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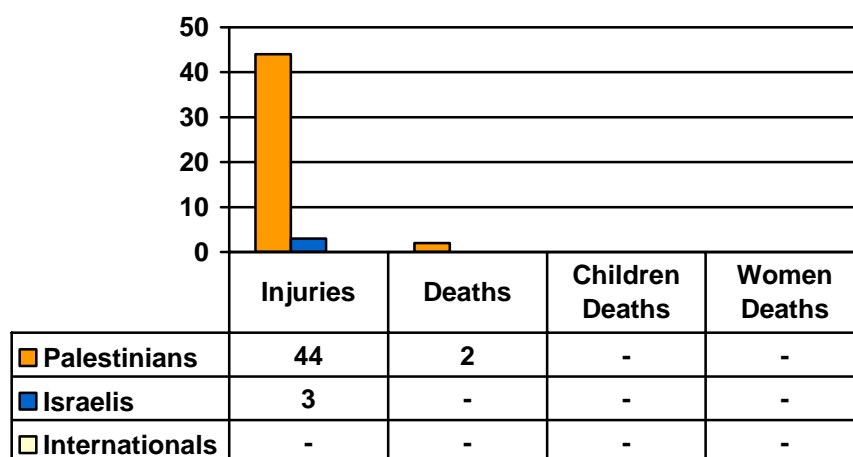
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

31 May – 6 June 2006

Of note this period

- External closure of the Gaza Strip remains in place. All workers and traders with valid permits to enter Israel have not been able to cross through Erez checkpoint since 11 March (for almost three months). External closure of the West Bank was earlier lifted on 8 May.
- High numbers of flying checkpoints (160) were observed throughout the West Bank during the reporting period. Internal movement restrictions, including age and residence restrictions remained tight throughout much of the northern West Bank and checkpoints into the Jordan Valley.
- 23 Palestinian structures were demolished throughout the West Bank by Israeli authorities for reportedly being built without permits (southern Hebron and Jordan Valley). At least 47 Palestinians were displaced.

1. Physical Protection

- At least **27** homemade (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- During the week the IDF fired more than **566** artillery tank shells, particularly into the northern Gazan areas and east of Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The IAF also conducted **three** air strikes in the Gaza Strip. Casualties are reported in the incidents below.
- **31 May:** Two Palestinian men (both 21 years old) were injured by live IDF ammunition in Balata camp (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign.
- **31 May:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured one Palestinian man at Kafriat tunnel (Tulkarm).
- **31 May:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured when an IDF artillery shell landed near his house north of Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **1 June:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 12 and 15 years old, were shot and injured in their legs when an IDF gunboat opened fire at Palestinians swimming in the sea north-west Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **1 June:** Two IDF soldiers were injured in Jenin camp (Jenin) when Palestinians detonated an explosive device near them during a military operation.
- **1 June:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured one Palestinian at a flying checkpoint near 'Attil (Tulkarm).
- **2 June:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at people demonstrating against the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Nine Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and another 10 were injured by IDF soldiers.

- **3 June:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in Al Far'a camp (Tubas) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign
- **3 June:** A 60-year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Tulkarm camp (Tulkarm) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers after they stoned an IDF patrol near the camp.
- **3 June:** IDF soldiers at a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Surif (Hebron) physically assaulted a 27-year-old Palestinian man.
- **3 June:** A 22-year-old member of the PA security forces was shot and injured in an armed clash after an IDF Undercover Unit entered into the Gaza Strip north of Beth Lahia.
- **3 June:** A 48-year-old Palestinian man was injured when an IDF artillery shell landed near his house in the Bedouin village north of Beth Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **3 June:** Two Palestinian sisters, aged 2 and 3 years old, were injured when an IDF artillery shell landed close to them in east Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip).
- **3 June:** A 27-year-old member of the PA security forces was shot and injured when the IDF opened fire towards a group of people near the border fence east of Al Shouka area in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **5 June:** Two Palestinian male workers (20 and 37 years old) from Dura (Hebron) were shot and injured when Israeli Border Police opened fire at their vehicle en route home from the Palestinian village of Ar Ramadin. The two injured men were transported to Ar Ramadin checkpoint and later to an Israeli hospital.
- **5 June:** Two Palestinian men (27 and 31 years old) from the Wadi Al Hussein area, H2 section of Hebron City (Hebron) were physically assaulted by IDF soldiers in front of their home.
- **5 June:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured one Palestinian man aged 37 years old in Anabta village (Tulkarm) during a search and arrest campaign.
- **5 June:** Two Palestinians from the Popular Resistance Committee (PRC) aged 25 and 26 years old were killed and another four Palestinians injured (including two bystanders) when their car was hit by two IAF rockets on the main Salah Ed-Din road east of Jabalia (Gaza Strip).
- **6 June:** One Israeli woman was injured when her house was hit by a Palestinian home made rocket fired from the Gaza Strip towards the Israeli southern town of Sederot.
- **6 June:** An IDF soldier opened fire inside Al Aqaba mosque (Tubas) before committing suicide. No injuries were reported. This casualty figure is not included in the total.
- **6 June:** One Palestinian was injured by live ammunition in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinians houses from the DCO area.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
31 May	Masafer Yatta, Hebron	6	-	9
31 May	Yatta, Hebron	4	-	n/a
5 June	Az Zubeidat, Tubas	4	-	0
5 June	Al Jiftlik, Jericho	5	-	19
5 June	Furush Beit Dajan, Tubas	3	-	5
5 June	Khirbeth 'Atuf, Tubas	2	-	9
5 June	Al 'Auja, Jericho	2	-	5
Total Week		23	0	47

- **31 May:** The IDF demolished five sanitation facilities (toilets) for reportedly being built without permits in the Palestinian hamlets of Mghayer Al Abeed and Al Tabban, in Masafer Yatta (Hebron). These structures were built with a donation from the British Government.
- **31 May:** The IDF demolished a housing (50 m²) in the Palestinian hamlet of Amfagrah, Masafer Yatta (Hebron). The demolished structure was the shelter for two Palestinian families.

- **31 May:** The IDF demolished house extensions (including kitchenettes, sanitation facilities, baking hoods and an animal pen) for reportedly being built without permits in Umm Lasafa, south of the Palestinian town of Yatta (Hebron).
- **5 June:** At around 7pm, at least 11 IDF vehicles including two bulldozers entered Az Zubeidat village (Tubas) and demolished four barracks belonging to Palestinians for reportedly being built without permits.
- **5 June:** The IDF demolished two houses and three barracks in Al Jiftlik (Jericho) for reportedly being built without permits leaving 19 people homeless. Another three barracks were also demolished in the neighbouring village of Frush Beit Dajan (Tubas) for also reportedly being built without permits.
- **5 June:** Nine people were left homeless after the IDF demolished two houses in Khirbet 'Atuf (Tubas) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **5 June:** The IDF demolished a house and one barrack in Al 'Auja (Jericho) for reportedly being built without permits.

Other related incidents:

- No incidents to report.

3. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

2 June: The IDF started levelling land near Road 57 (Al Badhan road) to establish a new checkpoint.

5 June: The IDF issued an amendment to the military order No. T/40/02 requisitioning 894.5 dunums of land belonging to Ázzun, Habla and Kafr Thulth (Qalqiliya) for the revised route of the Barrier in the area around Alfe Menashe.

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.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in 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

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

Road 465 and east of 'Abud village. The IDF has stopped the construction of the Barrier in 'Abud village pending an Israeli court decision in a case filed by the villagers against the requisition of the village's land.

- The IDF continues levelling land around Ateret settlement to create a buffer zone. The land belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages that were earlier requisitioned by the IDF. According to the Israeli DCL this is part of a plan to create security areas around "isolated" settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

6 June: Following ongoing clashes between settlers from Khirbet Arba and local Palestinians the area of Wadi Al Hussein, H2 section of the Hebron city, the IDF threw sound which set 30 olive trees alight. IDF soldiers prevented the Hebron Municipality fire department from reaching the scene of the fire for three hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Surif.
- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.
- 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.
- Land levelling for the construction of the road barrier Road 317 continues between the Metarim Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- **3-4 June:** Sewage spilled from the Israeli settlement of Betar Illit into lands belonging to the Palestinian village of Wadi Fukin (Bethlehem).
- **6 June:** Israeli Border Police soldiers manning Beit 'Awa checkpoint denied access a water tanker from the Dura Joint Services Council while trying to deliver water to Palestinian families living close to the Israeli settlement of Negohot. The families have no alternative access to water.
- **All week:** During the reporting period, work has begun on the establishment of a road barrier along Road 60 close to Al Khadr.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb continues.
- Land levelling continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site.
- Land levelling for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint has continued.
- Land levelling for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village has continued.
- 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: construction is ongoing 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 stopped since 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 was closed by the IDF and no access is permitted.
- Construction of a road (Road 70) linking 'Anata and Al 'Eizariyya is continuing.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

5 and 6 June: IDF tanks and bulldozers entered approximately 200 metres into the Palestinian area north-east of Bureij camp excavating land.

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
6 June	Al Aqaba, Tubas	13 Hours
Total Week	One Incident	13 hours

24 May: The IDF imposed a curfew on Al 'Aqaba village (Tubas) from 2am to 3pm during a military operation.

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

No incidents to report.

c) Access to Employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities and therefore no figures are available on the number of work and trade permits for Palestinians to enter Israel.² Palestinian workers and traders in possession of Israeli permits to enter Jerusalem and Israel are now applying directly to the Israeli authorities.

To be eligible for a permit workers and traders must be over 35 years old and married. Criteria for work permits in 'Atarot industrial area in Jerusalem is set for men above 21 years old.

Significant delays were reported by Palestinians trying to get magnetic cards from the Israeli DCL in Hebron city.

External closure in the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers and traders allowed access into Israel since 11 March (for almost three months).

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 (see above).

Nablus Governorate:

31 May to date: All Palestinians males from Nablus between the ages of 18 – 25 years old are prevented from leaving Nablus through Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints unless they have permits. Previous age restrictions applied to Palestinian males between the ages of 18 – 30 years old.

² According to the Israeli DCL in Bethlehem, 700 permits were issued for Palestinian merchants as well as 1,500+ permits were issued for labourers from the Governorate.

1 June: The IDF closed Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint for two hours after shooting was reported.

3 June: The IDF closed Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint for several hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- Long delays are experienced at all checkpoints in the governorate including Huwwara Yitzhar, Beit Iba and Zaatara check points.
- Public taxis and buses continue to be denied access through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.
- The IDF continue to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.
- The IDF continue to close Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates.
- The IDF continue to close a dirt road between Deir Sharaf and Al Naqura with an earth mound.
- The IDF continue to close the road connecting Beita with Osarin with earth mounds following earlier shooting at Israeli vehicles on Road 505.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue 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, Tayasir and Efyriam checkpoints remained 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 Israeli Brigade Commander are 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 authorised to cross the checkpoints, long delays have been reported particularly at Tayasir, where access is being authorised by IDF soldiers and waiting times vary considerably.

Tulkarm Governorate:

31 May to date: The IDF enforced the closure around Tulkarm governorate and prevented residents from exiting Tulkarm city. Long queues and delays were reported at Ánabta, Kafriat tunnel checkpoints and Áttíl flying checkpoint. On **3 June** the IDF closed Ánabta, Kafriat tunnel checkpoints and Áttíl flying checkpoint for several hours.

31 May and 1 June: The IDF closed Nazlat Issa Barrier gate (Tulkarm). Six families living on the west side of the Barrier were denied access.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF has closed the seasonal agricultural gates in Tulkarm governorate until the coming season, only Qaffin gate remains open for the beneficiaries of an ICRC program.
- The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Deir al Ghusun with the garbage dump site, the road to Bal'a and a road to Al Jarushiya.
- The IDF continues to close the exit from Kafriat checkpoint leading to the road into Tulkarm for construction. Residents of Jbarah now have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

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, preventing 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 south.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

All week: Atara partial checkpoint was in operation on a 24 hour basis with the IDF checking ID cards of Palestinians going into/out Ramallah. Long delays were reported particularly during rush hours and throughout the weekend. On **3 June**, the IDF declared Atara partial checkpoint as a closed military zone. Palestinians from the northern villages used a lengthy detour via Qibiya and to 'Ein Arik in order to get into Ramallah. The checkpoint was opened again early Sunday.

All week: Palestinians experienced delays at At Tayba partial checkpoint which was in operation daily.

4 June: The IDF closed the underpass between Solwad and Yabrud villages with a road block. Palestinians from Silwad and neighbouring villages have to use the road via At Tayba and then to Qalandiya to be able to reach Ramallah.

Bethlehem Governorate:

All week: Israeli Border Police stationed at the only open entrance Khallet Nu'man delayed residents entering and exiting the village.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron governorate

Ongoing incidents:

- The earth mound that replaced the Yatta Gate remains closed.
- Work on the road barrier along Road 317 continues east of Shani until the entrance of At Tuwani.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

No major incidents to report.

Gaza Strip

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the border 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	'Aqraba (7), Al Badhan Rd.	8
Jenin	Arraba (7), Sanur (7), Az Zababida (3) Bir al Basha (2), Fahma, Kufeir, Mirka (2), Qabatiya (2) Al Mansura (2), Meithalum (2).	29
Tubas	Tubas city (5) Tammun (5) Wadi El Fará, Áqqaba	12
Tulkarm	Áttil (6), Balá (6), Íllar, Baqa ash Sharqiya.	14
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (6), Wadi Qana (4). Jit (2), An Nabi Elyas (5), Jayyus, Izbat at tabib (2), Kafr Thulth (2)	29
Salfit	Yasuf, Farkha, ,Kafr ad Dik, Az Zawiya tunnel (3).	5
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Silwad (6)	6
Jerusalem	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (4), 'Ayda camp (3), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah, Beit Jala (4), Al 'Aza camp (4), Ad	26

	Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur, Ash Shawara.	
Hebron	Yatta (3), Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im, Dura (3), H1 (5), Halhul, Al Arrub camp (3), Ad Dhahiriya (3), Ar Ramadin, Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh (3), Surif.	31
Total West Bank		160

5. Additional Protection Issues

- **31 May:** An IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting a training camp for the Popular Resistance Committees in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The rocket exploded in the yard of the training camp. No injuries were reported.
- **3 June:** Unknown armed masked men opened fire on the commander of the military wing of Hamas north of Beach Camp (Gaza Strip). He was seriously wounded in the chest and his bodyguard was shot and injured in both legs. (These casualty figures are not included in Section 1).
- **5 June:** IDF discovered and safely detonated a road side bomb near the border fence north east of Bureij camp (Gaza Strip).
- **All week:** Six Palestinians were killed and 25 were injured as a result of the internal fighting between Fatah and Hamas supporters in the Gaza Strip. (These casualty figures are not included in Section 1).

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 RC (4) Huwwara CP, Askar RC (1) Beit Iba CP, camp No.1 (2), Zaatar CP.	13	19
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (4), Qabatiya (1), Anin(1), Kafr Dan (1), Meithalun (2), Birqin (1) Arraba flying CP, .	14	17
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (3), Áqqaba (1)	5	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (4), Tulkarm RC (2), Ánabta (1), Illar (1), Áttil flying CP, Kafriat tunnel CP	8	8
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (2), Qalqiliya city (2), Jit (1)	5	4
Salfit	Salfit city (1), Biddya(2), Qarawat Bani Hassan(1), Haris (1), Mas-ha (1)	6	3
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah city (4), Beit Rima (1), Silwad (1), Kobar (1), Beituniya (1).	8	24
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jericho	Jericho city (2).	1	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza camp (4), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda camp (4), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (4) , ad Duheisha Camp (2).	22	7
Hebron	Hebron City (7), Beit Ummar (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (1), Dura (4), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Awwa (1), Beit Ula (1), Surif (2), Yatta (2).	25	6
Total Week West Bank		107	91
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		107	91

Appendix: Checkpoints: 31 May – 6 June 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. Open from 4am – 7pm for Palestinian workers and traders. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian company has been operating at the checkpoint. From 17 May workers and traders over 35 years old were again allowed to enter Israel after almost two months of closure. However, currently few permits have been issued to Palestinians.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is manned and physically divided into three parts: (1) a section that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; (2) a section that controls movement to Israel; and (3) a section that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 May the IDF closed the section leading to Tulkarm for construction and residents of Jubara now have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queue and delays were reported
'Anabta	Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queue and delays were reported
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits for 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 subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm for Palestinian permit holders. From 17 May workers and traders over 35 years old were again allowed to enter Israel after almost two months of closure.
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 Governorate. Since 2 May the IDF prevented all Palestinians from the northern West Bank accessing the 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:	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years old are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have permits. All residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are 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 from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years old are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have permits. All residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are 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	Open 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Males from Nablus city aged between 15 and 30 years old are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have permits. All residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are allowed to exit Nablus through this checkpoint.

the Jordan Valley	
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Since 28 March closed for all vehicles, including UN and international humanitarian organisations.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are 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 years old to head south of the checkpoint. From 23 May all residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas were again allowed access south through this checkpoint.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open from 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organisations, ambulances and Palestinian private vehicles and taxis from the villages of Burqa, Sabastiya, Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid and Talluza. Males from these villages between 15 – 30 years old are not allowed to exit the check point unless they have permits. On 1 and 3 June closed for several hours.
Yizhar partial checkpoint (new)	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60 at the junction to Yizhar settlement.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Friday. From 17 May workers and traders over 35 years old were again allowed to enter Israel after almost two months of closure.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Palestinians between 16-30 years old are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank ID. Long delays are 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. Delays were reported.
At Tayba (partial)	Open and in operation daily during the reporting period.
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, the only exception is for West Bank Palestinians working for international organisations.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plated cars are not allowed to cross. Long delays are reported.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. Long delays are reported.

Jericho:

DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can pass without permits. 11 May: Reopened for Palestinian movements after being restricted for the previous two weeks. Delays are reported.
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.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only open road to Ramallah at the moment.

Bethlehem :

Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. 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. In order to cross into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. During the reporting period major delays in accessing Jerusalem were reported at this checkpoint.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. As of 3 February, Palestinians are not allowed through it.
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 staff have been requested additional identification 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 checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. On 6 June, Israeli soldiers manning the checkpoint denied entry for a water tanker from the Dura Joint Services Council trying to deliver water to Palestinian families living close to the Israeli settlement of Negohot.
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 back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. During the reporting period, family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were allowed to cross.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. On May 25, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF; the soldiers manning the checkpoint are not allowing teachers coming from As Samu towards Imneizil school from accessing Road 317.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil	Open 24 hours. Manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a metal detector in the shape of a caravan to access the area.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry. 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. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on road 325. UN staff are requested additional identification in order to cross it.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	<p>Since 26 March the terminal has had normal opening from 8am to 7pm;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 31 May: 549 arrivals, 679 departures. - 1 June: 657 arrivals, 702 departures. - 2 June: 797 arrivals, 921 departures. - 3 June: 614 arrivals, 705 departures. - 4 June: 599 arrivals, 871 departures. - 5 June: 686 arrivals, 972 departures. - 6 June: data not available.

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.
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 years old including drivers and commercial workers, and all residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are not allowed to exit Nablus.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 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. Since 29 May, ICRC and UN vehicles are not 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>Normally pen from 7:30am to 5:30pm for imports of construction material.</p> <p>31 May: Open for construction materials and WFP foodstuffs.</p> <p>1, 2 and 3 June: Closed for Israeli holidays.</p> <p>4, 5 and 6 June: Open for construction materials.</p>
Karni	<p>2 and 3 June: Closed for Israeli holidays.</p> <p>4 and 5 June: Open in both directions.</p> <p>6 June: Opened at 12.45pm for imports only.</p> <p>Short frequent closures were reported this week for IDF security stated reasons.</p>
Kerem Shalom	Not operating

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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.