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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes **16 – 22 March 2005**

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1. Physical Protection

Deaths and Injuries-

Palestinians: Deaths: 0
 Injured: **24** (including four minors)
 Israelis: Deaths: 0
 Injured: **8** (approximate)
 Internationals: Deaths: 0
 Injured: 0

Selected incidents:

- **16, 17, 18 and 20 March:** Palestinian and Israeli peace activists held demonstrations in Bil'in and Saffa villages (west Ramallah district) against the construction of the Barrier on 16 March. The IDF used tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets to disperse the protesters. Four Palestinians and one Israeli peace activist were injured. More demonstrations were organised in Bil'in on the following two days and two Palestinians were injured on 18 March. Palestinian schoolchildren (girls and boys) from both villages held an anti-Barrier demonstration on 20 March. The schoolchildren stoned the IDF and the IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. Three schoolchildren were injured, two seriously. Two Border Police were lightly injured.
- **16 March:** One Palestinian from Qalqiliya was injured after IDF fired at him near the Zfim agricultural gate.
- **16 March:** A Palestinian from 'Anabta (Tulkarm) was injured during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **17 March:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli car passing through Huwwara village. One Israeli was injured.
- **17 March:** Young Israeli settlers from Nakhli'el settlement near Beitillu village, central Ramallah district, attacked eight Palestinian workers inside the settlement with stones and clubs. The workers, who are from the Bethlehem area, all have permits to work inside the settlement. Five workers were injured, one seriously.
- **17 March:** Palestinians stoned an IDF patrol in Beit 'Ur at Tahta, south-west Ramallah district. The IDF responded with tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets. One Palestinian was injured.
- **17 March:** A 19 year old Palestinian was injured by gunfire from the IDF outpost near Rafiah Yam settlement in Rafah.
- **18 March:** Settlers from Berakhya beat a Samaritan Palestinian near the Samaritan village of mount Jarzeem, near Nablus city. The Palestinian was injured and evacuated to a hospital in Nablus.
- **20 March:** Palestinians opened fire on the IDF and Israeli Police in the Al Am'ari refugee camp on the outskirts of Ramallah city during a search campaign for stolen vehicles. Three IDF soldiers and an Israeli police officer were injured; one of the soldiers remains in a serious condition.
- **20 March:** A 12 year old boy was beaten by IDF in 'Illar (Tulkarm). The boy was injured and evacuated to a hospital in Tulkarm.

- **20 March:** A Palestinian worker sustained serious injuries from shots fired by a Border Police soldier near Gilo checkpoint in Bethlehem as he was attempting to cross into Jerusalem. The IDF alleged that the man had tried to reach for the soldier's gun.
- **21-22 March:** Demonstrations against the Barrier construction continued in Bil'in village. Two Palestinians were injured on 21 March.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, UNRWA, WHO, IDF website, Israeli MFA, offices of governors.

2. Shelter and Property

People displaced/House demolitions/Demolition orders

Total houses demolished: 3

West Bank:

19 to 22 March: The IDF occupied seven houses in 'Illar village (Tulkarm) for several hours and used them as observation points during a search campaign in both Seida and 'Illar villages. The families were kept inside the homes.

21 March: The Israeli authorities demolished an uninhabited house in Beit Hanina for lacking a building license.

22 March: The Israeli authorities demolished 2 houses in Silwan for lacking a building license. One house was inhabited by 8 persons.

The Gaza Strip:

- No incidents reported.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Jenin Governorate:

- **16 March:** Two confiscation orders were sent by mail to landowners for 170 dunums located in Tura al Gharbiya village, on the west side of the Barrier. The confiscation orders were issued by the Authority responsible for absentee property and state land.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **16 March:** Settlers from Kdumim burnt and uprooted 45 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from the village of Kafr Qaddum (Qalqiliya).

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate

- **18 March:** Tens of settlers from Khalamish settlement (central Ramallah district) occupied land in An Nabi Salih near road 465 which contained water valves controlling the supply of water to the settlement and neighbouring Palestinian villages. The settlers claimed ownership of the land. The IDF arrested four Palestinians after clashes erupted between settlers and Palestinian villagers.
- **21 March:** The IDF uprooted 16 olive trees during construction of the Barrier between Bil'in and Saffa villages, western Ramallah district. The trees were handed over to villagers who replanted them.

Salfit Governorate

- **16 - 22 March:** Around 1 km of land has now been levelled for the construction of the Barrier in Mas-ha and Az Zawiya.
- **16 – 22 March:** The IDF continued to level land near of Deir Ballut and Az Zawiya in order to clear the land for an IDF special security area.

Tulkarm Governorate

- **16 - 22 March:** IDF continued to level land near the Kafriat checkpoint (Tulkarm) in preparation for a new tunnel under road 57.

Hebron Governorate

- **17 Mar:** The Israeli civil administration rejected the appeal submitted by the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee against the land confiscation for a new security road linking the settlement of Tel

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

Rumeida to Shohada street. The road is expected to pass through a Muslim cemetery and lead to the destruction of some grave sites and nearby houses.

- **22 March:** The IDF have started clearing an area of 4 dunum in the area of Jabal Johar, close to the three schools of Al Ma'arif, Tariq and Osama Ibn Al Munqith. The schools have been used as a military base since the beginning of the intifada. According to the Palestinian DCL, the area cleared will be used to build a new military observation post overlooking the old city of Hebron and will be followed by the evacuation of the nearby educational facilities by the Israeli Army.

Bethlehem Governorate

- **21 March:** The IDF bulldozed two dunums belonging to the Islamic Waqf department near Rachel's Tomb at the northern entrance to Bethlehem to build a parking lot for the buses transporting Jewish worshippers to the tomb, according to the Palestinian DCL in Bethlehem.
- **22 March:** The IDF uprooted at least 300 olive trees in the western side of Surif (Hebron Governorate) along the Green Line, for the construction of the barrier.
- **22 March:** Residents of Nahhalin (west Bethlehem Governorate) received evacuation orders for agricultural land they own next to the village. The orders, left on the ground by the IDF, under the Absentee Property Law give 45 days to the Palestinians to withdraw from the land and return it to its original status. The orders provide coordinates but no area measurement, leaving unclear the exact area affected.

Jerusalem Barrier

North West Jerusalem villages:

- The IDF continued to level land for Barrier construction between Har Adar settlement (near Beit Surik) and Beit Liqya and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim in the west following the lifting of an injunction by the Israeli Supreme Court against construction work in the area.

North Jerusalem

- Construction of the Barrier is continuing along road 60, between Qalandiya and Ar - Ram checkpoints, and near the Ar Ram/Bir Nabalab junction. The main entrance to Ar Ram is now closed. Land levelling is ongoing for a new checkpoint, to be located south of the existing one and west of the Barrier.
- Construction and levelling is also taking place east of the Qalandiya checkpoint where the IDF intends to construct new offices for the DCL, a parking lot and a road connecting to road 60 in the Ar Ram area.
- Barrier construction is ongoing alongside the road between Jaba, Hizma and Anata.

East Jerusalem

- Land levelling is ongoing east of Ar Ram (near the Coptic housing project), at Wadi Ayyad (near Neve Yaakov settlement), and on the northern side of Anata and Shufat refugee camps.

South Jerusalem Sur Bahir

- Barrier construction is ongoing on both the eastern and southern side of the village.

Requisition orders

- An amendment to military order T/87/04 was handed to the Palestinian DCL for the Kharayib Umm Al Lahim area, west of Qatanna. According to the order, 349.3 dunum will be requisitioned for the construction of the Barrier.

The Gaza Strip:

- No incidents reported.

Sources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Council

4. Facilitation of Humanitarian Assistance

Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances and medical teams

West Bank:

Denial of access: 0

Delay (more than 30 minutes): 3

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

22 March: A Palestinian ambulance was delayed for one hour and half at Kdumim gate (Qalqiliya). The Palestinian DCL stated that the driver of the ambulance was threatened by the Israeli security guard from the Kdumim settlement with a knife. The ambulance was allowed to pass only after one and a half hours following the intervention of the Palestinian DCL.

The Gaza Strip:

Denial of access: 0

Delay (more than 30 minutes): 1

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

21 March: A PRCS ambulance was delayed for 55 minutes on Al Tuffah checkpoint in Khan Younis while it was transporting a boy with broken arm from Al Mawassi to Naser hospital.

Sources: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

A. Curfews

- **18 March:** A 12 hour curfew was imposed on Bardala village (Tubas).
- **19 and 20 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on the village of 'Illar (Tulkarm) for two days.

Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL

B. Access to Education

West Bank:

- **18 March:** The elementary school in Bardala (Tubas) was closed due to the imposition of curfew. The IDF used the school premises to gather and interrogate all the males from the village aged between 15 and 60.
- **19 - 20 March:** Two school days were lost in 'Illar (Tulkarm) as a result of the imposed curfew.
- **19 and 21 March:** The IDF escort for the Palestinian children attending school in At Tuwani, in the south of Hebron Governorate, was provided with great delay (one and half hours) for the return walk of the children to their village of Tuba. The IDF is providing protection against attacks from nearby settlers.

The Gaza Strip:

- During the reporting period, the 24 pupils living in As-Seafa were not able to reach their schools on time. They were delayed leaving the As Seafa gate until late morning. Upon return, the pupils were delayed for four hours before being permitted to re-enter through the gate at 3:30pm.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

C. Access to Employment

West Bank:

- No new information

The Gaza Strip:

On 19 March, the total number of permits issued to Palestinian workers was 2,488 for labourers, and 423 permits for merchants. The requirements were 35 + and married with children. (Source PMG). Additionally, a total of 775 work permits for workers were issued to enter Erez Industrial Zones.

Date	Israel		Erez Industrial Estate
	Workers	Traders	
16/03/2005	1,045	174	590
17/03/2005	1,550	190	549
18/03/2005	1,520	46	0
19/03/2005	81	22	0
20/03/2005	1,928	192	576
21/03/2005	2,245	197	605
22/03/2005	2,400	110	605

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

D. Closures/Movement Restrictions:

Tulkarm Governorate:

Frequent flying checkpoints hampered the movement for Palestinians inside the governorate throughout the week.

- **22 March:** The IDF handed over Tulkarm city, refugee camps and villages to the Palestinian Authority except for Ramin, 'Illar and Seida villages which remain under joint Israeli-Palestinian security responsibility. The Enav road gate was also opened near the village of Anabta and then

removed in the afternoon completely, enabling Palestinians to move from Tulkarm towards the villages in the east.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **17 - 20 March:** The IDF set up a flying checkpoint at the main road between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
- **17 March:** The IDF prevented farmers from going through the Zifm agricultural gate to reach their land west of the Barrier.

Nablus Governorate:

- **21 March:** The IDF reinforced the closure on Bizzariya village by enlarging the earth mound at its entrance.

Tubas Governorate:

- **18 March:** A flying checkpoint was erected at the entrance of Bardal and Kardal village throughout the day as the IDF conducted an operation in Bardala village.
- **19 March:** A flying checkpoint was erected at the northern entrance of Tubas city.
- **19 March:** A flying checkpoint was erected at the entrance of Tammun village.
- **19 March:** The IDF closed the Tayasir checkpoint for several hours and denied access to farmers trying to reach their lands in the Al Malih area.
- **20 March:** A flying checkpoint was erected on the northern entrance of Tubas city.

Jenin Governorate:

- **19 and 20 March:** Flying checkpoints were erected near Jaba' village on road 60.

Ramallah/AI Bireh Governorate:

- **16 March:** The IDF closed the two entrances of Al Mughayyir village (north-east Ramallah district) with earth mounds after Israeli vehicles were reportedly stoned on Road 457. The two roads were re-opened on 18 March.
- **17 March:** The partial checkpoint at An Nabi Salih gate was in operation during the morning rush hours causing delays of up to two hours.
- **21 March:** The partial checkpoint at Atara Bridge was in operation and Palestinians faced delays due to IDF checking of IDs and car searches.
- **21 March:** The IDF delayed Palestinian pedestrians and vehicles at Qalandiya checkpoint for more than two hours due to a high security alert around Jerusalem. At around mid-day, an IDF patrol set up a flying checkpoint at Surda on the main road between Ramallah and Bir Zeit. Hundreds of Palestinians and vehicles waited at least two hours before the patrol allowed traffic to move again. After removing the first flying checkpoint, the IDF set up a second checkpoint less than a kilometre away on the same road causing additional traffic congestion. A flying checkpoint was also set up on road 60 near Turmus'ayya village, north-east Ramallah district.

Jerusalem and Jericho Governorates:

- **16 March 2005:** The IDF handed over security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority. The following measures were taken to ease the restrictions on movement to and from the city for Palestinians:
 - At the Jericho DCO checkpoint (south of the city), Palestinians holding West Bank ID's can enter without restrictions, although random checks are carried out by the IDF. All outgoing Palestinian traffic is checked.
 - The IDF removed the Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa checkpoint, moving it 4.5 Km further north, near the Israeli settlement of Yitav. This enables Palestinians to travel on road 449 to Ramallah on the Moarajat road, through the Taybeh checkpoint. Restrictions on this road have now been lifted and West Bank ID holders from Ramallah and other governorates can access Jericho through the Taybeh checkpoint.
 - Two new checkpoints at Al Auja and Yitav control access to, and on, road 90. West Bank Palestinians cannot cross except for residents from Jericho (as stated in their ID). According to the agreement, the Palestinian Authority has the responsibility for law and order in the village of Al Auja, while the IDF remains in control of the security on road 90 passing through it.

Hebron Governorate:

- **17 March:** The IDF moved Palestinian shepherds away from a hillside east of At Tuwani village, where they were grazing their animals and informed them that this is a military closed area.
- **18 March:** Following an attack by an Israeli settler, the IDF informed shepherds from the village in Qawawis, south Hebron, that they should not graze their animals on the areas south of their village. The Palestinians from this village were recently allowed to return to their caves by the Israeli High Court of Justice. It is not clear to the local Palestinians whether this land is to be

considered a military closed area as Israeli settlers from nearby outposts regularly access it to farm the land.

- **20 March:** The IDF installed a turnstile gate at the exit from the casbah of the old city in Hebron leading to the Tomb of the Patriarchs square. Palestinians have to pass through and present ID's to the IDF on the way to the mosque. The Islamic Waqf has already expressed its concern at the measure as it will create a barrier for hundreds of Muslim worshippers who use this way to reach the mosque for Friday prayers. The measure was apparently introduced in response to the recent shooting of Border Police soldiers in the area.

22 March: Shepherds from At Tuwani found the land between their village and the forest next to the Israeli settlement of Ma'on covered with small green pellets. The substance is believed by the local community to be poisonous. The Palestinian Department of Environment has advised the Palestinian shepherds to stay away from this area, which, according to local residents amounts to over 20 dunum of land. This is an area which Palestinian shepherds have been unable to access regularly as it has been declared several times by the IDF as a military closed area.

Bethlehem Governorate

- **20 March:** According to the Palestinian DCL, 300 permits out of at nearly 3,000 applications were issued for Palestinian Christians from Bethlehem to cross into Jerusalem for Palm Sunday.
- **22 March:** The IDF removed the earth mound blocking the eastern entrance to Husan from road 375. Palestinian vehicles are now able to enter the Husan-Battir area directly from road 60.

The Gaza Strip

- In the last week, IDF started to erect a metal fence on the road connecting Kisufim intersection with Kfar Dorom settlements south of Dair Al Balah.

The Enclosed Areas in the Gaza Strip:

As-Seafa

As of 13 Feb, IDF permitted Palestinians aged 30 and over residing in As-Seafa to pass in and out with out any prior coordination. Palestinians aged between 16-30 must obtain 48 hours prior coordination. The gate is irregularly open two times/day at around 7:30am and 2:00pm. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organizations to enter the area has been problematic. People are now requested to coordinate for bringing any goods into the area.

Al Mawassi

IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally open twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders. The opening hours are approximately from 08.00 to 13.00 and 14.30 to 17.00. Since 10 May 2004, males aged below 30 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders, have been required to have prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. Since 06 June 2004, prior coordination has been required for unmarried females with Al Mawassi ID who are aged 18-25. Vehicles are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.

- Since 04 Feb, the checkpoint has been opened for all Palestinians except males aged between 16 and 30 years who need prior coordination. Exceptions are being made for the university students within this restricted age group.
- Tel Es-Sultan checkpoint remained closed.

Al Maa'ni

The Palestinian area adjacent to Kfar Darom settlement was declared a Closed Military Zone following a suicide attack on 27 February 2004. Since 20 July 2002 no vehicular movement has been allowed in and out of the area and the IDF erected a fence around the area. Movement is restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate generally open four times daily for Al Maa'ni ID holders only - from 06:30 to 07:30, 10:30 to 11:30, 13:00 to 14:00 and 16:00 to 17:00. Access for international organisations into the area remains extremely problematic.

Source: OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

6. Additional Protection Issues

Searches and Arrests

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

16 to 22 March: An IDF search and arrest campaign took place in Tayasir village (Tubas) resulting in two arrests. In Nablus, search and arrest campaigns took place throughout the week with a total of 14 Palestinians arrested.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

16 to 22 March: The IDF conducted search and arrest campaigns in Nur Shams refugee camp, Bardala, Kardala, Ilar, Azzun, Deir Al Ghusun, Seida, Beit Lid, Attil, Jayus, Qalqiliya. A total of 18 Palestinians were arrested.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

16 to 22 March: Throughout the week, IDF search and arrest campaigns took place in Ramallah, Al Mughayyir, Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in, Budrus, An Nabi Salih and Bir Zeit. Sixteen Palestinian males were arrested. Two Palestinians were also arrested at a flying checkpoint in 'Abud on the evening of 15 March.

Jerusalem/Jericho

21 March: Four Palestinian minors were detained in Jaba, located northeast of Jerusalem.

Hebron/Bethlehem

16 – 22 March: Search campaigns took place in Hebron and Ad Dhahiriya with two Palestinians arrested.

The Gaza Strip

17 March: Four Palestinians were detained when they were spotted by IDF troops approaching the border Line north east of Kissufim.

Sources: OCHA FCUs, UNRWA, UNSECCORD, UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF

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Appendix: Checkpoints Status 16 – 22 March 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit	
Taybeh	The checkpoint has been open for international organisations and diplomatic vehicles the whole week as well as for commercial trucks using the back-to-back system between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Due to construction works in front of the barrier gate (in preparation for the new industrial zone), all traffic is forced to take a diversion to enter Tulkarm from this side. The checkpoint remains closed every Saturday.
Efrayim	The checkpoint constitutes a terminal into Israel proper and is only open for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm governorate with a special permit. The checkpoint can only be crossed by foot and is open daily between 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Kafriat	The checkpoint is physically divided into three parts; 1) that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town, 2) that controls movement to Israel proper, and 3) that controls movement to and from Jbara. Although all parts of the checkpoint have been manned during the week, there has been free access for vehicles to and from Tulkarm town during the week (i.e. no restrictions on road 57).
Qalqiliya DCO	The checkpoint has been un-manned throughout the whole week. The gate and observation tower have been dismantled, but the rest of the checkpoint structure is still in place.
Jaljoulia	Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permit into Israel proper 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 co-ordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks.
Deir Ballut	The checkpoint saw no unusual restrictions imposed over the week. In general, the checkpoint prohibits movement for Palestinians on that road that leads to highway 5 and restricts movement on that road that leads to Ramallah. The checkpoint is officially open between 6am and 6pm
Nablus: Opening hours: 6am to 6pm.	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians over 20 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subjected to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians over 20 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subjected to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March 2004, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime, main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	According to IDF the checkpoint was removed 4 December 2004. Soldiers are occasionally seen manning the checkpoint.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through)
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
Salim Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Open for Palestinians from the three villages of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut. Occasionally manned after an earth mound was removed 8 December 2004.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr "al	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.

Amn al Watani" northern entrance of Jenin	
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits 6am to 10pm.
Tubas	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians, except for those residing in these villages: Bardala, Kardala, 'Ein el Beida, Al Farisiya, Al Malih and Khirbet Tell el Himma. No agricultural permits have been issued for Palestinian farmers from Tayasir, Al 'Aqaba and Ath Thaghra to reach their land on the eastern side of the checkpoint since 18 December 2004. Lengthy delays were again experienced throughout the week.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Qalandiya	Open daily from 4am to 11.30-12pm for vehicles and 24 hours for pedestrians. Ramallah/Al Bireh residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Since 12 February, Palestinians with West Bank permits are allowed to cross without permits. Israelis citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registrations cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open. Delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays were reported.
At Tayba	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. The secondary checkpoint at the entrance to Ni'lin has been lifted allowing free access in and out of Ni'lin and Al Midya villages.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and oPt Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with 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, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card
Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinian holding Jerusalem IDs and UN and International organizations. Palestinian from West bank needs 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
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours. As of 16 March 2005, inbound access open to West Bank, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Israelis citizens are prohibited from crossing into Jericho. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can cross into the city area without a permit.
Al Auja On road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living within Jericho district. Off limits for Palestinians holding West Bank IDs from other Governorates.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. Inbound and outbound traffic on

	one lane causing delays.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Open from 7am to 7pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with valid Jerusalem permits.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Efrata Connecting Road 60 to Road 356	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	On bypass Road 90. Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. No Palestinian-plated vehicles allowed on road 90.
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Closed to all Palestinian traffic. Families living close to the settlement of Negohot are unable to drive on the road. Coordination with DCL required for access of service providers.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with valid permits from 6am to 5pm, every day except Saturday and Jewish holidays. According to Palestinians working on the site of the back-to-back entrance, the entrance of goods is relatively smooth.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to pass.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Checkpoint expanded to include more permanent structures.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizeil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits. Teachers from other areas are allowed to pass in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
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.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
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 by foot living between it and the settlement.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Since 13 Feb, the crossing has been open, and some hundreds of Palestinian workers and traders are permitted through.
Erez Industrial zone	Closed on 18 – 19 Mar. 2005
Netzarim Junction	Closed
Abu Houli Junction	Since 9 Feb, Abu Houli checkpoint has been open 24hrs/day. Traffic is only allowed in one

	direction at one time. Since 13 March, private cars have been allowed to cross.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Salah Edin at Kfar Darom	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed
Beach Road	Open all the week for 24 hours.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 20 Feb, Rafah terminal has been open for all Palestinians without any age restrictions.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 7.30am to 5pm. However, due to ongoing construction work in front of the Barrier gate, all trucks must now take a diversion to reach the back-to-back yard. The back-to-back system remains closed every Saturday.
Qalqiliya DCO	The back-to-back system has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya City.
Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 7.30am to 5.30pm.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8am to 4pm. Transit of trucks need liaison with Palestinian DCL.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya New back-to-back checkpoint is now in operation.	Officially open 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. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours are 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	Since 07 Feb, the crossing has been partially open.
Sufa	Sofa crossing remained closed for labourers but was open for construction materials

Road Gates

Gate	Status
Tulkarm	
Anabta	The gate was reopened on 22 March following the handover of Tulkarm to the Palestinian Authority. Palestinians are now able to travel east.