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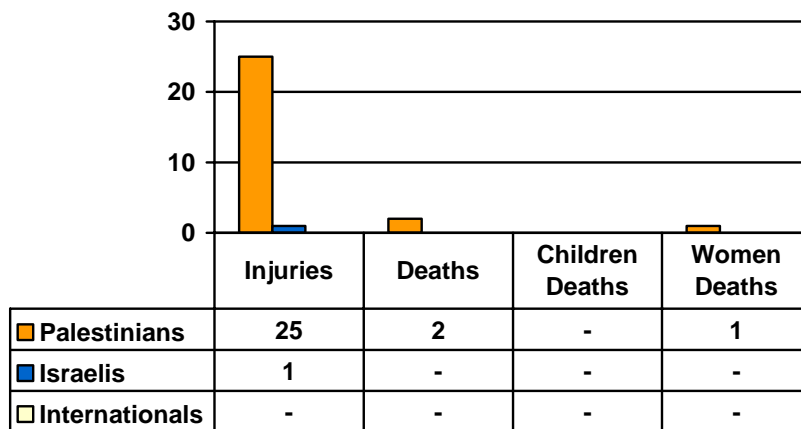
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## Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

26 April – 2 May 2006

Of note this period

- **Comprehensive external closure continued** for the **seventh** consecutive week (since 11 March) with no movement of Palestinian workers and traders in Israel. The IDF announced on 1 May that the closure would also include national staff of international organisations.
- **Internal movement within the West Bank** and into the **Jordan Valley** remained very restricted. Restrictions for Palestinians from the northern West Bank to move south of Nablus governorate continue to remain in place. Movement through Tayasir and Hamra checkpoints (Tubas) remain restricted. Humanitarian organisations and ambulances are facing major access problems at 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint in Nablus.

1. Physical Protection

- During the week the IDF fired more than **90** artillery tank shells, particularly into the northern areas and east of Gaza City (Gaza Strip) resulting in Palestinian injuries. The IAF also conducted **one** air strike (targeted killing) in the Gaza Strip killing one Palestinian man and injuring another.
- At least **23** home made (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- **26 April:** The IDF entered Al Yamun town (Jenin) and surrounded a Palestinian building. An exchange of fire between Palestinian gunmen followed resulting in the death of a 22-year-old Palestinian man.
- **26 April:** Israeli Border Police attacked and injured a 23-year-old Palestinian man from Yatta in At Tuwani (Hebron).
- **26 April:** IDF soldiers attacked and injured a 22-year-old Palestinian man in the H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **26 April:** A 57-year-old Palestinian man from Hebron city was injured by a live bullet after IDF soldiers opened fire towards a number of cars trying to evade a flying checkpoint set up on Road 60 by the IDF.
- **27 April:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Salim village (Nablus) following a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **27 April:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man was killed and another injured in an IAF missile attack on their car traveling on the coast road in Gaza middle area (Gaza Strip).
- **28 April:** Five Palestinians and one Israeli Border Police were injured during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah).

- **29 April:** Five Palestinians, including three children from the same family, were injured after their house was hit by an IDF artillery shell south east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **29 April:** A Palestinian male was injured during IDF artillery shelling in open areas around the Bedouin village and north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **30 April:** A Palestinian boy was injured when an IDF shell landed east of Al Sheikh Zayed City east of Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **30 April:** IDF soldiers injured one Palestinian man in Jayyus village (Qalqiliya) during a search and arrest campaign.
- **30 April:** Two 40-year-old Palestinian journalists, filming the arrest of a Palestinian minor, were injured by IDF soldiers stationed at the Beit Romano checkpoint, located in the H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **1 May:** A 64-year old woman and her 18-year old son from H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron) were attacked and injured by IDF soldiers while attempting to access the Ibrahimi Mosque.
- **1 May:** The IDF entered Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) and surrounded a Palestinian building calling for a wanted person inside. The IDF opened fire at the building killing a 45-year-old woman and injuring two of her daughters (18 and 22 years old). The operation ended after the IDF arrested a Palestinian man in the building.
- **1 May:** At least nine IDF vehicles and two helicopters surrounded a building inside Jericho city (Jericho) during a search and arrest campaign. An exchange of fire erupted between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen injuring one Palestinian male being injured.

## 2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
29 April	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
1 May	Tulkarm city, Tulkarm	-	1	n/a
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>n/a</b>

- **27 April:** The IDF issued four demolition orders for Palestinian properties in the Wadi Al Rakheem region near the Palestinian community of Susiya (Hebron). The properties marked for demolition include tents, shacks and animal pens.
- **28 April:** The IDF issued a demolition order for a shed in the Palestinian community of Khallet Zakariya (Bethlehem).
- **29 April:** A Palestinian house was damaged when it was hit by an IDF artillery shell south east of Beit Hanoun village (Gaza Strip).
- **1 May:** One Palestinian building was damaged by an IDF bulldozer during a military operation in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm).

### Other related incidents:

- **1 May:** The IDF occupied a house in Birqin village (Jenin) and used it as observation point for several hours. The residents of the house were held inside the house during the occupation.

## 3. Natural Resources

### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>1</sup>

#### 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 governorates:

No incidents to report.

<sup>1</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

**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:**

- **30 April** : The Israeli Cabinet decided to change the route of the Barrier around the Ariel group of settlements. The newly planned route will sever direct links between villages in Qalqiliya most markedly dividing Isla and Azzun from Kfar Thulth. The villages of Ras at Tira, Wadi ar Rasha and Ad Dab'a will be situated on the West Bank side of the barrier.

## Ongoing incidents:

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

**Salfit Governorate:**

**30 April** : The Israeli Cabinet decided to change the route of the Barrier around the Ariel group of settlements. The newly planned route will divide the original barrier 'finger' in two and allow east west access between the villages of Deir Istiya and Qarawat Bani Hassan.

## 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 and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages. 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:**

**28 April**: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba placed barbed wire around 7 dunums (0.7 hectares) of land in an attempt to confiscate the area.

**30 April**: The Israeli Cabinet decided to change the route of the Barrier around the Israeli settlement of Eshkolot to exclude the quarry managed by the settlement council.

## Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint. The contractor cut off the main road and re-routed it to a newly-paved road.
- 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 levelling for the construction of the road barrier along Road 317 and 60 is almost complete.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**26 April**: The IDF placed metal sheets around the entrance of Rachel Tomb and work has continued on the basic infrastructure for building the Barrier in the immediate vicinity of the Tomb.

**30 April**: The Israeli Cabinet decided to change the route of the Barrier next to the Palestinian village of Al Jab'a.

## Ongoing incidents:

- 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.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

**30 April:** The Israeli Cabinet made a decision to leave Beit Iksa outside the Barrier (Biddu enclave). The village will as a result be completely surrounded by the Barrier. There is no precise picture of the new route of the Barrier or access roads for the residents.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: 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.
- Construction of a road barrier is continuing on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. 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'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 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.

**Jericho Governorate:**

**1 May:** Approximately 25 citrus trees were damaged by the IDF during a military operation in Jericho City.

**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
27 April	Huwwara, Nablus	14 hours
30 April	Beit Furik, Nablus	8.5 hours
<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Two Incidents</b>	<b>22.5 hours</b>

- **27 April:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) after Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle passing on Road 60 inside the village.
- **30 April:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Beit Furik village (Nablus) after a road side bomb was detonated near Elon Moreh settlement.

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:**

On **29 April** approximately 40 settlers from the Israeli settlement of Ma'on attacked a group of Palestinian school children from the nearby community of Tuba despite the presence of IDF soldiers escorting the children to school. The children were hit with rocks and eggs before being placed in IDF military vehicles. On **30 April** a settler again from Ma'on

settlement attacked a group of Palestinian students from Tuba on their way home from school. On **2 May** settlers from Ma'on settlement placed a road block on the road used by the IDF and Israeli police to escort Palestinian students from the Palestinian community of At Tuwani to Umm Tuba.

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.
- Imneizil elementary school was delayed as teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' were unable to reach the school on time.
- 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.

#### **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 seventh week were again denied access to Israel and East Jerusalem. From midnight 1 May, national staff working with UN and international organisations was also denied access.

#### **d) Closures/Movement restrictions**

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

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**24-28 April:** The IDF forced merchants of Huwwara village to close their shops located on Road 60.

**25 April:** The IDF continued to prevent vehicular movement at Al Badhan road (57) and in addition prevented pedestrian movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates.

**26 April – ongoing:** Humanitarian organisations and ambulances are facing major access problems at 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint in Nablus. The waiting time at the checkpoint can vary between 20 minutes to more than one hour. Humanitarian cases on foot or in private vehicles are not allowed through. After closing Al Badhan road on the 1 April, 'Asira ash Shamaliya is the only road that can be used by the humanitarian organisations to reach Nablus from Jenin and Tubas governorates. It is the only access route to Nablus and services for seven northern Nablus villages.

**28 April:** The IDF closed the entrance of Huwwara boy's school with an earth mound.

**28 April:** The IDF closed the main entrance of Beita village and the road connecting it with the nearby Odala village with earth mounds. The vegetable market in the village is severely affected by the closure.

**1 May:** The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for all Palestinians. Only humanitarian cases were allowed through.

**1 May:** The IDF closed a dirt road between Deir Sharaf and Al Naqura with an earth mound.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin, Tulkarm and Tubas and all male 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 continue to close Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus districts.
- The IDF continue to prevent all Palestinians from the northern West Bank accessing Zaatara checkpoint from traveling south.

**Jenin Governorate:**

**28 April:** An IDF flying checkpoint closed 'Arraba junction for several hours denying all Palestinian movement.

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 authorised by the IDF soldiers and waiting times vary considerably.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

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 deny access for residents of Tulkarm and Jenin at 'Anabta partial checkpoint. Only residents of Shufa, Beit Lid and Saffarin are allowed through.
- The IDF continues to deny access for residents of Tulkarm and Jenin at Kafriat tunnel checkpoint. Only residents of Kafriat area are allowed through.
- The IDF has closed the seasonal agricultural gates in Tulkarm governorate until the coming season, only Qaffin gate remains open for the beneficiaries of ICRC program.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**28 April:** The IDF closed Jit junction partial checkpoint for several hours denying all Palestinian movement.

**2 May:** The flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city prevented all vehicular movement out of the city. Pedestrians were allowed through after being checked.

Ongoing incidents:

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

**Salfit Governorates:**

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya and prevented farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continues to close Qarawat Bani Hassan road gate preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan industrial area and Road 5 with three earth mounds preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from northern West Bank towards south.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**27, 28 and 30 April:** Atara partial checkpoint was in operation on a 24 hours basis. The IDF checked vehicles and ID cards of Palestinians going into Ramallah. Delays were reported.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**26 April:** The IDF placed a gate at the end Khallet An Nu'man on the road leading to the Palestinian village of Umm Tuba in Jerusalem Governorate. Access is only granted to vehicles belonging to the contractor working on the new back-to-back checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by road 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:**

**26 April:** The closure that was imposed on Jericho city was lifted although age restrictions were imposed at the Jericho DCO and Nwemeh checkpoints for one day. On 27 April the age restrictions were removed again.

**26 April:** A settler vehicle with armed settlers stopped Palestinians driving on bypass Road 90 in the Jordan Valley and confiscated their ID cards. Fifteen ID cards were confiscated. The ID cards were later handed back to the Palestinian DCL by the Israeli DCL two days later.

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 (7), 'Aqraba (7), Tell, Jamma'in. Maraka (7)	23
Jenin	Arraba (2), Sanur, Arab as Suweitat (2), Qabatiya. 'Ajja, Silat adh Dhahr, Al Shuhada Junction.	9
Tubas	Tammun, 'Aqqaba.	2
Tulkarm	Ramin (2), Al Jarushiya, Far'un.	4
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (4), 'Azzun (3), Jayyus (2), 'Izbat at Tabib (1), Wadi Qana (1). Habla Tunnel (1)	12
Salfit	Biddya (1), Farkha (1)	2
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 near; Sha'ar Binyamin junction (3).	3
Jerusalem	Road 1 near; Al 'Eizariyya. Junction Road 1/437 (2), Between Qalandiya CP and Jaba'.	4
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda camp(3), Al Khadr (3), Dar Salah, Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza camp (4), Ad Duheisha (4), Beit Sahur (2), Ash Shawara.	26
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im, Dura (4), H1 (3), Halhul (3), Beit Kahil, Al Arrub camp (4), Ad Dhahiriya (3), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh.	30
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>115</b>

## 5. Additional Protection Issues

- **29 April:** Israeli settlers from an outpost near Al Mughayyir village (Ramallah) prevented two Palestinian farmers from working in their fields. One of the settlers also shot and killed a horse owned by the farmers. The IDF intervened after being contacted by the ICRC.
- **30 April:** A road side bomb was detonated on Elon Moreh settlement (Nablus) bypass road while a settler's bus was traveling on the road. No injuries were reported although the bus was damaged.
- **26 April – 2 May:** During the reporting period Palestinian journalists in Hebron have reported increased threats from Israeli security forces to their physical safety and to their equipment while covering attacks against Palestinian civilians.

### 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), Huwwara CP, Askar camp (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Beit Iba CP, Burin (1), Beit Iba (1), Tell(1), Beit Furik (1).	14	26
Jenin	Jenin city (1), Qabatiya (2), Silat al Harithiya (1), Birqin (2), Al Yamun (2), Silat adh Dhahr (1), 'Arraba (1), Jalbun (1), Ya'abad (1).	12	37
Tubas	Tubas (2).	2	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1) Iktaba (1).	2	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (2) Azzun (1), Jit CP, Kafr Thulth (1), Jayyus (3),	7	12
Salfit	Marda (1), Salfit (1).	2	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (1), Beituniya (1).	2	4
Jerusalem	Old City (1), Al 'Eizariyya (1).	2	4
Jericho	Jericho city (1).	1	4
Bethlehem	Husan (1), Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza camp (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda camp (4), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (4), ad Duheisha Camp (3).	22	12
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (3), Yatta (3), Dura (3), H1 (6), Al Arrub camp (2), Bani Na'im (4), Idhna (1), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Beit Ummar (2), Surif (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2).	31	27
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>133</b>
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>133</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 26 April – 2 May 2006

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	Open between 5.30am to 5pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The gate leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
<b>Efrayim</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
<b>'Anabta</b>	Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North (new)</b>	Open between 4am to 7pm for Palestinian permit holders. Closed since 11 March.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint (new)</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am and 6pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District. Since 2 May the IDF prevented all Palestinians from the northern West Bank accessing Zaatara checkpoint from traveling south.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Closed for Palestinians since 11 March.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> 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 aged between 15 and 30 and all residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are not allowed to exit Nablus.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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 aged between 15 and 30 and all residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are not allowed to exit Nablus.
<b>Al Tur</b> 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.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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. <b>1 May:</b> The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for all Palestinians. Only humanitarian cases were allowed through.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> 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.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> 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 place of residence.
<b>Hamra</b> 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.
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Since 19 April the IDF prevented all Palestinians from the northern West Bank accessing Zaatara checkpoint from traveling south.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open from 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organisations and ambulances. Major delays were reported at the checkpoint.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Friday. Closed since 19 April.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> 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.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	The partial checkpoint was in operation on 27, 28 and 30 April. Long delays experienced.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	The partial checkpoint was in operation on daily basis. Long delays were reported.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.

<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> 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.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh</b> North Jericho	Closed until 27 April. Operated as a partial checkpoint since.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> 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.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars.
<b>Tunnels</b> 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.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers are checking vehicles in both directions. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, 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..
<b>Al Jab'a</b> 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..
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed.
<b>Tarqumiya</b>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am – 5pm. The back-to-

Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	back section is open from 7am to 7pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. During the reporting period, prison visits for Palestinian families were allowed to cross as well as the back-to-back for commercial goods.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Closed to Palestinians due to the external closure imposed since 11 March.
<b>Shani</b> 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.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> 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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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.
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Since 26 March the terminal has had normal opening from 8am to 7pm; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 26 April: 490 arrivals, 536 departures.</li> <li>- 27 April: 804 arrivals, 562 departures.</li> <li>- 28 April: 661 arrivals, 421 departures.</li> <li>- 29 April: 515 arrivals, 604 departures.</li> <li>- 30 April: 625 arrivals, 784 departures.</li> <li>- 1 May: 580 arrivals, 622 departures.</li> <li>- 2 May: 596 arrivals, 554 departures.</li> </ul>
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.

<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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. Males aged between 15 and 30 and all residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are not allowed to exit Nablus.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
<b>Jericho</b>	
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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Open all week (Saturday excluded) for imports of construction materials.
<b>Karni</b>	Closed from 12.30pm 26 April to 8am 30 April. Re-opened since then for imported goods only.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Closed on 27 and 28 April. From 30 April onwards – open for imports of WFP food supplies.

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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.