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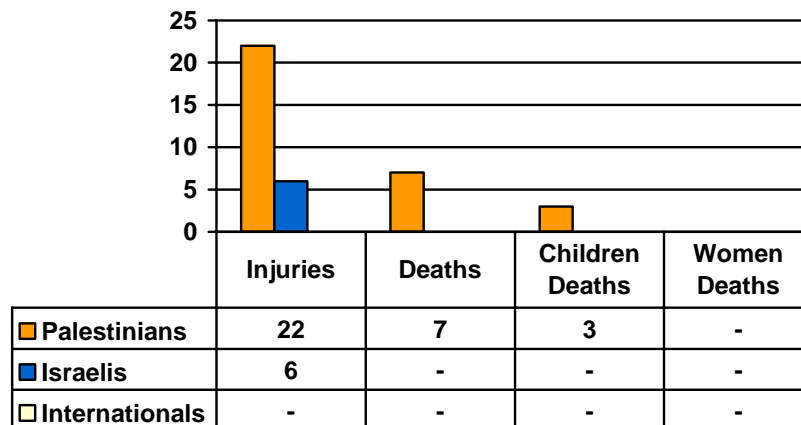
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

14 – 20 June 2006

Of note this period

- The IAF killed three Palestinian children including two brothers aged 5 and 6 years old and a 12-year-old girl when they targeted a car traveling in Gaza city (Gaza Strip) with rockets. Twelve other Palestinian bystanders including seven children were injured in the air strike.
- Three Israelis were injured when four homemade rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward the southern Israeli town of Sderot.
- Settler violence throughout the West Bank continued. In Hebron groups of Israeli settlers in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) injured three Palestinians, including one child, and set fire to olive trees. In Nablus, Israeli settlers entered the Palestinian village of Burim on two separate days, burning Palestinian cars and setting fire to a wheat field belonging to the villagers. Three Israelis were also injured in their vehicle traveling along Road 60 (near Sinjil, Ramallah) when it was fired upon.
- Five Palestinians were killed and 12 injured in the Gaza Strip during ongoing inter-factional fighting, family disputes and when explosive devices prematurely exploded (see Additional Protection Issues).

1. Physical Protection

- At least **39** homemade (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinians from the Gaza Strip toward Israel.
- Since 9 June, there have been no artillery shells fired by the IDF into northern and eastern Gaza. However, the IAF conducted **four** air strikes in the Gaza Strip (casualties are reported in the incidents below).
- **14 June:** A 37-year-old Palestinian man and his 13-year-old son from the H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) were injured when a group of Israel settlers from nearby Tel Rumeida settlement threw stones and empty bottles at them while they were on their way home.
- **15 June:** Three Israelis were injured when four homemade rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward the southern Israeli town of Sderot.
- **15 June:** One IDF male IDF soldier was injured in Nablus city (Nablus) after an exchange of fire took place between Palestinian gunmen and the IDF during search and arrest campaign.
- **15 June:** Two Palestinian members of Islamic Jihad (aged 20 and 22 years old) were killed by the IDF while trying to plant an explosive device near the border fence at Kissufim east of Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **16 June:** The IAF targeted and killed two Palestinian members of Islamic Jihad (aged 25 and 28 years old) after their car was hit by an IAF rocket while traveling on Salah Ed-Din road north of Bureij camp (Gaza Strip).

- **16 June:** A demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah) was organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at the demonstration resulting in three Palestinians being injured by rubber-coated metal bullets.
- **17 June:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man from the H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when IDF soldiers manning a flying checkpoint physically assaulted him in Jabal Johar neighbourhood.
- **17 June:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man from Sa'ir (Hebron) was injured when IDF soldiers manning a flying checkpoint physically assaulted him in Ras Al Around neighbourhood of Sa'ir.
- **17 June:** A 26-year-old Palestinian man from Ash Shuyukh (Hebron) was injured after IDF soldier physically assaulted him during a search of a house.
- **18 June:** One Palestinian male was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a clash between Israeli Border Police and a group of youth in Anata (Jerusalem).
- **19 June:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man from H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when a group of Israeli settlers physically assaulted him en route to his house in Al Sahle neighbourhood.
- **19 June:** Three Israelis were injured near Sinjil (Ramallah) when their vehicle traveling along Road 60 was fired upon. The IDF conducted a search and arrest campaign in Sinjil following the accident.
- **20 June:** The IAF killed three Palestinian children including two brothers aged 5 and 6 years old and a 12-year-old girl when they targeted a car traveling in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) with rockets. Twelve other Palestinian bystanders including seven children were injured in the air strike.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced affected /
12 June	Immatin, Qalqiliya	1	-	-
20 June	Gaza city, Gaza Strip	1	-	-
Total Week		2	0	

- **14 June:** The IDF demolished one Palestinian building under construction in Immatin village (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **20 June:** One Palestinian metal shop was completely destroyed after being struck by two IAF rockets in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

Other related incidents:

- **17 June:** A group of settlers entered the village of Burin (Nablus) and burned a vehicle in front of one of the village houses. The vehicle was totally destroyed by fire.
- **18 June:** A group of settlers entered the village of Burin (Nablus) and burned two vehicles in the village. The vehicles were damaged by the fire.
- **18 June:** One homemade rocket fired by Palestinians from inside the Gaza Strip towards the western Negev hit electricity poles in Sderot, causing a temporary power cut.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

17 June: A group of settlers set fire to a wheat field, after the crop had been harvested by hand and gathered in piles, near Burin village. Six dunums of land and the entire crop of grain and straw were damaged during the fire.

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

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue to level land north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus) to install fence and a wall around the settlement. One hundred olive trees from Sabastiya village have been uprooted to date.

Jenin and Tubas governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:**

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:**10 June:****Ongoing incidents:**

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
- The IDF are levelling 115 dunums of land belonging to the Palestinian village of Sanniriya near Oranit settlement.

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 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 and was earlier requisitioned by the IDF. According to the Israeli DCL this is to create buffer zones around "isolated" settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

16 June: Israeli settlers set fire to 10 olive trees in the Tel Rumedia neighbourhood within the H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron). The Palestinian fire department was denied access to the area by the IDF.

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 has been completed. Permanent structures are in place.
- Paving 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 continues along Roads 60 and 325.

Bethlehem Governorate:**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 movement contiguity through Jerusalem for Palestinians. Another road (Road 80) is planned to link Abu Dis to Road 1 by encircling Ma'ale Adumim. The road will be opened for Palestinians only.

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 had 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.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

19 June: Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered approximately 300m into the Palestinian Abu Safia area south east of Beit Hanoun. The bulldozers leveled the land and left three hours later.

19 June: Two IDF bulldozers and a tank entered approximately 300m into the Palestinian area south east of Maghazi refugee camp and levelled land.

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The border with Israel 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
16 June	An Nabi Elyas, Qalqiliya	8 hours
18 June	Ras Al 'Ayen district of Nablus city , Nablus	5 hours
Total Week		13 Hours

16 June: The IDF imposed curfew on An Nabi Elyas village (Qalqiliya) after stones were thrown towards Israeli plated vehicles in the village.

18 June: The IDF imposed curfew on Ras al 'Ayen district of Nablus city (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign.

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.³

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

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:

18 June: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for several hours due to a security alert.

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 in both directions 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.
- Since 19 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. Transportation of food products require prior coordination with Israel.

Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The restrictions on Palestinian movement in and out of the Jordan Valley via Hamra, Tayasir and Efyriam checkpoints remain in place. The three checkpoints are closed for Palestinians aged between 16 - 30 years old. All permits issued by the Civil Administration have been cancelled and only those issued by the 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:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue 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.

² According to Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, 276 workers and 581 traders from Nablus, 76 workers from Tubas, 351 workers from Tulkarm, 330 workers from Qalqiliya and 100 workers from Salfit governorate have been issued.

³ OCHA has requested the number of permits issued for Palestinian worker and traders from the Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank but have not received a response.

- The IDF continue 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 continue 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:

19 June: The IDF closed the main entrance of 'Azzun village with road blocks

Salfit Governorates:

16 June: The IDF closed the Gate at the entrance of Haris village (Salfit) for several hours prevent Palestinian movement.

17 June: IDF set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Salfit city and prevented Palestinian movement for several hours.

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

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continue to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya, preventing farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continue to close Qarawat Bani Hassan road gate preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.
- The IDF continue 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 10th successive week, Atara partial checkpoint was in operation on a 24 hour basis with the IDF checking ID cards of Palestinians going in/out Ramallah. Delays on average between 1 - 2 hours were reported during morning and evening rush hours.

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

Bethlehem Governorate:

During the reporting period, three additional closures (physical obstacles) were added throughout Bethlehem; the IDF placed cement blocks on three agricultural roads north of Road 60 between the Israeli settlements of El'azar and Neve Daniel denying access of Palestinian landowners to their land.

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli Border Police stationed at the only open entrance Khallet Nu'man continued to delay residents entering and exiting the village. The gate across the road leading to the village is kept closed by the Israeli Border Police.
- 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:

16 June: The IDF set up a flying checkpoint around the old city in Jerusalem and prevented all Muslim males below 45 years old from attending the Al Aqsa mosque for Friday noon prayers.

All week: The IDF set up flying checkpoints at the entrance to Ar Ram town, on the road leading to Qalandiya checkpoint. Long delays were reported, especially during morning rush hours.

All week: The IDF deployed flying checkpoints along the main road in Shu'fat town on a daily basis during morning rush hours. Delays were reported.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

17 June: At around 11am, the IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint and prevented Palestinians from entering and exiting the Jordan Valley area. The checkpoint was reopened the next morning.

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 informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km) has been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF declared parts of the northern Gaza Strip a “no go” or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December 2005. Palestinian's movement inside this area continues to be restricted and entry in this area is only possible with prior coordination from the IDF. 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	'Asira ash Shamaliya (3), Talluza (1), Salim (1), Ijnisinya (2)	7
Jenin	Arraba (6), Sanur (2), Az Zababida (6) Fahma (2) 'Meithalum (2), Al 'Attara (1) W Jenin (1), S Jenin (1).	21
Tubas	Tubas city (4) Tammun (4) Wadi El Fará (1), Áqqaba (4),	13
Tulkarm	Illar (3), Deir al Ghusun (2), Kafr Ra'l (1) Zeita (1) Bal'a (1)	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (6), 'Azzun (5). Ras Átiyat (1), An Nabi Elyas (4), Habla tunnel (2), Jayyus (1), Kafr Jamal (1)	20
Salfit	Marda (1), Haris (1), ,Iskaka (1), E Salfit (1), Kifl Haris (2), Wadi Qana (2)	8
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (10), Qalandiya (10), Old City (7)	27
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refugee 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		154

5. Additional Protection Issues

Casualties related to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons are not included in the total in Section 1.

- **14 June:** Unknown armed masked men opened fire at the car of PA Preventative Security Director in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip) seriously injured him.
- **14 June:** Members from the Preventive Security Force opened fire at the Hamas Executive Support Forces killing a 20-year-old member and injuring two others in the Gaza Strip.
- **14 June:** Armed masked men from Fatah kidnapped a member of Hamas in the Gaza Strip. He was severely beaten and freed after an hour. In response, Hamas members vandalised a training camp for Fatah south of Jabalia camp.
- **16 June:** Armed masked men opened fire on a 20-year-old member of Fatah in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip) injuring him in both legs. 1 injured
- **15 June:** Unknown armed masked men kidnapped a Preventive Security Officer in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip) and beat him.
- **14 June:** A 20-year-old Palestinian died of wounds sustained when he was preparing a bomb in Shaboura camp in Rafah (Gaza Strip).

- **16 June:** Unknown armed masked men tried to kidnap a 40-years-old man, in Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip) and shot him in the head and legs during a struggle. The Palestinian man died from his wounds. The motive behind the incident is unclear although it is believed to be in the context of a family dispute.
- **17 June:** One man was injured in a family dispute in Gaza city (Gaza Strip)
- **15 June:** A nine-year-old boy was killed when he was playing with his father's pistol in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **15 June:** A 30-year-old member of Hamas died of wounds sustained on 4 June when gunmen from Fatah opened fire on his car in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **16 June:** Hamas gunmen attacked the PA Preventive Security building in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). One Palestinian was injured in the exchange of fire.
- **16 June:** Armed masked men opened fire on a 20-year-old Fatah member from Khan Younis (Gaza Strip) injuring him in both legs.
- **20 June:** A bomb went off when an Islamic Jihad member was preparing it at home in Al Berka area south east of Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip). Three family members including his daughter aged 13 years were injured.

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 (7), Balata RC (1) Huwwara CP, Áskar RC (1), Beita (2), Salim (1), Zawata (1) Yitzhar, Asira ash Shamaliya 17'	13	23
Jenin	Jenin city (2), Jenin RC (1), Birqin (1) Flying CP, Árraba (1), Kafr Rai' (1), Fahma (2), Bir al Basha (2), Al Yamun (1), 'Anza (1), Qabatiya (2) Reikhan CP	14	16
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (1), Áqqaba (2), Flying CP, Wadi al Malih (1),	6	4
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (2), Tulkarm RC (1), Áttil '(2), Seida (1), Ánabta CP, tunnel CP, Ramin(1), 'Anabta (1).	8	12
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (2), Qalqiliya city (2), Al Nabi Elyas (1), Flying CP	5	2
Salfit	,Haris (1), Az Zawiya(1), Salfit city (1), Deir Ballut CP	3	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Kharbatha al Misbah (1), Abu Shukheidim (1), Ramallah (6), Qibya (1), Al Bireh (1), Al Jalazun refugee camp (1), Al 'Amari refugee camp (1), Sinjil (1), Qalandiya refugee camp (1) , Beituniya (1)	15	40
Jerusalem	Qalandiya checkpoint	0	5
Jericho	No arrests/detentions and searches reported.	0	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara, Bethlehem (5), ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (3)	24	11
Hebron	Hebron city (6), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (4), Idhna (3), Dura (4), Tarqumiya, Biet Awwa, Beit Ula (2), Surif (2), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (3).	33	22
Total Week West Bank		121	137
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		121	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.
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 checkpoint 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.
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. Long delays and queues were reported.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. 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.

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.
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. Some 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	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 1 June, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
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'ayem 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	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement

Southern entrance to settlement	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 the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi 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"> - 14 June: 947 arrivals, 710 departures. - 15 June: 851 arrivals, 686 departures. - 16 June: 1,038 arrivals, 1,012 departures. - 17 June: 1,060 arrivals, 828 departures. - 18 June: 756 arrivals, 788 departures. - 19 June: 795 arrivals, 811 departures. - 20 June: 863 arrivals, 873 departures

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5:30am to 12:00 am on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint is accessed via the back-to-back checkpoint.
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.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Normally open from 7:30am to 5:30pm for imports of construction material. Open all week except for Saturday.
Karni	<p>Karni was open between 9:30am to 6:00pm. Short frequent closures were reported throughout the week for IDF stated security concerns. Containers lane was closed this week, only palletized cargo were allowed through.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14 and 15 June: open in both directions. - 16 June: open for imports only. - 17 June: Saturday (closed). - 18, 19 and 20 June: open in both directions.
Kerem Shalom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14 June: open for the humanitarian aid supplies to enter the Gaza Strip, 167 tonnes of wheat flour entered. - 15 - 17 June: closed. - 18 June: open from 12:00pm for humanitarian aid supplies, 213 tonnes of wheatflour entered. - 19 June: open from 1:00pm for humanitarian aid supplies, 110 tons of wheat flour entered. - 20 June: open at 11:30am. 120 tonnes of wheatflour came through the Egyptian side but remained in Kerem Shalom.

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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.