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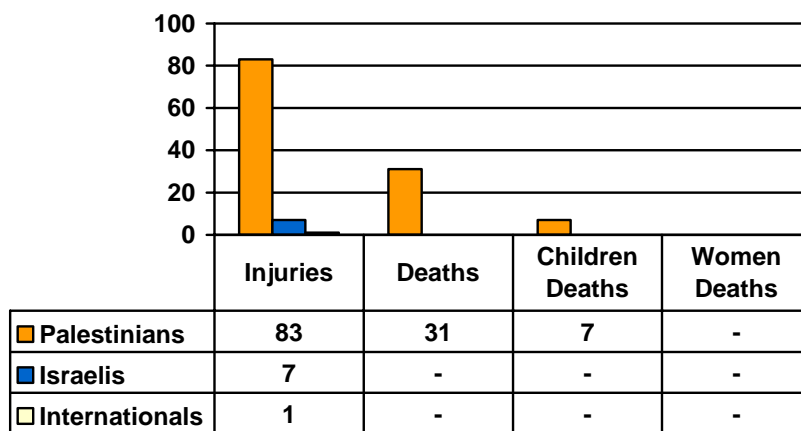
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

7 – 13 June 2006

Of note this period

- **Palestinian deaths and injuries in the Gaza Strip** – out of the 31 Palestinian deaths reported this week, 30 of the fatalities occurred in the Gaza Strip, including seven children. Among the fatalities were:
 - Seven members of a Palestinian family (including five children) were killed while sitting on a beach in northern Gaza Strip by an explosive device. 33 Palestinians were also injured; and
 - Two members of Islamic Jihad and nine bystanders in Gaza city were killed by the IAF following two targeted air strikes. Among the nine bystanders were a father and his two sons (aged four and six years old) and two paramedics (the paramedics had attended the scene following the first missile strike). 32 Palestinians were also injured.
- **Ongoing inter-factional fighting** between the Preventive Security Forces and Executive Support Forces in the Gaza Strip spilled over to the West Bank city of Ramallah during the reporting period. Palestinian gunmen attacked the cabinet and parliament buildings and set fire to them.

1. Physical Protection

- At least **133** homemade (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinians from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- During the week the IDF fired more than **223 artillery tank shells**, particularly into the northern Gazan areas and east of Gaza city (Gaza Strip). The IAF also conducted **27 air strikes** in the Gaza Strip and resumed the practice of sonic booms (IAF F16 fighter jets breaking the sound barrier). Casualties are reported in the incidents below.
- **7 June:** A group of Palestinian smugglers attempting to infiltrate through the border fence near Nahal Oz (Gaza Strip) were spotted by the IDF who fired tank shells at the group. PA security forces in the area returned fire at the IDF. Two Palestinian smugglers, both aged 23 years old, were killed along with a 22-year-old member of the Palestinian security forces.
- **7 June:** Two Palestinian boys, both aged 16 years old, were injured by plastic-coated metal bullets in Tubas city (Tubas) when the IDF responded to Palestinian stone throwing during a search and arrest campaign.
- **7 June:** A 34-year-old Palestinian woman from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when a group of settlers from the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba physically assaulted her while she was on her way to her house.

- **7 June:** A 69-year-old Palestinian man from Surif (Hebron) was injured when a group of Israeli settlers from the nearby settlement of Bat Ayin (Bethlehem) physically assaulted him while he was working his land close to the settlement.
- **7 June:** Palestinians stabbed a 19-year-old Israeli settler near the settlement of Bat Ayin (Bethlehem) at the intersection on the Gush Etzion road.
- **7 June:** At approximately 8 pm, Palestinian youth stoned a military vehicle near Rantis village (Ramallah). Two IDF soldiers were injured by the stones.
- **8 June:** The IAF targeted and killed Jamal Abu Samhadana, 45, the commander of the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) in the Gaza Strip and the Interior Ministry Security Chief. The IAF fired four missiles from F16 fighter jets killing Samhadana as well as three other Palestinian members of the PRC aged 21, 22 and 28 years old in a training camp at the former Rafiah Yam settlement west of Rafah.
- **8 June:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man from the H1 section of Hebron city (Hebrno) was injured when a group of IDF soldiers physically assaulted him during a nighttime search of his house (his brother was detained by the IDF in the search operation).
- **9 June:** The IAF targeted and killed two Palestinian brothers, aged 20 and 23 years old, and their 40-year-old cousin traveling in a car in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The three men were en route to Kamal Adwan hospital in Beit Lahia to visit a Palestinian who had been injured in an earlier air strike.
- **9 June:** Seven members of a Palestinian family (a 49-year-old father and his 35-year-old wife and five children, aged 1, 2, 4, 15 and 17 years old) were killed while sitting on a beach in northern Gaza by an explosive device. 33 other Palestinians were also injured including 11 children. Media reports said they were killed by a missile fired from an Israeli naval vessel. An internal IDF investigation claims that these allegations have not been proven.
- **9 June:** A 43-year-old man Palestinian from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when IDF soldiers assaulted him while he was trying to fix the satellite dish on the rooftop of his house.
- **9 June:** An 11-year-old Palestinian girl and a 28-year-old Palestinian man from Dura (Hebron) was injured by live fire when clashes erupted between group of Palestinian stone throwers and an IDF patrol during an Israeli incursion in the town.
- **9 June:** A demonstration against the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah) was organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at the demonstrators; seven Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets, one American journalist was injured by the sound grenade, and one Israeli Border Police was also injured by stone throwing.
- **10 June:** Three Israelis, included one critical, were injured at Sapir Academic College (Israel) by a homemade rocket fired from the Gaza Strip. The Mayor of Sederot has reportedly closed the schools in the area because of the numbers of home made rockets fired from the Gaza Strip.
- **11 June:** The IAF fired a rocket at a group of Hamas members preparing to launch a home made rocket in the northern Gaza Strip. Two Palestinians, aged 24 and 37, were killed and three injured.
- **11 June:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured a 12-year-old Palestinian boy in Tubas city (Tubas).
- **11 June:** A 28-year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Jenin camp (Jenin) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinians during a search and arrest campaign in camp.
- **13 June:** The IAF targeted and killed two members of Islamic Jihad, aged 38 and 42 years old in car traveling in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). The two separate missile strikes also killed nine bystanders including a 30-year-old father and his two sons, aged 4 and 6 years old, and two paramedics aged 32 and 38 years old who had attended the scene following the first missile strike. The other four Palestinians who died were aged 22, 27, 30 and 33 years old. Thirty-two Palestinians were also injured.
- **13 June:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) during an exchange of fire between IDF under cover unit and Palestinian intelligence forces.
- **13 June:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man shot dead in Jenin camp (Jenin) when an IDF undercover unit using a Palestinian vehicle opened fire and killed him in front of Jenin Hospital.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced affected /
12 June	Tura al Gharbiya, Jenin	1	-	10
Total Week		1	0	10

- **12 June:** The IDF demolished one house in Tura al Gharbiya (Jenin) for reportedly being built without a permit. The house was home to 10 people.

Other related incidents:

- **11 June:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bat Ayin (Bethlehem) continue to graze their herds on Palestinian land preventing Palestinians from Beit Ummar from working and accessing their lands.
- **12 June:** A group of masked gunmen set fire to the office of the Palestinian Legislative Council in Salfit city (Salfit).

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

8 June: The IDF started installing a fence on the northern side of Shave Shomeron settlement.

12 June: Settlers from Elon Moreh settlement cut down 45 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Salim village.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continued to level land near Road 57 (Al Badhan road) to establish a new check point (ongoing since 2 June).

Jenin and Tubas governorates:

7 June: The IDF are digging a trench along the northern side of Road 585, from Arraba junction toward Ya'bad despite all dirt roads connecting Road 585 being closed by earth mounds.

Tulkarm Governorate:

7 June: The IDF issued an amendment to the military order No. T/90/04 requisitioning 587.7 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Farún, Ar Ras and Taybeh following changes to the route of the Barrier near Khirbet Jubara.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

10 June: The IDF started levelling 115 dunums of land near Oranit settlement. The land belongs to Palestinians from Sanniriya and to date 15 dunums of land have been levelled and 55 olive trees uprooted.

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.

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

8 June: The IDF issued military order No. T/10/06 (amendment to earlier military order) requisitioning an additional 1.06 dunums of land from Bil'in in order to build a military base.

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 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 their 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 was 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:

7 June: The IDF reinforced the closure on Road 35 especially at the entrance of the city of Hebron near the Halhul Bridge, restricting the back-to-back passage of goods at the junction.

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. New structures were added
- 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 construction of a road barrier between Metarim Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene along Roads 60 and 325.

Bethlehem Governorate:

7 June: The entrance of the town of Beit Fajjar was reopened.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb continues.
- Paving 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.
- Land levelling has continued for the establishment of a road barrier along Road 60 close to the Palestinian village of Al Khadr.

Jerusalem Governorate:

The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Road 70 will allow north-south contiguity through Jerusalem for Palestinians.

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'ayyem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayyem checkpoint.

- A fence has been installed between Ar Ram/ Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint and the Barrier just north of the checkpoint. The fence prevents vehicles to access Atarot or Beit Hanina from the Ar Ram/ Dahiyet al Bareed area. A gap in the Barrier between Ar Ram and Bir Nabala/ Atarot was closed by the IDF and no access is permitted.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

7 June: IAF jets targeted four different open areas to the north and west of Beit Lahia with rockets damaging a road and agricultural and agricultural greenhouses.

7 June: Two IDF bulldozers supported by a tank moved approximately 200m into the Gaza Strip to the northeast of Bureij camp and levelled land.

9 June: IAF jets targeted two different locations (open areas) in northern Beit Lahia with rockets causing damage to agricultural 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

No incidents of curfew were reported during the reporting period.

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, married with children. Criteria for work permits in 'Atarot industrial area in Jerusalem is set for men above 21 years old, married and with children.

Significant delays were reported by Palestinians trying to get magnetic cards from the Israeli DCL in both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates.

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

² According to Chamber of Commerce, 276 workers and 581 traders from Nablus, 330 workers from Tulkarm and 50 workers from Salfit governorate have been issued. No permits were issued for workers and traders from Jenin and Tubas governorates.

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:

11 June: The IDF closed Za'atara checkpoint for two hours due to suspicious object.

12 June: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for five hours due to security alert. Hundreds of pedestrians and vehicles leaving Nablus were held and prevented access out of the city. On 13 June Beit Iba checkpoint remained closed for vehicular movement.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 31 May all Palestinians males from Nablus between the ages of 18 – 25 years are prevented from leaving Nablus through Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints unless they have permits.
- Long delays are experienced at all checkpoints in the governorate including Huwwara, Yitzhar, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints.
- 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 continued to close Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates. Preparations to open the road have halted.
- The IDF continue to close a dirt road between Deir Sharaf and Al Naqura with an earth mound.
- Since 31 May 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:

7 June to date: Long queues and delays were reported at Anabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- 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
- 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.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

7 June: The IDF moved Kafr Kasem checkpoint about 300m east to be on the route of the Barrier.

8 June: The IDF closed Deir Ballut checkpoint for several hours.

11 June: The IDF closed the northern entrance of Deir Istiya with an earth mound.

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 the south.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

All week: For the 9th successive week Atara partial checkpoint was in operation on a 24 hour basis with the IDF checking ID cards of Palestinians going into/out Ramallah. Delays on average between 1 -2 hours were reported during morning and evening rush hours. Verbal harassment by the IDF soldiers was reported by commuters on many occasions.

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

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli Border Police stationed at the only open entrance Khallet Nu'man continued to delay residents entering and exiting the village. Essential services (including gas and garbage trucks) were not allowed to enter the village and others trying to enter the village (such as representatives of human rights groups and journalists) were also delayed.
- 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

13 June: The IDF declared parts of the Abraham Avinu settlement, located in the H2 area of Hebron city as a 'closed military zone' for 36 hours to secure the construction of a wall protecting Palestinian house adjacent to the settlement.

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:

All week: The IDF deployed flying checkpoints in Shu'fat on daily basis during morning rush hours. Delays were reported.

8 June: Qalandiya was closed for two hours between 6-8pm due to a security alert.

12 June: At midday, delays were reported at a flying checkpoint set up by the IDF at the main road near the entrance to Ar Ram.

13 June: At 11am, hundreds of cars were stranded at both sides of a flying checkpoint set up by the IDF on the road near Qalandiya checkpoint. This road is to link Ramallah with Ar Ram, Hizma and then to Jericho and the southern areas of the West Bank. Long delays are reported.

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	Nablus city (4), Balata RC (2) Huwwara CP, Āskar RC (2) Beit Iba CP, camp No.1 (3), Beita (1).	12
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (6), Birqin (1) Az Zababida flying CP, Ārraba(1), Kafr Rai'(1), Fahma (1), Silat al Harithiya (1).	17
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (3), Āqqaba (1)	-
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (3), Tulkarm RC (1), Fahma (1), Kafr Rai (1), Āttil '(1), Kafr Sur (1), Seida (1), Thinnaba (1), Ānabta CP	10
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (1), Qalqiliya city (2),	3
Salfit	Biddya(1),Marda(1), Haris (1), Bruqin (1)	4
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (7), Qalandiya (2)	9
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah, Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp, Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur, Ash Shawara.	19
Hebron	Yatta (3), Beit Ummar (4),Bani Na'im (2), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1(5), Halhul, Al Arrub refugee camp (3), Ad Dhahiriya (3), Ar Ramadin, Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh(3), Surif.	32
Total West Bank		106

5. Additional Protection Issues

- **7 June:** Four members of PA Preventive Security Forces were found handcuffed with gunshot wounds to the legs west of Jabalia (Gaza Strip). The injured Palestinians accused members of the Executive Support Forces in the Gaza Strip of having kidnapped and shot them. These injuries are not included in Section 1.
- **8 June:** Two members of the Dogmush family aged 28 and 32 years old were killed in Gaza city (Gaza Strip) in a family dispute. These fatalities are not included in Section 1.
- **8 June:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man from Balata camp (Nablus) was killed for being a suspected collaborator with the Israeli security services. This fatality is not included in Section 1.
- **9 June:** IAF F16 fighter jet resumed sonic booms (breaking the sound barrier) across the Gaza Strip on three separate occasions.
- **9 June:** Four Palestinian cars were partially damaged after being attacked by Israeli settlers along Za'tara bypass road (Bethlehem).
- **10 June:** A 30-year-old member of the Palestinian Security Forces was killed while driving his car in the Gaza city (Gaza Strip). Clashes between the Preventive Security and Executive forces followed the incident the next day during the funeral procession leaving four Palestinians injured.
- **10 June:** A 55-year-old Palestinian woman from Balata camp (Nablus) was killed for being a suspected collaborator with the Israeli security services. This fatality is not included in Section 1.
- **12 June:** Disputes broke out in Jabalia (Gaza Strip) between the Executive Support Forces and a group of Tawjihi students taking their exams. Armed relatives of the students and further clashes broke out leaving seven Palestinians injured from live ammunition and a further 18 injured by stones and sticks.
- **12 June:** Following the funeral for a member of the Executive Support Forces who died from injuries sustained in clashes one week earlier with the Preventive Security Forces, a group of 250 armed members of the Executive Support Forces took over the Preventive Security Forces building in Rafah (Gaza Strip). A bystander aged 37 years old was killed and 11 other Palestinians injuries were recorded at local hospitals.
- **12 June:** At around 5 pm, Palestinian police forces organised a protest in Ramallah against the killing of a policeman from the Preventive Security Forces in the Gaza Strip. The killing resulted from an internal clash between Hamas members and members of the preventive police. The protest included driving around the centre of Ramallah and massive shooting in the air. Palestinian gunmen from Al Aqsa brigade and others attacked the Cabinet and the parliament buildings in Ramallah and set them on fire.

Palestinian police intervened and stopped the attack. One Hamas parliament member was kidnapped and released after two hours.

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 (4), Balata RC (2) Huwwara CP, Askar RC (2) Beit Iba CP, camp No.1 (3), Beita (1).	12	17
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (6), Birqin (1) Az Zababida Flying CP, Arraba (1), Kafr Rai' (1), Fahma (1), Silat al Harithiya (1).	17	6
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (3), Aqqaba (1)	4	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (3), Tulkarm RC (1), Fahma (1), Kafr Rai (1), Attil '(1), Kafr Sur (1), Seida (1), Thinnaba (1), Anabta CP	10	9
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (1), Qalqiliya city (2),	3	-
Salfit	Biddya (1), Marda (1), Haris (1), Bruqin (1)	4	3
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (1), Silwad (2)	3	16
Jerusalem	Wadi An Nar checkpoint	0	1
Jericho	Az Zubeidat (1)	1	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr, Beit Jala (2) , Za'atara (4) , ad Duheisha Camp.	13	5
Hebron	Hebron City (8), Beit Ummar (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (2), Dura (4), Tarqumiya, Biet Awwa, Beit Ula, Surif (2), Yatta (4), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (3)	31	21
Total Week West Bank		107	80
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		107	80

Appendix: Checkpoints: 7 – 13 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:	
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 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. On 12 June closed for five hours for pedestrians and vehicular movement and remained closed on 13 June for vehicular movement.
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.	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

After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Nablus unless they have permits. All residents of Tulkarm, Jenin and Tubas are allowed to exit Nablus through this checkpoint.
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. On 11 June closed for two hours due to a suspicious object.
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 and the partial checkpoint was in operation during the reporting period. Long delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays were reported.
At Tayba (partial)	Open and the partial checkpoint was in operation during the reporting period. Delays were reported.
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 internationals, diplomats, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and have Beith Hanina or Dahiyat al Bareed address on their ID cards. Palestinians working with international organisations with valid Israeli permits are allowed through the checkpoint.
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.
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.
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.
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 road barrier was finished in the vicinity of the checkpoint.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	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. No Palestinian plated vehicles are allowed beyond it.
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 often 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. Two roundabouts were constructed in front of the military 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"> - 7 June: 740 arrivals, 766 departures. - 8 June: 752 arrivals, 780 departures. - 9 June: 754 arrivals, 916 departures. - 10 June: 1,000 arrivals, 740 departures. - 11 June: 672 arrivals, 708 departures. - 12 June: 713 arrivals, 732 departures. - 13 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/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. 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 open from 7:30am to 5:30pm for imports of construction material. Open all weeks except on 9 and 11 June (Friday and Saturday).</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.