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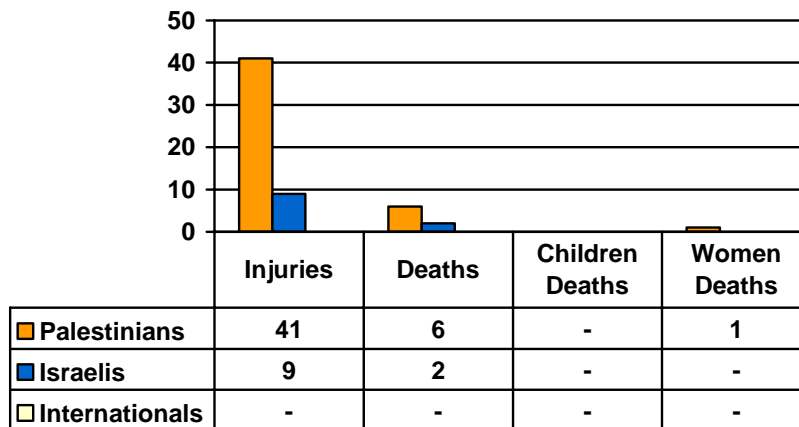
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

21 – 27 June 2006

Of note this period

- **Escalation in the conflict in the Gaza Strip:**
 - An Israel Air Force (IAF) air strike killed two Palestinians and injured 11 others in the Gaza Strip when an IAF missile missed the vehicle it was targeting and hit a Palestinian house.
 - Four Israelis in Sderot (Israel) were injured by three homemade rockets fired from the Gaza Strip.
 - Two IDF soldiers were killed and four others injured during an attack by Palestinian militants on an IDF military post at Kerem Shalom crossing. Two Palestinian militants were also killed in the attack and an IDF soldier was taken captive. Since this time a large IDF presence deployed along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip. The IDF has closed all the Gaza crossing points (Erez, Karni, Kerem Shalom, Sufa and effectively Rafah as the EU Observers cannot cross through the closed Kerem Shalom crossing point) and the Nahal Oz energy pipelines which means that no fuel supplies are reaching the Gaza Strip. On 27 June Erez was reopened for representatives of international agencies.

1. Physical Protection

- At least **41** homemade rockets were fired by Palestinians from the Gaza Strip toward Israel (mainly towards Sderot and the western Negev).
- On **21 June** the IAF fired three tank shells into the Gaza Strip after Palestinian militants fired an anti tank missile towards IDF troops stationed at the border fence north east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). The IAF also conducted **one** air strike in the Gaza Strip on **21 June** (casualties reported in the incident description below).
- **21 June:** A 35-year-old Palestinian woman in her seventh month of pregnancy and a 45-year-old man were killed by the IAF and another 11 people injured, including six children, when an IAF missile targeted a vehicle traveling in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). The missile missed the vehicle and hit a house. All casualties were from the same family.
- **21 June:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured by a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba when they threw stones at him on his way home.
- **21 June:** A 36-year-old Palestinian man from H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when a group of IDF soldiers physically assaulted him during a patrol of the Old City.
- **21 June:** One Israeli woman was injured when Palestinian youths stoned an Israeli car near Hizma village (Jerusalem).

- **21 June:** A 21-year-old man Palestinian man was killed during an exchange of fire in Camp No. 1 (Nablus) with the IDF. Three other Palestinians males were injured (18, 25 and 27 years old) by live ammunition.
- **21 June:** The IDF entered Nablus city (Nablus) and a confrontation took place with Palestinian stone throwers. Thirteen Palestinians were injured (one by live ammunition, one by shrapnel and 11 by rubber-coated metal bullets). Seven of the injured were children.
- **22 June:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) had his arm broken by two Israeli settlers from Tel Rumedia settlement who attacked him while he was on his way home.
- **22 June:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy from Surif (Hebron) was injured when IDF soldiers physically assaulted him while he was working his land located next to the Barrier.
- **22 June:** A 25-year-old Palestinian male from Ramallah was shot and killed by an IDF Undercover Unit during a military operation in Ramallah city.
- **23 June:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man from the H1 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured after IDF soldiers physically assaulted him during a house search.
- **23 June:** One of the Palestinian woman injured in an IAF air strike two days earlier in Gaza Strip on 21 June (reported above) delivered a still born baby (not included in the weekly total).
- **23 June:** A demonstration against the construction of the Barrier was organised in Bil'in (Ramallah) by Palestinian, Israel and international activists. The IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets at the demonstration injuring one Palestinian. Cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported after the IDF fired tear gas canisters (not included in the weekly total).
- **23 June:** A Palestinian male in his 20s was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in Nablus city (Nablus) during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **25 June:** Two IDF soldiers were killed and four others injured during an attack by Palestinian militants on an IDF military post at Kerem Shalom crossing. Two Palestinian militants aged 20 and 22 years were also killed in the attack and an IDF soldier was taken captive.
- **25 June:** Two Palestinian boys (both aged 14 years) were injured during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Nablus city (Nablus). One of the boys was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and the other was injured after being physically assaulted by the IDF soldiers.
- **26 June:** Four Israelis in Sderot were injured by three homemade rockets fired from the Gaza Strip.
- **26 June:** A 52-year-old Palestinian man from Hebron city was injured when a group of Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint at Beit Awwa physically assaulted him.
- **26 June:** Two Palestinian males were injured by live ammunition when an IDF soldier shot at them near Ash Sheik S'ad checkpoint (Jerusalem).
- **26 June:** Two Palestinian males (aged over 18 years) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Tubas city (Tubas).

2. [Palestinian internal violence \(Gaza Strip\)](#)

[Casualties related to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons in the Gaza Strip are not included in the weekly figures in Section 1.]

- **21 June:** A bomb went off in a car driven by a member of the Fatah dominated Preventive Security Force (PSF) while travelling in Tel Al Hawwa quarter in Gaza city (Gaza Strip). Three persons in the car received shrapnel wounds.
- **21 June:** Masked gunmen opened fire at two Fatah members when they were near their house in Gizan Najjar area south-east of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). The two were taken to Nasser hospital after they sustained gunshot wounds to their legs.
- **22 June:** A bystander was injured in an armed dispute between two Palestinians in Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **23 June:** Three Palestinians were injured in an armed dispute between two families in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **23 June:** A Palestinian man was injured in an armed dispute between two families in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).

- **23 June:** A bystander was injured when members of the Hamas dominated Executive Support Forces (ESF) attacked a house of a member of the PSF in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **24 June:** A Palestinian man was severely beaten after being kidnapped by an unknown group of armed men in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **24 June:** A PA Intelligence Service officer was shot in both legs after being kidnapped by a group of unknown group of armed men in Al Zahra city south of Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **24 June:** Armed clashes continued between the ESF and PSF and one PSF member was injured.
- **24 June:** A Palestinian was injured when an explosive device went off while handling it east of Al Qarara in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **24 June:** A Palestinian man was injured when unknown armed masked men opened fire at him in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **27 June:** A member of Hamas was injured in an armed clash with the PSF in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **27 June:** A 21-year-old Palestinian man was killed and another five injured in a car explosion in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
21 June	Shu'fat, Jerusalem	1	-	5
25 June	Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	2	-	-
Total Week		3	0	5

- **21 June:** The IDF demolished a house in Shu'fat (Jerusalem) due to reportedly being built without a permit. Five people were made homeless.
- **25 June:** Four tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 400 metres into the Palestinian area west of Sufa crossing (Gaza Strip) and demolished two PA military basis.

Other related incidents:

- **21 June:** During an IDF military operation in the centre of Nablus city (Nablus), confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinians demonstrators (the Palestinians were throwing stones and Molotov cocktails at the IDF). One IDF jeep was set on fire by a Molotov cocktail and the IDF brought a bulldozer to the area to evacuate the IDF jeep. The bulldozer damaged parked Palestinian cars and spread fire from the burning jeep to parked vehicles and to nearby shops. According to an assessment conducted by Nablus municipality, five vehicles were destroyed; three shops and 14 vehicles were damaged.
- **22 June:** A group of settlers from Yitzhar settlement entered the village of 'Einabus (Nablus) and burned and destroyed three vehicles belonging to Palestinians.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

25 June: A group of settlers from Yitzhar settlement set fire to a grove of olive trees near 'Asira al Qibliya village. Five olive trees were burned.

26 June: A group of settlers from Yitzhar settlement set fire to a grove of olive trees near Burin village. Three olive trees were burned.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June the IDF continue to level land north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus) to install fence and a wall around the settlement.

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

Jenin and Tubas governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
- Since 10 June 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:

22 June: Israeli settlers from the Avigayil outpost prevented Palestinian shepherds from Am Faqara from accessing a water cistern located close to the outpost.

26 June: Israeli settlers set fire to 10 tonnes of straw belonging to Palestinian farmers from Qawawis, south of the town of Yatta. The IDF denied access of the Palestinian fire department to the site.

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.
- 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:

27 June: Contractors constructing the Barrier cut down 100 olive trees belonging to Palestinian farmers in the area of Crimisman in the town of Beit Jala in preparation for the building of the Barrier in the area.

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 continues.

- Land levelling for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village continues.
- Construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60 continues.
- Land levelling continues for the establishment of a road barrier along Road 60 close to the Palestinian village of Al Khadr.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction 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.
- 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 east of the planned Barrier around Maale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

25 June: Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 400 metres into the Palestinian area west of Sufa crossing and uprooted five dunums of olive trees.

26 June: Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 400 metres into the Palestinian area west of Sufa crossing and east of Khan Younis and levelled land.

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The border with Israel is also being reinforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians](#)

a) Curfew

No periods of curfew reported.

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.

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.

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:

21 June: Beita municipality opened the road connecting Beita with Osarin that was closed by the IDF since 19 May with earth mounds.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 31 May all Palestinian 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.
- For the 12th week the IDF continue to close Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates.

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.
- 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:

25 June: The IDF closed the main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib villages with an earth mound.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 19 June the IDF have closed the main entrance to of 'Azzun village with road blocks

Salfit Governorates:

20 June: The IDF opened Qarawat Bani Hassan gate on Road 505 after it was closed for more than two months.

- Since 11 June the IDF continue to close the northern entrance of Dir Istiya village with an earth mound.
- 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: Long delays were experienced at Atara checkpoint.

Bethlehem Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:**

- Israeli Border Police stationed at the only open entrance Khallet Nu'man continue 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

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

21 and 22 June: 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:

26 June: An average two hour delay was experienced at Tayasir checkpoint for people coming from Tubas into the Jordan Valley. It was reported that the IDF soldiers stopped checking cars on three occasions for at least two hours each time.

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	Jamma'in (4)	4
Jenin	Sanur (5), Kafr Ra'l (2), Bir Al Basha (1), 'Arraba (6), Az Zababida (5), Al Jarba (1), Qabatiya (3), Jaba'a (1), Fahma (2), 'Anza (1)	27
Tubas	Tammun (6), Aqqaba (4), North Tubas (1)	11
Tulkarm	Bal'a (1)	1
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (6), 'Azzun (7), An Nabi Elyas (7), Habla tunnel (2), Kafr Laqif (2) Izbat at Tabib (2), Tahsin Mansur (2)	28
Salfit	Yasuf (1) Farkha (1)	2
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60	1
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (13), Ar Ram (2)	15
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (4), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur, Tuqu (2), Shawareh (2)	26
Hebron	Yatta (4), 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 (2), Ash Shuyukh (3), Surif.	32
Total West Bank		147

6. Additional Protection Issues

- **21 June:** A road side bomb was detonated targeting an IDF jeep south of Karni crossing (Gaza Strip), 200 metres west of the border with Israel inside the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported. In response, IDF closed Karni crossing for 30 minutes.
- **22 and 23 June:** IDF coast guard vessels opened fire in the direction of Palestinian fishermen and the seashore west of Rafah (Gaza Strip). No injuries were reported.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (11), Balata RC (5) Huwwara CP, Askar RC (1), Salim (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Qabalan (1)	20	16
Jenin	Jenin city (1), Jenin RC (1), Qabatiya (3), Bir Al Basha (1), Kafr Qud (1), Jaba'a (1), 'Anin (1), Silat al Harithiya (1)	10	9
Tubas	Tubas (4), Tammun (2), Aqqaba (4), Tayasir CP	10	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1), Tulkarm RC (1), "Akkaba (1), Thinaba (1), Iktaba (1) Far'un (1), Nur Shams RC (1).	7	9
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (3), Qalqiliya city (5), Habla (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), DCO, Wadi ar Rasha (1)	12	2
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Salfit (1), Dir Istiya (1), Yasuf (1), Az Zawiya (1).	5	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (3), Al Jalazun refugee camp (2), Qarawat Bani Zeid (1), Siwad (1), Alam'ari refugee camp(1)	8	13
Jerusalem	Qalandiya checkpoint	0	5
Jericho	Tayasir checkpoint (Tubas)	0	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya (4), 'Ayda refuge camp (4), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (2), Bethlehem (5), ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (3)	32	15
Hebron	Hebron city (6), Beit Ummar (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (4), Idhna (3), Dura (4), Tarqumiya, Biet Awwa, Beit Ula (2), Surif (2), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (3).	32	26
Total Week West Bank		136	98
Gaza Strip	Khan Younis/Rafah ⁴	0	2
Total Week oPt		136	100

⁴ An IDF undercover unit arrested two Palestinian brothers when they entered approximately 1km inside the Gaza Strip into the area east of Gaza European hospital between Khan Younis and Rafah.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 21 – 27 June 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am and 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5:30am and 12pm on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
Efrayim	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am and 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm governorate with a special permit to enter Israel. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian company operating at the checkpoint.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 May IDF closed the section leading to the road into Tulkarm so residents of Jubara 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	A 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 into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am and 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open between 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.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open between 6am and 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 are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open between 6am and 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 are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues were reported.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open between 6am and 6pm Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open between 6am and 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.

Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Palestinians between 16-30 years 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 are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint is controlling Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards, Residents of Nablus aged between 18-25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint without special permit.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open between 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organizations, ambulances and Palestinian from the villages of Burqa, Sabastiya, Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid and Talluza. Taxis and Palestinian private vehicles are not allowed through unless having special permit.
Yizhar partial checkpoint (new)	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am and 4pm Sunday to Thursday. On Fridays open between 7am and 12pm.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Riham enclave	Open between 7am and 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 (new permanent checkpoint)	This former partial checkpoint has been changed to a permanent checkpoint as IDF soldiers have been present at the checkpoint on a daily basis 24 hours for the last three months. Long delays were experienced.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
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	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

settlement	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. The checkpoint leads to Ramallah via al Mu'arrajat old road.
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	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.

Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. On 26 June Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint physically assaulted a Palestinian man.
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. On 26 June, six trucks loaded with 60 tonnes of plums were denied access to Israel through the checkpoint.
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. New structures were installed in the vicinity of the checkpoint.
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 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. On 22 June the checkpoint was manned.
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. 25 June: following the attack at Kerem Shalom crossing, the IDF

	closed Erez for internationals. 26 June: Erez was reopened for international diplomats and critical Palestinian humanitarian cases only. 26 June: Erez reopens for all internationals.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	21 June: Rafah closed because EU observers were not able to reach the crossing due to a security threat reported by the IDF. 22 June: Rafah reopened at 3.00pm and closed at 6.00pm. Passenger crossing figures: 811 arrivals, 691 departures. 23 June: Rafah opened at 3.00pm and closed at 6.00pm. Passenger crossing figures: 1,066 arrivals, 778 departures. 24 June: Rafah opened at 8.20am and closed at 6.00pm. Passenger crossing figures: 1,101 arrivals, 985 departures. Since 25 June: Rafah has been closed for both arrivals and departures as EU observers could not reach the terminal because of the closure of Kerem Shalom crossing.

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 9am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
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 from Nablus city aged between 18 – 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Thursday and 7 am to 12pm on Fridays.
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	Since 21 June: Sufa closed because of a security threat reported by the IDF.
Karni	Karni opens from 9:30am to 6:00pm. Short frequent closures were reported this week for security threats reported by the IDF. Containers lane was closed this week, only palletized cargo were allowed through. 21, 22 and 23 June: Karni was open in both directions for palletized cargo. On 21 June Karni closed for 30 due to a security threat reported by the IDF. 24 June: Karni was closed (Saturday) Since 25 June: Karni closed following the attack on a military post near Kerem Shalom crossing.
Kerem Shalom	Since 21 June: Kerem Shalom was closed for all humanitarian shipments for a security threat as IDF stated. On 22, 23 and 24 June: Kerem Shalom was partially open only to allow EU observers to cross to Rafah Passenger Terminal. Since 25 June: Kerem Shalom closed following an attack at a military post near 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.