

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 (6), Balata camp (2), Áskar camp (1), Salem (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (2), camp No.1 (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Beit Iba CP, Huwwara CP.	13	32
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin camp (3), Mirka (1), Qabatiya (2), Deir abu Daif (1), Silat al Harithiya (2), Birqin (1), Fahma (1), Al Áraqa (1). At CPs/Flying CPs; Kafriat CP, Salim CP, Al Yamun flying CP.	16	18
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Tayasir CP.	2	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm camp (2) Irtah (1), Íllar (1), Qaffin (1), Áttil (1). At CPs/Flying CPs; Kafriat CP, Ánabta CP.	9	12
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (5) Ázzun (3), Jit (1).	9	6
Salfit	Bidyia (1), Kifl Haris (1).	2	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Beit Rima (1), Ramallah (2), Al 'Amari camp (1). Bil'in.	4	12
Jerusalem	At CPs/Flying CPs: Ar Ram CP.	0	1
Jericho	Aqbat Jaber camp (1).	1	1
Bethlehem	Husan (1), Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza camp (4), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda camp (4), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (4), ad Duheisha Camp (3).	23	9
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (3), Yatta (3), Dura (2), H1 (5), Al Arrub camp (2), Bani Na'im (2), Idhna (1), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Beit Ummar (2), Surif (2), Beit Awwa (1).	26	6
Total Week West Bank		105	102
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		105	102

Appendix: Checkpoints: 19 – 25 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:	
Huwara 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. Males between the ages of 15 to 30 are not allowed to leave Nablus.
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. Males between the ages of 15 to 30 are not allowed to leave Nablus.
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. Palestinians between (16-30) years old are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their race of

	residence.
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. Palestinians between (16-30) years old are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The IDF maintained restrictions on all Palestinians from the northern West Bank accessing Zaatara checkpoint until the 25 th and thereafter males between the ages of 15 to 30 are not allowed to travel south.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablus	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. Palestinians between (16-30) years old are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Ramallah/AI 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)	The partial checkpoint was in operation. Long delays experienced.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	The partial checkpoint was in operation on daily basis. Long delays were reported.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their

	UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow 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. 19-25 April, only residents and humanitarian cases prior coordination with the Israeli DCL are allowed into Jericho. Staff of International organizations is allowed in and out of the city.
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	April 19-25 April, the checkpoint is manned on 24/7 basis. Only humanitarian cases and Palestinian staff of international organizations are allowed through the checkpoint.
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. Palestinians with permits are not allowed through it as of 3 February 2006.
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 for international members of international humanitarian organisations. 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.
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. 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 Israelis and international organisations. Not open for Palestinians since 3 February 2006. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint..
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours; 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	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.

on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Closed to Palestinians due to the external closure imposed 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.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reported period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
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. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a metal detector in the shape of a caravan to access the area.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by IDF soldiers and Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. 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.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
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"> - 19 April: 604 arrivals, 640 departures. - 20 April: 671 arrivals, 593 departures. - 21 April: 770 arrivals, 405 departures. - 22 April: 488 arrivals, 641 departures. - 23 April: 532 arrivals, 617 departures. - 24 April: 642 arrivals, 617 departures. - 25 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 Main commercial checkpoint in	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday.

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 19 April. Open rest of the week (excluding Saturday).

Karni 19 April: Only open for imports of aggregates.
20-25 April: Open in both directions – however, mainly for imported goods.

Kerem Shalom Closed on 19 and 23 April. Open rest of the week (excluding Saturday).

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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.