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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

14 March – 20 March 2007

Of note this week

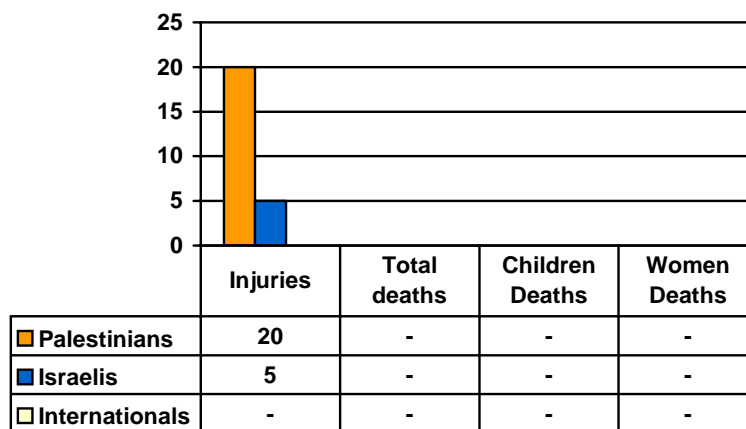
An UNRWA convoy carrying the Director of UNRWA Operations in Gaza was attacked by a group of armed masked gunmen in the northern Gaza Strip. The convoy escaped unharmed despite numerous shots being fired at the vehicle.

**Gaza Strip**

- A Palestinian sniper shot and injured a civilian Israeli utility worker in the Nahal Oz area. The military wing of Hamas claimed responsibility. Nine homemade rockets, one of which detonated inside the Gaza Strip, and two mortar shells were fired by Palestinians throughout the week towards Israel.
- Four Israeli military boats opened fire and rounded up 14 Palestinian fishing boats in Rafah and forced them to sail towards deeper waters. IDF vessels tied the boats and ordered the fishermen to jump in the water and swim individually towards the military ships. A total of 54 Palestinian fishermen were interrogated before later being released while two others were arrested.
- Seven Palestinians were killed this week as a result of internal violence including an eight year-old girl caught in crossfire during a family dispute.
- Eight days have passed since the BBC's reporter was abducted in Gaza City. All the main Palestinian factions have called for his release.

**West Bank:**

- Masked men kidnapped a judge from Jenin city before releasing him a few hours later. After the kidnapping, work in courts in the West Bank was suspended until further notice in protest at the incident amid demands that the perpetrators be brought to justice.
- Israeli settlers from several H2 settlements (Hebron) occupied a Palestinian building with 15 apartments, located just outside the old city overlooking the Kiryat Arba road. In a separate incident Israeli settlers from Abraham Avinu (Hebron) confiscated building equipment from Palestinian workers trying to re-build a Palestinians' home located adjacent to the settlement, and posted copies of threats in the vicinity.

**1. Physical Protection<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Note that this excludes casualties resulting from Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence reported in Section 2.

**West Bank:**

- **14 March:** A 38 year-old Palestinian man from Idhna (Hebron) was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when a group of Israeli Border Police opened fire at him while he was trying to get to work in Israel by bypassing the checkpoint near Al Jab'a (Bethlehem).
- **16 March:** Seven Palestinians and two Israeli activists were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when a clash erupted between a group of Palestinian, Israeli and international activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). The IDF detained two Palestinians and two Israelis during the demonstration. One IDF soldier was injured by the stone-throwing.
- **16 March:** At 1:45 pm at the Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem), Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers and the IDF responded with rubber-coated metal bullets and live rounds. Four Palestinians were reported injured.
- **18 March:** Two Palestinians, a 17 year-old boy and 59 year-old man, were injured at Beit Iba checkpoint (Nablus) by shrapnel when the IDF fired sound grenades at Palestinians who protested the closing of the checkpoint for three hours.
- **18 March:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Al Far'a Village (Tubas) by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a confrontation in the camp.
- **18 March:** An IDF soldier was injured in Balata refugee camp (Nablus) when Palestinians hurled an explosive device at IDF troops during a search and arrest campaign.
- **19 March:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man from Beit Ummar (Hebron) was run over by an Israeli settler near the Gush Etzion roundabout. He sustained multiple injuries.
- **19 March:** Four Palestinian men, aged 18, 30, 34, and 42 years, from Halhul (Hebron) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets, live bullets, and shrapnel when IDF soldiers opened fire at stone throwing Palestinians protesting against house demolitions in the town.

**Gaza:**

- **19 March:** Palestinian snipers opened fire at civilian Israeli utility workers situated in the Nahal Oz area. A worker was shot in the hip and evacuated to Israel for treatment. The military wing of Hamas claimed responsibility.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **16 March:** IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post east of the Shouka area opened fire for ten minutes in the direction of a group of farmers. No injuries were reported.
- **17 March:** An explosion at the border fence north of Beit Lahia was reported and PA Security Forces stated that the explosion was an old mine that was planted near the borderline north of Beit Lahia. No injuries were reported.
- **17 March:** IDF vessels fired several shells at fishing boats west of the Al Waha resort in Beit Lahia before the fishing boats returned to shore. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **18 March:** Egyptian Security Forces destroyed a tunnel located under the borderline between Egypt and Rafah opposite Al Brahma area in Rafah. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **19 March:** The military wing of Hamas claimed responsibility for firing two mortar shells towards the Karni area.
- **19 March:** Four Israeli military boats opened fire and rounded up 14 Palestinian fishing boats in Rafah and forced them to sail towards deeper waters. IDF vessels tied the boats up and ordered the fishermen to jump in the water and swim individually towards the military ships. Orders were given to the fishermen via mega phones. Fifty-four Palestinian fishermen were interrogated before later being released while two others were arrested.

## 2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents<sup>2</sup>

### Gaza Strip:

- **14 March:** A 30 year-old Fatah activist was killed and seven injured (four bystanders and three ESF Members) when ESF members opened fire on the home of a Fatah leader in Beit Lahia.
- **14 March:** A 30 year-old Palestinian woman was found shot dead in the Shejaya neighbourhood of Gaza City. Local reports linked the incident to an alleged honour killing.
- **14 March:** A PA Intelligence Security Force officer was abducted by Hamas members in Beit Lahia. He was shot in both legs and taken to Kamal Adwan hospital.
- **15 March:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man was killed and two others injured when a tunnel collapsed under the Philadelphi corridor opposite the Salam quarter in Rafah.
- **15 March:** Three people were injured, one seriously, when an IED detonated in a workshop owned by a local family in Jabalia village.
- **17 March:** A Palestinian man was reportedly accidentally shot and wounded by his colleague while he was cleaning his weapon in Khan Younis.
- **16 March:** A 31 year-old PA Intelligence Security officer was killed and another injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at them in Deir El-Balah. Local sources state the motive behind the incident is related to a family dispute.
- **18 March:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man was killed and three others were injured during armed clashes between members of local families which lasted for 15 minutes in Rafah.
- **18 March:** An eight year-old second grade girl from Rafah was killed outside her home after being caught in the crossfire during a family dispute.
- **18 March:** Five people were injured during an internal armed dispute between two families in Khan Younis.
- **19 March:** A 26 year-old Islamic Jihad member was killed and nine others were injured, including women and children, in an explosion at a house owned by his family at Beach Camp. Local reports indicate that he was handling explosives.
- **19 March:** Three people were injured during an armed dispute between family members that lasted 15 minutes in Rafah. It was also reported that a house and a carpentry workshop owned by one of the family members were set ablaze.
- **19 March:** A PA Officer was injured when an armed dispute broke out between two families at the market in Deir El Balah. He was injured when the police intervened to settle the problem.
- **20 March:** Two people were injured during an internal dispute between members of a local family in Rafah.

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **14 March:** 300 PFLP members staged a sit-in in the front of the ICRC office to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the detention of PFLP leader Ahmad Sa'dat from prison in Jericho. The sit-in ended peacefully.
- **14 March:** 200 students from Al-Aqsa University organised a sit-in at the Al-Talatini Street junction to demand scholarships. The sit-in ended peacefully.
- **16 March:** An UNRWA convoy carrying the Director of Operations in Gaza, John Ging, was attacked by a group of armed masked gunmen in an attempted kidnapping. The convoy fled the scene unharmed although 18 shots were fired at the armored vehicle. During the reporting period widespread condemnation and solidarity rallies attended by NGOs, community-based organisations, UNRWA staff, popular committees and the general public took place in many parts of Gaza Strip to condemn the attack on the UNRWA convoy.
- **16 March:** Unknown gunmen set ablaze a supermarket owned by a Jenin Brigades member in Bureij Camp. The supermarket was destroyed. The motive behind the arson attack is unknown.
- **16 March:** An exchange of gunfire between PA National Security Forces and a local family in Khan Younis which lasted for ten minutes was reported. No injuries were reported.

<sup>2</sup> Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not recorded in the total in Section 1.

- **18 March:** Unknown gunmen abducted an El-Nasser Salah Ed-Din Brigade member on Al Naser Street in Gaza City. Following the incident, members of his family closed Al Naser Street in protest at the abduction. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **18 March:** Seven gunmen entered an UNRWA construction works project at Al-Amal School in Khan Younis and abducted the contractor's labourer. The motive is unknown.
- **19 March:** 200 family members of Palestinians imprisoned in Israel demonstrated in front of the ICRC office to demand the release of their relatives. The demonstration ended peacefully.
- **20 March:** 400 people who had had their homes demolished due to previous IDF activity in Rafah staged a sit-in at the UNRWA Relief Social Services Office in Rafah to condemn the attack on the UNRWA convoy on 16 March.

### 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
20 Mar	Halhul (Hebron)	1	-	10	-
20 Mar	Jit/ Qalqiliya	1	-	-	-
20 Mar	Ras at Tira/ Qalqiliya	1	-	-	11
20 Mar	Sheikh Jarrah,	1	-	3	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>

- **20 March:** The IDF demolished a two-story house in Halhul (Hebron), displacing ten people including five children, due to the proximity of the house to the Road 60 bypass. Clashes between the home-owners and the IDF erupted leaving four Palestinians injured.
- **20 March:** The IDF demolished a house under construction in Jit village (Qalqiliya) due to a lack of building permit.
- **20 March:** The IDF demolished a 200m square animal pen in Ras at Tira village (Qalqiliya) due to a lack of building permit, affecting the lives of 11 people dependant on the pen for their livelihoods.
- **20 March:** At around 8:30 am the Israeli authorities demolished a Palestinian home in Sheikh Jarrah close to the 'White monument' allegedly for a lack of a building permit. The home belonged to a widowed mother and her two children.

### 4. Natural Resources

#### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</sup>

##### Nablus Governorate:

###### Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 January 2007 the IDF have continued to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was earlier requisitioned on 10 July 2005 (Military Order T/106/05).
- Since 17 September 2006 land levelling continues for a road barrier installed north of Road 505, east of Za'atara checkpoint.
- Since 15 June 2006 land levelling has continued north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus) to install a fence.

##### Jenin Governorate:

**14 March:** 17 Palestinian farmers from Faqu'a (Jenin) received notification from the IDF of requisition order T/67/06 confiscating in total 150 dunums of their land for military purposes.

**19 March:** The IDF started land levelling in the evacuated settlement of Sanur.

##### Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

<sup>3</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

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

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

**Salfit Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue construction and land levelling north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement.

**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.
  - The Barrier construction and what is called by the IDF the "special security arrangement" around Ateret settlement is completed. A fence now encircles the settlement on land earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belonging to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.
  - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira village is complete between Beit Sira and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed.
  - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction continues along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
  - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Only one detour between the neighborhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible due to the continued construction. Even pedestrians have been stopped going through these areas this week and clearly the barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank, encompassing it into Jerusalem. The once-open area through the wall is now a 'Gate' sealed off with a large iron structure. Vehicles are currently using a rough road a few metres beyond the gate. On occasion this iron gate has been open this week and vehicles have passed through in both directions, though the road is very rough due to the constant roadworks. Construction of the Barrier in this neighbourhood is progressing at a rapid pace.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayyem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayyem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 continues.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

**Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

#### **Ongoing incidents:**

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
  - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem).
  - Land levelling continues in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.
  - Land levelling continues in the vicinity of the settlement of Efrat, near Artas village.
  - Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khader village has accelerated. Levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60. Concrete partitions were placed during the reporting period. Additional sections of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far and four inspection cabins were installed.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy School. A one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.

### **Hebron Governorate:**

**19 March:** The IDF distributed a military order requisitioning an additional 830 square metres of land from the towns of Sair and Halhul (Hebron) (in addition to the previous military order number 05/4/95) for the purpose of the establishment of a military tower.

#### **Ongoing incidents:**

- Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land leveling including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.
- Construction of the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint is ongoing.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. An observation tower was installed and the terminal is almost complete.

### **Gaza Strip:**

**17 March:** Four IDF tanks and one bulldozer entered 300 metres into a Palestinian area and conducted a levelling and excavation operation at the border fence north of Beit Lahia before withdrawing to the border fence.

**20 March:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 150 meters into the Palestinian area east of Maghazi Camp and conducted a levelling and excavation operation before withdrawing back to the border fence.

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

### **a) Curfew**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
20 Mar	Huwwara, Nablus	9 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>9 hours</b>

**20 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for nine hours after Israeli vehicles were stoned on Road 60 passing through the village.

### **b) Access to education**

**14 – 20 March:** During the reporting period, the IDF and Israeli Police generally arrived on time to escort Palestinian students from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron)

to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al-Abid. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

### c) Access to employment

**14 March:** A 38 year-old Palestinian man from Idhna (Hebron) was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when a group of Israeli Border Police opened fire at him while he was trying to get to work in Israel by bypassing the checkpoint near Al Jab'a (Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents:

- The general closure imposed on the Gaza Strip by Israeli authorities since 12 March 2006 remains in place.
- All Palestinians must apply directly to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years old, married with a child and with no security file. Criteria to apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone; a person should be above 21 years old, married with a child.
- Since 16 February to date: The PA health sector in the West Bank remains on strike. The governmental hospitals and the MoH clinics are on strike in the West Bank except for the emergency departments at the hospitals. The health clinics will open once every two weeks for vaccination and to distribute medicine for chronic diseases.

### d) Closures/movement restrictions

#### Nablus Governorate:

**14 March:** The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for several hours due to security alert.

**14 March:** The IDF informed the UN and ICRC that Shave Shomeron checkpoint was opened from 1 March for UN and humanitarian organisations.

**14, 17 and 18 March:** Long queues and delays at Huwwara, Beit Iba, Zaatara and Al Badhan checkpoints were reported.

**18 March:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for three hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 10 March, the IDF continued to close Qusin checkpoint and divert commercial trucks to Beit Iba checkpoint.

#### Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August 2006, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials still require prior coordination.

#### Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

#### Tulkarm Governorate:

**14, 15 and 18 March:** Long queues and delays at 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints were reported.

#### Qalqiliya Governorate:

**16, 17 and 18 March:** The IDF prevented Arab Israelis residents from entering Qalqiliya city.

#### Salfit Governorates:

**10 March:** The IDF closed Marda gate at the entrance of the village preventing the access of residents for three hours in the evening.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

#### Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

**During the reporting period:** Delays (average 15 minutes) at Atara Checkpoint were reported on daily basis.

#### Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.



**Hebron Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 9 January, Bisan checkpoint, north of Tubas, has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (traders permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- Since 14 September 2006, the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

**Gaza Strip**

During the reporting period:

- Karni was open all the week, except 17 March when the crossing is scheduled to be closed. On 18 March Karni was open, but closed to containers.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian 'senior' traders. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis). The crossing continues to be closed for Palestinian workers (since 12 March 2006).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for six days (the pipelines are scheduled to be closed on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was closed all week. The crossing remains closed since 8 March following an attack on the Palestinian director of the crossing.
- Kerem Shalom was closed all the week.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a 'no-go' zone. Officially, entry into the area for the 250 residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF, however this is not enforced.

**Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (7), Beit Imrin (2), Ijnisinya (2), Einabus (1), Talluza (3)	15
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (3), Sanur (5), Ash Shuhada (3), Al Mansura (1), Qabatiya (2), Arab as Suweitat (1), Jenin south entrance (2)	24
Tubas	Tammun (1), Aqqaba (1)	2
Tulkarm	Ramin (1), Illar (1), Balá (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Deir al Ghusun (2), Kafr Sur (4), Zeita (1), Nur Shams (1)	12
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), An Nabi Elyas (2), Al Funduq (1), Jayyus (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Ras Átiya (2), Ázzun tunnel (3), Izbat at Tabib (2), Jinsafut (1), Kafr Laqif (1)	37
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Deir Istiya (3), Marda (1), Bruqin (1)	4
Ramallah / Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho / Jordan Valley	-	0
Jerusalem	Al Ram (7)	7
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp	29



	(2), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (3), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (4), Husan (2), Beit Fajjar (3)	
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (3), Hebron city – H1(5), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (3)	25
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>155</b>

## 6. Additional Protection Issues

### 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 refugee Camp (5), Askar camp (5), Qarut (1), Awarta (2), Beita (1), Beit Iba CP, Huwwara CP	21	13
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (4), Qabatiya (3), Fahma (1)	12	15
Tubas	Tubas (3)	3	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm refugee camp (2), Beit Lid (1), Attil (2), Ramin (1), Shuweika (1), Ikataba (1), Nur Shamas camp (1), Zeita (1), Shufa (1), Balá flying CP, Al Jarushiya flying CP	14	8
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (3), Kafr Qaddum (4), Habla (4), DCO flying CP	25	11
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (1), Yasuf (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2) Marda (1), Kifl Haris (2), Haris (1)	8	5
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2), Qibya (2), Budrus (1), Bil'in	5	15
Jericho	-	0	0
Jordan Valley	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Ar Ram, A Tur (1), Abu Dis (1) Old City	1	12
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (3), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2).	27	8
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (4), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1)	22	20
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>138</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
Middle Area	Maghazi Refugee Camp	-	2
Rafah	West of Rafah	-	2
Rafah	In the sea of the coast of Rafah	-	56
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>138</b>	<b>167</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 14 March – 20 March 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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 Jbara.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>‘Anabta</b>	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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 subject to security checks.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm 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. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Long delays and queues were reported. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Since 10 March, 120 commercial trucks using special permits to use Taybeh back to back CP were diverted to Beit Iba after closing Qusin CP. Delays and long queues reported this week. Since 10 March, 120 commercial trucks using special permits to use Taybeh back to back CP were diverted to Beit Iba after closing Qusin CP. On 18 March closed for three hours. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area 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.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Open)</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Opened on 1 March 2007 for UN and humanitarian organisations. Remains closed for Palestinians.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Delays and long queues reported this week. Delays and long queues reported this week.

<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. On 14 March closed for several hours. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the cp is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Opened for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley. Officially open between 5am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin. Officially open between 3am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays are being reported on a daily basis.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Some delays were reported during morning and evening hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open. Some delays reported.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.

<b>Ni'lin</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. Delays were reported during morning rush hour. Problems of access were reported by Americans carrying passports with valid entry visas.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabala through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions allegedly for having no permits.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits an use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check.
<b>Jaba'</b> At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b>	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required

<b>Main checkpoint off Road 1</b>	for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays up to 40 minutes were reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem.	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. 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 are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm. Security at the checkpoint is now jointly managed by a private security firm and the border police. On 23 February the IDF began manning the Tunnel terminal.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.

**Hebron :**

<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 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. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May 2006, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August 2006, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. 2
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel. A pre-existing tower in front of the checkpoint has been significantly increased in height.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. Next to the checkpoint construction work is taking place for the construction of a new terminal.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> 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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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 mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> 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, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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 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. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were reported as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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. Harassment of commuters and long search process took place during the reporting period.
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.

<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	<p>Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases.</p> <p>Since 12 September 2006, a limited number of Palestinian traders again able to enter Israel. The crossing point is only open to 'senior' traders i.e. over 35 years, married, with children. Erez was open all week for internationals, traders and medical cases with the following breakdown of Palestinian movement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 March: 408 merchants and 32 senior traders crossed</li> <li>• 15 March: 420 merchants and 10 senior traders crossed</li> <li>• 16 March: 187 merchants and 6 senior traders crossed</li> <li>• 17 March: 391 merchants and 31 senior traders crossed</li> <li>• 18 March: 393 merchants and 21 senior traders crossed</li> <li>• 19 March: 394 merchants and 29 senior traders crossed</li> <li>• 20 March: 403 merchants and 22 senior traders crossed</li> </ul>
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	<p>Rafah crossing point continues to fail to operate continuously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 – 18 and 20 March: Rafah terminal was closed.</li> <li>• 14 March: Terminal was open in both directions from 9:00 – 17:00 (entries: 660 and departures: 1,580).</li> <li>• 15 March: Terminal was open in both directions from 9:00 - 17:00 (entries: 350, departures: 1,293).</li> <li>• 19 March: Terminal was open in both directions from 9:00 - 17:00 (entries: 652 and departures: 907).</li> </ul>
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
<b>Qusin Checkpoint (NEW)</b>	Open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus. On 10 March to date closed and commercial trucks diverted to Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back –to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa was closed all week.
<b>Karni</b>	Karni was open all the week, except on 17 March when the crossing is scheduled to be closed. On 18 March Karni was open but closed to containers.



<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was closed all week.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Open all the week, except on 17 March when the crossing is scheduled to be closed.

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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.