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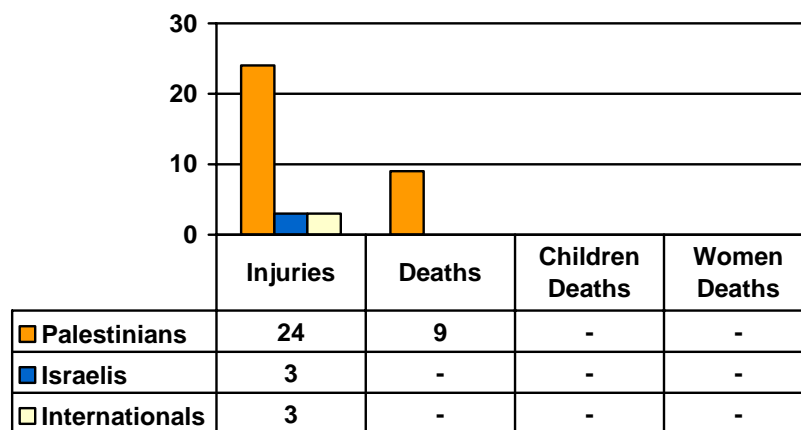
Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

3 – 9 May 2006

Of note this period

- The comprehensive external closure, in place since 11 March, was lifted in the West Bank on 8 May. The closure continues however on the Gaza Strip.
- Gaza militants fired 29 home made rockets towards Israel and IDF shelling continued to target areas in the Gaza Strip; this week more than 300 shells were fired.

1. Physical Protection¹



- At least **29** home made (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- During the week the IDF fired more than **300** artillery tank shells, particularly into the northern areas and east of Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The IAF also conducted **three** air strikes in the Gaza Strip.
- **3 May:** A three-year-old Palestinian boy from H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured after being run over by an Israeli settler from Kiryat Arba settlement. (Not counted in the weekly casualty total).
- **3 May:** The IDF injured a 22-year-old handicapped Palestinian man from Beit Awwa (Hebron).
- **3 May:** A 37-years-old Palestinian taxi driver from Tubas was killed by the IDF after crossing an earth mound on Al Badhan road on foot (Nablus).
- **4 May:** The IDF positioned at the Barrier west of Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) injured a 31-year-old Palestinian man with live ammunition while he was working his land near the Barrier.
- **5 May:** Two Palestinians, three international activists and one Israeli Border Police were injured during a Barrier demonstration in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **5 May:** Five Palestinian men from the Popular Resistance Committee (aged 20, 21, 23[2] and 25-years-old) were killed and another two injured in an IAF helicopter missile attack at their training camp south of Gaza city (Gaza Strip).
- **5 May:** Three Palestinian men were injured by live ammunition when clashes took place between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen in Balata refugee camp (Nablus).
- **5 May:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man was killed and four other injured during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **6 May:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured by a rubber coated metal bullet during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in 'Anabta village (Tulkarm).

¹ Two of the Israeli injuries were sustained due to Israeli action.

- **6 May:** The IDF injured a Palestinian man after firing artillery shells into areas east of Beth Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **6 May:** A 60-year-old Palestinian man was killed by an IDF artillery shell in areas north of Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **6 May:** IDF soldiers injured a 20-year-old Palestinian in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **6 May:** Israeli settlers injured a 42-year-old Palestinian man in H2 area of Hebron city after throwing rocks at his house.
- **6 May:** Three Palestinian students (nine [2] and 11-years-old) from Umm Tuba (Hebron) were injured by Israeli settlers from the outpost of Havot Ma'on while en route home. Two IDF soldiers were also injured by the same settlers.
- **7 May:** A Palestinian man was injured east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip) after being hit by shrapnel from an IDF artillery shell.
- **7 May:** A 55-years-old Palestinian man was killed and one injured in IDF artillery shelling north of Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **8 May:** Two Palestinians were injured due to IDF artillery shelling north of Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **9 May:** The IDF at Shani checkpoint shot and injured a Palestinian man from Yatta (Hebron).
- **9 May:** One Palestinian man was injured in Askar refugee camp (Nablus) during clashes with IDF.
- **9 May:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured when an IDF artillery shell Landed near his house north of Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
6 May	Balata, Nablus	-	1	n/a
8 May	Nablus Old City, Nablus	-	5	0
Total Week		0	6	n/a

- **6 May:** During a search and arrests campaign in Balata refugee camp (Nablus), the IDF partially demolished one house in the camp.
- **8 May:** During a night incursion into Nablus Old City, the IDF damaged doors and goods in five shops of the old city with explosives. Three vehicles were also damaged by an IDF bulldozer during the incursion.

Other related incidents:

- **3 May:** The IDF issued a house-demolition-order for a house located in Tuqu (Bethlehem) for lack of permit.
- **3 May:** The IDF issued a demolition order for an agricultural storage pen in Jabal Johar neighbourhood, located in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **7 May:** Israeli security forces evicted three settler families from a Palestinian house they occupied on 6 April in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron). According to IDF sources, 19 IDF soldiers were injured in the process. (Not counted in the casualty section).

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

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.

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

Tulkarm Governorate:

7 May: Israeli settlers cut down 30 olive trees and 25 fig trees near Ramin village.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues around Avnei Khefets and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence around the settlements.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue levelling land north of Salfit city, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

3 May: The IDF stopped the construction of the Barrier in 'Abud village pending an Israeli court decision and a case filed by the villagers against the confiscation of the village's land to create "special security arrangements" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements. Next court ruling will be on 14 May.

6 May: Around 15 armed Israeli settlers installed two tents on Al Mughayyir land, close to the Israeli outpost of Al Mughayyir. Palestinian farmers were unable to reach their land in the area. The IDF was contacted by the village council and the settlers were later removed.

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:

3 May: The IDF issued military order number T/36/06 requisitioning seven dunums of the land from As Samu village (Hebron) for the purpose of establishing a military camp.

7 May: Israeli settlers from Shim'a settlement uprooted 70 olive trees belonging to Palestinian families from As Samu'.

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.
- 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:

9 May: IDF soldiers relocated an earth mound in Al Khadr but maintained the closure of the road leading to Road 60.

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:

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:

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
3 May	Huwwara, Nablus	36 hours
8 May	Huwwara, Nablus	12 hours
9 May	Az Zubeidat, Tubas	7 hours
Total Week	Thee Incidents	55 hours

- **3 May:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village from 7:00 am on 3 May to the evening of 4 May stating stones were thrown from the village at IDF and settler vehicles.
- **8 May:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village from 7:00am to the evening hours.
- **9 May:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Az Zubeidat. No reason was stated for the curfew.

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:

6 May: Three Palestinian students were injured by Israeli settlers while en route home from At Tuwani. (See section 1).

7 May: IDF soldiers ordered the administrations at Cordoba, Al Fayhaa and Al Ibrahimmiyye schools in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) to stop the lessons during the eviction procedure of three settler families who occupied a Palestinian house.

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. In addition, the

frequency of settler attacks against the students convoys has increased in the last weeks.

- 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.

Tubas:

9 May: School children in Az Zubeidat did not go to school due to a curfew imposed on the village.

Nablus:

7 May: During a military operation in Balata refugee camp, the IDF entered the "Second Basic Girls School" and damaged a classroom.

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 was lifted on 8 May. Closure remains however in place at the Gaza Strip. Numbers of permits issued for Palestinian traders and workers are not available due to the refusal by the Israeli DCLs to talk to the Palestinian DCLs and the Ministry of Labor. Palestinian workers and traders are applying directly on an individual basis the Israeli DCLs.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

The general closure imposed on the oPt since 11 March was lifted for the West Bank on 8 May but remains in place for the Gaza Strip.

Nablus Governorate:

3 May: 'Awarta commercial checkpoint was closed due to the Israeli independence day.

5 May: Nablus residents with permits were again allowed entry south of Zaatara checkpoint.

4 May: The IDF opened 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint for Palestinians from "Burqa, Sabastiya, Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid and Talluza" villages in addition to the humanitarian organizations and ambulances from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

9 May: A flying checkpoint at Al Badhan village (Nablus) closed the road connecting Tubas with northern villages of Nablus, tens of cars including UN vehicles, pedestrians including school children were held at the checkpoint for nine hours. During the period, IDF soldiers searched the area of Al Badhan village.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin, Tulkarm and Tubas and all male Palestinians between the ages of 15 – 30 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.
- All residents of Jenin and Tulkarm and all male Palestinians between the ages of 15 – 30 years continue to be denied access south of Zaatara checkpoint.
- Humanitarian organizations and ambulances continue to face major access problems at 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint.
- The IDF continued to close a dirt road between Deir Sharaf and Al Naqura with an earth mound.
- A road near the entrance of Huwwara boy's school was closed with an earth mound by the IDF.
- 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.

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 but with delays this week.
- The IDF continues restricting the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Food products require prior coordination.
- The flying checkpoints around Jenin governorate are denying access of Palestinians less than 30 years old heading south from the governorate.

Tubas Governorate:

9 May: At least 6 IDF vehicles entered Az Zubeidat village and announced a curfew in the village for seven hours. The entrance to the village remains closed.

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 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:

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:

All week: The IDF implemented a tight closure around Ramallah district by manning all the partial checkpoints and deploying several flying checkpoints on roads leading to the city.

All week: Atara partial checkpoint was in operation on a 24 hours basis. Delays between 20-50minutes were experienced.

5, 6 and 7 May: The IDF stopped all vehicles going through An Nabi Salih partial checkpoint for ID checking.

Bethlehem Governorate:

The Israeli DCL in Bethlehem reported that permits were issued to 687 Palestinian traders and 992 workers in Bethlehem governorate for work in Israel and East Jerusalem.

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

4 - 8 May: The IDF closed gates and placed flying checkpoints along Road 60 around Hebron city to prevent an influx of sympathisers of the settlers being evicted out of a house in the Old City of Hebron.

3-9 May: UNRWA staff members holding Palestinian ID cards were prevented on many of occasions from reaching their work locations in East Jerusalem.

Ongoing incidents:

- The earth mound that replaced the Yatta Gate remains closed.
- The entrance to the village of Karma continued to be closed.
- Work on the Road Barrier continues east of Shani until the entrance of At Twani.
- Land levelling for the Road Barrier continues between the Shima Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

3 May - ongoing: At around 7pm, the IDF closed the Jericho DCO and Nwemeh Partial checkpoints. No Palestinians were allowed into Jericho unless a Jericho resident and/or working for international organizations or for humanitarian reasons. On 6 May, the IDF opened up again Nwemeh checkpoint with all movement in/out of Jericho going through there since.

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), As Sawiya (2), Qaryut, Beita (4), Jamma'in (2), Ijnisinya, Al Badhan village	25
Jenin	Arraba (7), Sanur (7), Arraba village (2) Birqin, Meithalun, Mislilya.	19
Tubas	Entrance of Tubas city, 'Aqqaba, Tammun, El Far'a.	4
Tulkarm	Ramin, Bal'a, Far'un, 'Attil, 'Illar.	6
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (5), 'Azzun (3), An Nabi Elyas (2), Wadi Qana (2). Jinsafut (2), Kafr Laqif.	15
Salfit	Biddya (3), Bruqin (4), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2) Kifl Haris (1).	10
Ramallah and Al Bireh	'Ein Arik Rd, between Ramallah and Bir Nabala (3).	4
Jerusalem	Junction #1/#437 (4). Near Qalandiya CP (2).	6
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah, Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza camp (3), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur, Ash Shawara.	20
Hebron	Yatta, Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im, Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (3), Beit Kahil, Al Arrub camp (4), Ad Dhahiriya (3), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh.	25
Total West Bank		134

5. [Additional Protection Issues](#)

- **6 May:** An IAF helicopter dropped leaflets over the northern area of the Gaza Strip and over the camps in the middle of the Strip asking the people not to assist Palestinian militants firing rockets into Israel and to avoid the areas where this firing took place.
- **6 May:** Israeli settlers from Hebron's Old City settlements in H2 area in Hebron City (Hebron) burnt down three vehicles belonging to Palestinian residents of the city during protest for the eviction of three settler families by the Israeli Police.
- **7 May:** IDF soldiers submitted to the Islamic Waqf a military order calling for the closure of the Ibrahim Mosque in H2 area (Hebron) in anticipation tension due to the eviction of Israeli settlers occupying a Palestinian house in the vicinity of the Mosque.
- **8 May:** Three Palestinians (20, 25 and 32-years-old) were killed and another nine were injured in internal clashes between Hamas and Fatah militants in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). (These are not counted in the casualty total section).
- **8 May:** A road side bomb went off when an IDF vehicle was patrolling the border fence south of Kissufim military camp (Gaza Strip). No injuries were reported.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Huwwara village (1), Qaryut (1) Nablus city (4), Balata RC (4), Osarin (1), Burin (1), An Nassariya (1), Beit Furik (1), Askar RC (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP.	15	34
Jenin	Kafr Ra:l (1), Az Zababida (1), Jenin city (2), 'Arraba (1), Jenin RC (1).	6	7
Tubas	Tubas (2).	2	1
Tulkarm	'Attil (3) Tulkarm city (1), Tulkarm RC (1), Kafr Al Labad (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Kafriat tunnel CP.	6	9
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Kafr Laqif (1), Qalqiliya city (2).	5	10
Salfit	Marda (1)	1	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Beit Rima (1), Al Jalazun camp (1), Deir as Sudan (1), Ramallah (1).	4	6
Jerusalem	Old City (1), As Sawahria ash Sharqiyya (1). At CPs/Flying CPs: Container CP.	2	7
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
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	7
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	6
Total Week West Bank		94	91
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		94	91

Appendix: Checkpoints: 3 – 9 May 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. BUT since 11 March to date: The IDF continues to close Efrayim checkpoint and prevented workers and traders from entering Israel.
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	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	The crossing is open from 4:00am to 7:00pm for Palestinian permit holders. BUT since 11 March to date: The IDF continue to close the checkpoint and prevented workers and traders from entering Israel..
Jit junction partial checkpoint (new)	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	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.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Closed for Palestinians since 11 March.
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. Males aged between 15 and 30 and all residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are not allowed to exit 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 aged between 15 and 30 and all residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are not allowed to exit 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 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. 1 May: The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for all Palestinians. Only humanitarian cases were allowed through.
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 place 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	Since 19 April the IDF prevented all Palestinians from the northern West Bank accessing Zaatara checkpoint from traveling south. On 6 May IDF allowed residents of Nablus over 30 year old to head south of the checkpoint.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open from 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organizations, ambulances and Palestinians from the villages of "Burqa, Sabastiya, Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid and Talluza". Major delays were reported at the checkpoint.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7:00am to 4:00pm Sunday to Friday. BUT since 11 March to date: The IDF continue to close the checkpoint and prevented workers and traders from entering Israel.
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/Al Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank ID. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening rush hours. Improvements were added to the checkpoint due to the opening of extra lanes for yellow plated cars to go to Jerusalem.
Bet El/DCO	Open between 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open. The partial checkpoint was in operation During the reporting period. Long delays experienced.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. The partial checkpoint was in operation on 5, 6, 7 May. 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	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and

North eastern entrance on Road 1.	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. During the reporting period, Palestinians were not allowed through the checkpoint except for Jericho residents into the city and for humanitarian cases, international organizations and people with checkpoint permits.
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	Manned 3 – 5 May, Soldiers removed on 6 May. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
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. UN local staff occasionally asked to exit vehicle and walk through the Terminal.
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. UN local staff expected to show Palestinian ID and permit in order to proceed to 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 Israelis and international organisations. Not open for Palestinians since 3 February 2006. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint..
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Not open for Palestinians since 3 February 2006. Land levelling is on-going to

367, Green Line	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 on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am – 5pm. The B2B section is open from 7am to 7pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. During the reporting period, prison visits for Palestinian families were allowed to cross as well as the back-to-back for commercial goods.
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. Work on Road Barrier continued east of the checkpoint until it reached the Palestinian community of At Tuwani. Moreover, on May 9 th , IDF soldiers stationed at the checkpoint shot and injured a Palestinian man.
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. There was an increased presence of IDF soldiers at and in the vicinity of the checkpoint during the reporting period due to the eviction of settlers from a house they moved into on April 6 th , 2006.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 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.
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. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. Moreover, it is the only entry point for international humanitarian organizations wanting to access the Old City.
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. Members of the Abu Eisha family living beyond the point have experienced increased harassment by settler families living in the settlements of Ramat Yashai and Tel Rumieda.
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. Israeli. UN staff expected to show additional identification to the UN ID.
"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. Public works are currently underway to create road dividers on Road 60 next to the checkpoint.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases. On 7 May it was closed for everyone between 5am and 11:50am due

to a security alert.

Rafah Passenger Terminal	<p>Since 26 March the terminal has had normal opening from 8am to 7pm;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 May: 580 arrivals, 558 departures. - 4 May: 580 arrivals, 552 departures. - 5 May: 622 arrivals, 556 departures. - 6 May: 597 arrivals, 608 departures. - 7 May: 572 arrivals, 627 departures. - 8 May: 589 arrivals, 529 departures. - 9 May: Data not available
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Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 7am to 5pm except on Saturday. 3 May the checkpoint closed due to an Israeli National day.
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. Males aged between 15 and 30, including drivers and commercial workers, and all residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are not allowed to exit Nablus. 3 May the checkpoint closed due to an Israeli National day
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya 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.
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	<p>3 May: Closed</p> <p>4 May: Open for construction materials and wheat, 140 MT of wheat entered.</p> <p>5 May: Closed</p> <p>6 May: Closed – Weekend</p> <p>7 May: Only open for 30 minutes for construction material.</p> <p>8 May: Open for construction material and wheat.</p> <p>9 May: Open for construction materials.</p>
Karni	<p>3 May: Closed due to IL holiday</p> <p>4 – 5 May: Open for imported goods only.</p> <p>6 May: Closed – Weekend</p> <p>7 May: Open from 2.30pm for imported goods only.</p> <p>8 – 9 May: Open for imported goods only.</p>
Kerem Shalom	<p>3 May: Closed.</p> <p>4 May: Open for the import of WFP food assistance.</p> <p>5 May – onwards: Closed – no humanitarian goods available.</p>

Commercial checkpoints:

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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.