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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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## Of note this week

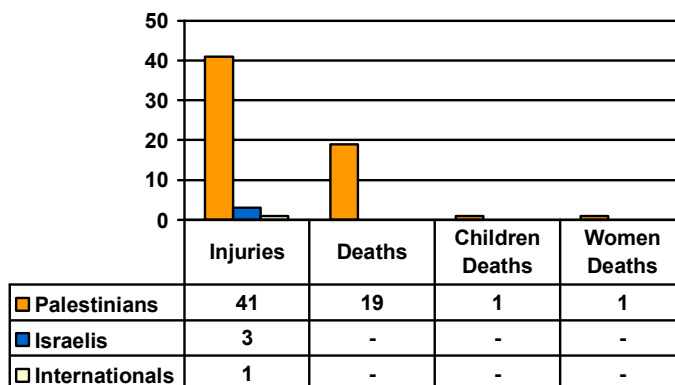
### Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed 19 Palestinians, including a 65-year-old man and an eight-year-old girl, and injured ten others in the Gaza Strip. In one incident in Khan Younis, an UNRWA minibus transporting UN staff members was within three metres of a vehicle targeted by an IAF missile strike that led to the death of five Palestinian militants.
- On one occasion, IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats, forcing them to return to shore. No damage or injuries were reported (Rafah).
- A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was stabbed and killed by another boy in Gaza City. Both were students at an UNRWA school.
- Six Palestinians adults and two children, including a four-month-old baby, were killed in an internal explosion at a house in Beit Lahiya. Forty others, including ten children, were injured in the explosion, which was due to the reckless handling of weaponry by Palestinian militants (North Gaza).
- Local NGOs organised a demonstration at the Unknown Soldier Park in support of Palestinian unity. Approximately 200 people participated in the demonstration.
- A total of 42 rudimentary rockets and 61 mortars were fired by Palestinian militants at Israel, resulting in injury to two Israeli civilians. In addition, three mortars were fired at the IDF in the Gaza Strip but no injuries were reported.

### West Bank:

- The IDF injured 31 Palestinians in the West Bank, including 19 injured in demonstrations in Nidjān village against Barrier construction and the resulting isolation of around 2,500 dunums of Palestinian private agricultural land. An Israeli demonstrator was also injured by the IDF in an anti-Barrier demonstration in Bilān (Ramallah).
- A group of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement physically attacked three Palestinian shepherds in Burin as well as stabbed and killed three donkeys. The incident is under investigation by the Israeli Police (Nabulus).
- On four occasions, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles travelling in the Jerusalem and Ramallah governorates. No injuries were reported but four vehicles sustained damage.
- The Jerusalem Municipality, accompanied by the IDF, demolished three houses in Jerusalem. As a result, 18 Palestinians were displaced, including 12 children.
- The IDF announced the removal of ten closures on Roads 325 and 317 in the southern parts of Hebron Governorate.
- 85 flying checkpoints, 99 IDF search operations, and 58 arrests/detentions of Palestinians were reported this week.

### Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other indirect conflict related incidents.

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **11 June:** A 65-year-old Palestinian man was killed and a five-year-old child was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting an open area east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **11 June:** A 22-year-old Palestinian militant and an eight-year-old girl were killed by ground-to-ground missiles fired by the IDF in armed clashes during an IDF military operation 1,500 metres into Al Qarara area east of Khan Younis. One missile hit a Palestinian house and caused the girl's death. During the operation, several Palestinian families were forced to temporarily leave the area in order to find safety.
- **11 June:** During the IDF military operation in Al Qarara east of Khan Younis, a 29-year-old Palestinian militant was killed and a 27-year-old Palestinian woman (unarmed civilian) was injured when the IDF responded with heavy shooting to the firing of mortars by Palestinians militants against advancing IDF soldiers. On 12 June at 0100 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **11 June:** Hamas militants fired three mortar shells towards the Western Negev. According to Israeli media reports, an Israeli civilian was injured by shrapnel from a mortar shell that landed near a factory in Kibbutz Nir Oz (Khan Younis).
- **12 June:** Two Palestinian militants (ages 20 and 24) were killed when IDF soldiers responded with tank shells and Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire targeting two Palestinian militants who opened fire at IDF soldiers stationed at the border north of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **12 June:** Three Palestinian militants (ages 19, 27 and 28) were killed when IDF troops stationed at the border fired two ground-to-ground missiles targeting a group of Hamas militants east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **16 June:** According to Israeli media reports, two rockets were fired from east of Beit Lahiya towards Israel. One of these rockets landed in Ashkelon City resulting in the injury of one Israeli civilian while the other rocket reportedly landed in a cemetery in the city (North Gaza).
- **16 June:** A 28-year-old Islamic Jihad militant was killed when IDF tanks fired one ground-to-ground missile targeting Palestinian militants who had fired two rockets from east of Jabaliya towards the Green Line (North Gaza).
- **16 June:** Three Palestinian militants affiliated with Islamic Jihad (ages 19, 20, and 23) were killed in an exchange of gunfire with IDF troops east of Khuza'a. Before being killed by IDF gunfire, the militants detonated an IED near an IDF jeep patrolling the border (Khan Younis).
- **16 June:** Three Palestinians militants were injured when an IAF aircraft fired one missile targeting a group of Hamas militants east of Khuza'a (Khan Younis).
- **17 June:** A 23-year-old Palestinian militant was killed and five others were injured (two militants and three unarmed civilians) when an IAF helicopter fired one missile targeting a vehicle carrying militants affiliated with the Army of Islam in Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).
- **17 June:** Five Palestinian militants (ages 21 (2), 27, 29, and 35) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired one missile targeting a vehicle carrying suspected Army of Islam militants travelling on Salah Ed-Din road. An UNRWA minibus transporting UN staff members home from a training session at the Gaza Field Office was within three metres of the vehicle which was targeted (Khan Younis).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **14 June:** An IAF helicopter fired one missile targeting a group of Hamas militants in Beit Hanun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **14 June:** Hamas militants fired four Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs) at IDF troops located east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. The IDF responded with heavy machinegun fire. According to eyewitnesses, one of the RPGs hit an IDF bulldozer. Following the attack, five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 400 metres into Gaza, southeast of Al Maghazi under heavy gunfire cover. Two IAF helicopters hovered overhead during the operation. At 2115 hours the IDF troops withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **14 June:** Hamas militants fired three mortar shells from northeast of Al Bureij refugee camp targeting the Green Line. The IDF lit the area with flares and then responded with HMG fire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **15 June:** Palestinian militants fired two rockets from east of Al Bureij refugee camp towards the Western Negev. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire targeting the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

- **16 June:** IDF patrol boats opened fire targeting Palestinian fishing boats, forcing them to return to shore. No damage or injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **16 June:** IDF soldiers stationed at the observation post at Kerem Shalom military base opened fire targeting Palestinian farmers working east of Al Shouka. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

#### **West Bank:**

- **11 June:** A 12-year-old Palestinian child and seven Palestinian males (ages 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 25) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by the IDF during a demonstration in Nidān village against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of around 2,500 dunums of Palestinian private agricultural land (Ramallah).
- **13 June:** Two Palestinian male activists (ages 25 and 36) and a 24-year-old Israeli activist were injured with rubber coated metal bullets fired at them by the IDF during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinians, Israeli, and international activists protesting the construction of the Barrier in Bilān. Several cases of asphyxia were also reported (Ramallah).
- **13 June:** An 18-year-old Palestinian man (unarmed civilian) was injured in El Farā refugee camp by rubber-coated metal bullets during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers while the IDF was patrolling the camp (Tubas).
- **14 June:** Five Palestinian males (ages 18 (2), 22, 23 and 30) and a 32-year-old Palestinian woman were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers surrounding a building in Doha opened fire at a group of Palestinian stone throwers. In addition, a 24-year-old Palestinian man was injured by a tear gas bomb and 25-year-old man was injured by live ammunition (Bethlehem).
- **16 June:** Seven Palestinian male activists, including one paramedic (ages 16(2), 22, 24, 28, 30, and 32), and a 28-year-old French activist, were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets shot at them by the IDF. Two additional Palestinian activists (ages 23 and 26) suffered severe asphyxia and two others (ages 24 and 26) suffered broken bones as a result of being physically assaulted by the IDF during a demonstration in Nidān village against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of around 2,500 dunums of Palestinian private agricultural land (Ramallah).
- **16 June:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Anabta by rubber coated metal bullets fired during a confrontation between the IDF patrolling the village and a group of Palestinian stone throwers (Tulkarm).

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **11 June:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli settlers' bus travelling on Road 443 near At Tira village. No injuries reported. The bus sustained some damage (Ramallah).
- **11 June:** A group of Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling near Qalandiya. No injuries were reported. One car sustained some damage (Jerusalem).
- **11 June:** A group of Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli settlers' vehicle travelling near Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya village. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained some damage (Ramallah).
- **13 June:** A group of Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli settlers' vehicle travelling near Abud village. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained some damage (Ramallah).
- **13 June:** A group of Israeli settlers entered Nablus City and went to Joseph's Tomb near Balata refugee camp. The IDF later evacuated them and arrested nine settlers as they entered the city without obtaining prior coordination (Nablus).
- **16 June:** Palestinian Christians gathered in Silwan village and demonstrated against the presence on church land of Israeli workers from the Jerusalem Municipality. The Israeli police arrived at the scene and arrested four of the demonstrators (Jerusalem).

## 2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **10 June:** Three Palestinians (unarmed civilians) were injured when an internal family dispute broke out among cousins in Rafah. Knives and sticks were used during the fighting. The police arrived and brought the situation under control (Rafah).
- **11 June:** A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was killed when he was stabbed to death by another boy in Gaza City. Both boys were students at an UNRWA school (Gaza)
- **12 June:** One Palestinian man (unarmed civilian) was injured when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonated beside him in an open area east of Khan Younis. (Khan Younis)
- **12 June:** Eight Palestinians (ages four months, 16, 22 (2), 23, 24, 28 and 29) were killed when an internal explosion occurred in a house belonging to a Palestinian family in Beit Lahiya. Forty others were injured, including ten children and ten women (North Gaza).
- **13 June:** A six-year-old Palestinian child was killed by stray bullets while he was watching a Hamas militant's funeral from the rooftop of his house in Shuja'iya (Gaza).
- **17 June:** A 33-year-old Palestinian man was stabbed and killed during a family dispute in An Nuseirat refugee camp (Central Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **11 June:** Local NGOs organised a demonstration at the Unknown Soldier Park in support of Palestinian unity. Approximately 200 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1230 hours (Gaza).
- **16 June:** Approximately 150 journalists demonstrated at the Unknown Soldier Park to protest against the killing of a Reuters cameraman, Fadel Shaqqa, in April 2008. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1230 hours (Gaza).
- **17 June:** The Palestinian Initiative Party organised a demonstration in Jabaliya refugee camp to mark the fourth anniversary of its existence as an organisation. Approximately 300 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1230 hours (North Gaza).

### **West Bank:**

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

### **Inter-factional violence**

### **Gaza Strip:**

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **11 June:** Unknown men threw a bomb at the house of a Hamas activist in An Nuseirat refugee camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **12 June:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government broke into the house of a Fatah activist and arrested him. The arrested person's brother, a member of Islamic Jihad, exchanged fire with the police and was himself later arrested. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **13 June:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government attempted to arrest two Fatah members in Al Bureij refugee camp. Neighbours and Fatah supporters responded by throwing stones at the police along with two homemade bombs thrown at police vehicles. Two Fatah members fled the scene. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **14 June:** 200 children participated in a candlelight demonstration against the Hamas take-over of the Gaza Strip last year. The demonstration occurred in Tel El-Sultan Quarter of Rafah. The police intervened and arrested the organiser of the demonstration, a Fatah activist (Rafah).
- **15 June:** Three gunmen in a vehicle opened fire upon a group of Palestinian police officers in front of Sheikh Radwan police station. No injuries were reported and the gunmen were arrested by the police (Gaza).
- **15 June:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government attempted to arrest a Fatah activist in Al Bureij refugee camp. Family members and neighbours threw

<sup>2</sup> Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. 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.

stones at the police vehicles, forcing them to leave the area. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

- **16 June:** An IED targeting a police vehicle travelling on Salah Ed-Din Road was detonated. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

#### West Bank:

Other Incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

### 3. [Shelter and Property](#)

**Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers**

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
14 June 2008	Doha, Bethlehem	-	3	-	3+
14 June 2008	Ad Duheisha, RC, Bethlehem	-	1	-	1
15 June 2008	Jenin, Jenin	-	1	-	1
16 June 2008	Gaza City, Gaza	-	1	-	1
16 June 2008	Khan Younis, Khan Younis	-	1	-	1
16 June 2008	Niḍin, Ramallah	-	1	-	1+
17 June 2008	Wad El Dam, Beit Hanina/ Jerusalem	1	3	7 (including 5 children)	-
17 June 2008	Beit Hanina/ Jerusalem	1	-	6 (including 4 children)	-
17 June 2008	Wadi Qaddoum, Ras El Amoud/ Jerusalem	1	-	5 (including 3 children)	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8+</b>

- **14 June:** The front windshield of a car belonging to a Reuters photographer was smashed during an IDF incursion into the town of Al Doha and Ad Duheisha refugee camp (Bethlehem).
- **14 June:** A camera owned by a photographer working for a French news agency was broken when IDF soldiers physically assaulted the photographer. The IDF was reportedly trying to prevent him from covering an IDF incursion into the town Al Doha and Ad Duheisha refugee camp (Bethlehem).
- **14 June:** The doors and furniture located in the headquarters of the Shepherds TV station office, located in a building surrounded by the IDF in the town of Doha, were damaged when IDF soldiers forced their way into the TV station (Bethlehem).
- **14 June:** IDF soldiers broke the front glass of a photography shop in Ad Duheisha refugee camp while ordering the owner to close it down during a four-hour search operation (Bethlehem).
- **15 June:** The IDF forcibly entered a Palestinian lawyer's office in Jenin and confiscated a computer and some files. The lawyer provides legal aid to prisoners (Jenin).
- **16 June:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a metal workshop located on Salah Ed-Din road in Zaitoun Quarter. The missile did not explode, but nonetheless damaged the roof of the building. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **16 June:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile at a metal workshop east of Khan Younis. The workshop was damaged, but no injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **16 June:** A group of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement physically attacked three Palestinian shepherds (ages 30, 14, and 12) in Burin village. After the three Palestinians managed to escape, the settlers stabbed and killed three donkeys. The incident is under investigation by the Israeli Police (Nablus).
- **16 June:** During a demonstration against the Barrier in Niḍin village, the IDF fired over twenty bullets at an ambulance belonging to the Palestinian Medical Relief Services, causing severe damage to the ambulance (Ramallah).

- **17 June:** The Jerusalem Municipality accompanied by the IDF, the Israeli police and a bulldozer arrived at Wad El Dam in Beit Hanina and demolished a 50 m<sup>2</sup> house belonging to a Palestinian family living there due to the lack of building permit. Reportedly, no prior warning was issued. Seven persons were dispossessed as a result of the demolition, including five children. This is the second time the same family has had their house demolished since 2005. None of the displaced persons are refugees. (Jerusalem)
- **17 June:** The Jerusalem Municipality accompanied by the IDF, the Israeli police and a bulldozer arrived at Beit Hanina and demolished a house belonging to a Palestinian family living there due to the lack of building permit. Six persons were dispossessed as a result of the demolition, including four children. (Jerusalem)
- **17 June:** The Jerusalem Municipality accompanied by the IDF, the Israeli police and a bulldozer arrived at Wadi Qaddoum in Ras El Amoud and demolished a house containing five rooms belonging to a Palestinian family living there due to the lack of building permit. Five persons were dispossessed as a result of the demolition, including three children (Jerusalem).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

No incidents to report.

**Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:**

- **16 June:** An explosion occurred at the main gate of a ladies beauty shop in Tel El-Sultan Quarter in Rafah. The shop sustained some damage but no injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **17 June:** In Al Bureij and An Nuseirat refugee camps, the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government broke into two offices of businesses which facilitate pilgrimages and trips to Saudi Arabia. The police confiscated documents and computers, reportedly on the basis that the two offices were registering pilgrims for the Palestinian Ministry of Religious Affairs in Ramallah (Central Gaza).

#### **4. Natural Resources**

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

**Nablus Governorate:**

**11 June:** Israeli settlers from Itamar settlement stopped levelling land to open a road for the settlement near Beit Furik following IDF intervention (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

- **16 May 2008 to date:** Israeli settlers continue to level land west of Revava settlement. The land is about 200 dunums and belongs to Palestinian farmers from Deir Istiya (Salfit).
- **14 April 2008 to date:** IDF bulldozers continue to level land on the northern side of Huwwara checkpoint.

**Jenin, Tulkarm, and Qalqiliya Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

**Tubas Governorate:**

- **11 June:** The IDF distributed a requisitioning order for 356 dunums of agricultural and farming lands belonging to Palestinians from Tubas in order to turn it into an Israeli Military Training base. (Jordan Valley)

**Salfit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **16 May 2008 to date:** Israeli settlers continue levelling land west of Revava settlement. The land is about 200 dunums and belongs to Palestinian farmers from Deir Istiya (Salfit).

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

- **Between May and June 2008:** over 80 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Nidjīn village were burned due to tear gas, live bullets and shock grenades fired by the IDF at demonstrators protesting against the construction of the Barrier and the

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



resulting isolation of around 2,500 dunums of private Palestinian agricultural land. (Ramallah)

- Barrier construction around Al Midya and Nidjīn resumed on 20 May 2008.

#### Jericho Governorate:

- **2 January 2008 to date:** The Dead Sea checkpoint functions as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians with West Bank IDs and Palestinian-plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area when the checkpoint is not staffed. When the checkpoint is staffed, however, the Israeli Border Police denies passage to all Palestinians and their vehicles. The checkpoint is staffed on weekends, Jewish holidays, and randomly during the week.

#### Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The Barrier between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. The one detour route available for pedestrian and vehicular traffic which connects these two neighbourhoods was re-opened during the reporting period to provide access. The military gate between these two neighbourhoods, however, has been closed again. When the Barrier is completed, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank.
- Since **April 2008**, Barrier construction around the Bir Nabala enclave, near the villages of Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil has resumed.

#### Bethlehem Governorate:

**During the reporting period:** Extensive land levelling continued to prepare for the future construction of approximately 480 duplex apartments in the vicinity of Har Gilo settlement.

#### Hebron Governorate:

**During the reporting period:** Plowing work continued in Sinsana settlement to allow for further settlement expansion. The area being plowed is known by the name Tur Al Nasrani and is located in the village of Al Ramadin.

#### Gaza Strip:

- **11 June:** An IDF unit accompanied by eight tanks and two bulldozers entered 1,500 metres into Al Qarara area and conducted a levelling and excavation operation. **On 12 June** at 0100 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **13 June:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 200 metres into Gaza northeast of Al Maghazi refugee camp, where they conducted a levelling and excavation operation. The IDF withdrew to the Green Line at 2000 hours (Central Gaza).
- **14 June:** Five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 400 metres into Gaza southeast of Al Maghazi refugee camp. Heavy gunfire was reportedly used as cover. Two IAF helicopters hovered overhead as the bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation. At 2115 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).

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

### a) *Incidents of curfews*

**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
17 June 2008	Beit Furik, Nablus	8 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>8 hours</b>

**17 June:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Beit Furik for eight hours (0300 . 1100 hours) during a house-to-house search campaign in the village (Nablus).

### b) *Access to education*

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 April to date:** Teachers and students are unable to report to their schools due to the fuel shortage. Student attendance in all universities in the Gaza Strip was disturbed for the same reason.

**c) Access to employment**

No incidents to report.

**d) Closures/movement restrictions****Nablus Governorate:**

**During the week:** Delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Tappuah checkpoints.

**16 June:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for 30 minutes. No reason for the closure was reported.

**16 June:** The IDF closed Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint all day due to a security alert.

**17 June:** The IDF closed Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint for one hour due to a security alert.

**17 June:** The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for eight hours during a military operation in the village.

Ongoing incidents:

- **7 May 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close a dirt road with an earth mound connecting Qusin with Road 60.

**Jenin, Tubas, Salfit, Ramallah, Jerusalem and Hebron Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

**12 June:** The IDF closed Enav checkpoint for one hour after locating a suspicious black bag in the area.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**During the week:** Delays and long queues were reported at Qalqiliya North and at Qalqiliya DCO checkpoint at the eastern entrance of the city.

Ongoing incidents:

- **9 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to use an earth mound to close a dirt road connecting Azzun to Kafr Laqif, after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 en route to Israeli settlements.

**Jericho Governorate:**

- **2 January 2008 to date:** The Dead Sea checkpoint functions as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians with West Bank IDs and Palestinian-plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area when the checkpoint is not staffed. When the checkpoint is staffed, however, the Israeli Border Police denies passage to all Palestinians and their vehicles. The checkpoint is staffed on weekends, Jewish holidays, and randomly during the week.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**14 June:** During an incursion into the town of Al Doha and Ad Duheisah refugee camp, the IDF forced the closing of shops located on the main street of Ad Duheisha Camp for a period of four hours.

**Gaza Strip**

- Gaza fishermen continue to be permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on five days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements; however, national UN staff members possessing valid permits continue to be denied entry to Israel unless prior coordination is obtained. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian Civil Affairs Office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- **Rafah** crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June 2007 but has operated since then only on an exceptional basis.
- **Karni** crossing: the conveyor belt/chute was open on two days this week to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. Since 12 June 2007, however, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on six days this week. After being closed between 28 October and 22 December, 2007, Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December



2007 for humanitarian and commercial commodities. Suva has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June 2007.

- **Kerem Shalom** crossing has been closed since the Palestinian suicide attack against the IDF military base located at the crossing on 19 April 2008. During the closure of Suva between 28 October and 22 December, 2007, Kerem Shalom was effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- **Nahal Oz energy pipelines** were open on four scheduled operating days this week.

Ongoing incidents:

- **Buffer Zone:** 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. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May 2006, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north of Beit Hanun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF.

**Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	As Sawiya (1), Huwwara (1), Al Badhan village (1), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (1)	4
Jenin	Arraba (1), Jabba (1), Sanur (1), Al Jalama (1), Silat adh Dhahr (1)	5
Tubas	Tayasir (4), Aqaba (1), Al Farq village (4)	9
Tulkarm	Farqin (1), Ramin (1), Balqa (2), Al Jarushiya (2), Kafr Sur (2)	8
Qalqiliya	Azzun (3), Izbat at Tabib (3), Kafr Laqif (2), An Nabi Elyas (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), Jayyus (3), Kafr Tulth (2), Wadi Qana (2), Immatin (2), Jinsafut (1)	20
Salfit	Marda (1), Haris (1), Deir Istiya (1), Biddya (1)	4
Ramallah/AI Bireh	Kharbata Bani Harith (1)	1
Jericho	Road 1 (2)	2
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Tuqu (1), Al Shawawreh (1), Al Nashash (2), Zaqtara (1), Between Zaqtara and Al Shawawreh (2), Bethlehem (2), Beit Sahur (1), Beit Jala (2)	12
Hebron	Wadi Al Quff (2), Halhul overpass (3), Al Rawwar RC (1), Bani Naeim (1), H1 area of the City of Hebron (8), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (2), Dura (1)	20
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>85</b>

## 6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

**Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)<sup>1</sup>**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (5), Balata RC (2), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Beit Furik (3), Deir Sharaf (1), Huwwara CP	13	9
Jenin	Jenin City (5), Jenin RC (4), Birqin (1), Qabatiya (1), Rummana (1), Meithalun (1), Kafr Dan (1)	14	13
Tubas	Al Farq village (1), Tubas (3), El Farq RC (1)	5	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), Alar (2), Shuweika (1), Tulkarm RC (1), Faruq (1), Balq (1), Anabta (1)	9	0
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (3), Azzun (3), Jit (1), Habla (2), Ras Atiya (2), Jayyus (2), Hajja (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), Sannirya (1), Immatin (1), Izbat at Tabib (2), Jinsafut (1), Azzun Atma (1), Izbat Jalqud CP, Azzun flying CP	25	8
Salfit	Az Zawiya (1), Biddya (1), Bruqin (1), Kifl Hares (1)	4	2
Ramallah	Kharbatha al Misbah (1), Beit Jr at Tahta (1), Al Jalazun RC (1), Ramallah City (2)	5	5
Jericho	DCO CP	0	1
Jerusalem	JabaqCP, Silwan, Al Ezariya (1), Al Ram (1)	2	6
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (3), Beit Fajjar (2), Beit Sahur (1), Obeidiya (1), Al Khader (1), Ash Shawawreh (1), Husan (1), Doha (1)	11	6
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (3), Arrub RC (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Beit Ummar (1), Dura (2)	11	8
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
-	-	0	0
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>58</b>

<sup>1</sup> Figures exclude the number of West Bank Palestinians arrested in Israel due to the lack of work permits.

**Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
-	-	0	0
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
North Gaza	Beit Lahiya (1,6), Jabaliya (1,2)	2	8
Gaza	Gaza (1,3)	1	3
Central Gaza	Deir El Balah (2,2)	2	2
Rafah	Rafah (2,5), Shabourah (1,3), Tel As Sultan (0,1)	3	9
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>			

\*Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 11 – 17 June 2008**

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm :</b>	
<b>Ephraim (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jubara. Movement to Israel via the closed area behind the barrier is permitted only for Israelis and international organisations.
<b>Ar Ras/ Kafriat</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
<b>Jubara</b>	A Barrier gate manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Only allows Jubara community behind the Barrier to pass through.
<b>Enav</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras at Tira, Ad Dabq, Wadi ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances travelling from Qalqiliya City to these five villages need prior coordination with the DCL.
<b>Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Ras 'atiya</b>	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours.
<b>'Azzun Atma</b>	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0430 to 2200 hours.
<b>Jit Junction, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Kasem On Road 5</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations, and Israelis. It allows them to enter Israel via the closed area behind the Barrier.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara Southern main entrance</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to cross between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic on a daily basis.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 to 2300 hours 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. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to cross. Only 63 trucks with special permits are allowed to use the checkpoint. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint</b>	Manned by the IDF. A major linkage between Nablus and the Jordan Valley area. Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours. Palestinians travelling out of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan must enter Nablus City through this checkpoint and then cross through other Nablus checkpoints to reach their destinations.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b>	Manned by the IDF. Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as

<i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
<b>Tappuah</b> <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya</b> <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0500 to 2300, the IDF manning the checkpoint allows all traffic through during the opening hours. Random checks were reported.
<b>Yizhar, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
<b>Jenin :</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. A crossing for workers and traders to enter Israel. Operating between 0530 to 2000 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0530 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
<b>Reikhan/ Barta'a</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Manned by an Israeli private company. Operating between 0500 to 2200 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. 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>Salim DCO (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
<b>Mevo Dotan</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas :</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 to 2200 hours. Only Palestinians who are residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to use this checkpoint.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles. Long delays were reported for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic on a daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Since 20 August 2007 the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 14 January 2008, a Border Police company now mans the checkpoint. On 16 June, long delays of up to three hours were reported in both directions of the checkpoint for people entering and exiting Jericho.
<b>'Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by the Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December 2007, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint are reported in both directions. During the reporting period, some delays were experienced by commuters during rush hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open.
<b>At Tayba / Rimmonim</b> <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449</i>	On 31 March 2008, some but not all installations were removed. Passage is permitted for all Palestinians and the checkpoint continues to operate on a random basis several times a week.
<b>Partial CP</b>	
<b>Makkabim</b> <i>On Highway 443</i>	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 East Jerusalem and Israel.

<b>Ni'lin</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
<b>Rantis</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. As of 26 September 2007, all West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Palestinians from the north of the West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint and are hence forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint. All other West Bank ID-holders may exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint or Yitav to Ramallah. During the reporting period, some delays were reported.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho governorate. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are not Jordan Valley residents are prohibited from crossing northward to Al Auja through this checkpoint unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling between Jericho and Ramallah. During the reporting period, some delays were reported.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle buses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Muqarrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008</b>	Located on Road 90 near the Dead Sea. Since 2 January 2008, operates as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles are denied access to the Dead Sea area whenever the IDF operates the checkpoint, which is at random during weekdays and 24 hours per day on Fridays and Saturdays. The checkpoint was fully operational from 12 through 16 June.
<b>Jerusalem :</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers and their family members are allowed to cross while staying inside the vehicle. All other persons, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays during rush hours continue to be reported on a daily basis at both the vehicular and pedestrian lanes.
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
<b>Zayem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem. During the reporting period, long delays were reported during rush hours.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. Residents of the Palestinian village An Nabi Samwil are permitted to cross to access their village only.
<b>Ramot Allon</b> <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As of 25 March 2008, Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves are no longer allowed through the checkpoint and all movements are directed to the new fabric of life+ sunken road and tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu under Road 436.
<b>Shu'fat refugee camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial

	trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shuqat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Manned by the IDF. Allows access to Jerusalem for 300 residents of the Abu Dis neighbourhood adjacent to the checkpoint who have Jerusalem IDs and have their names on a list held at the checkpoint.
<b>Sheikh Sa'd</b>	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for Jerusalem ID holders who are residents of Ash Sheikh Saql, which is located to the east of the Barrier. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are residents of Ash Sheikh Saql are allowed into Jerusalem through this checkpoint if they possess an Israeli permit.
<b>As Sawahira ash Sharqiya</b>	Manned by the IDF. Allows Jerusalem residents of As Sawahira al Gharbiya who live adjacent to the barrier to access As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, which is located to the east of the Barrier.
<b>Rafat / Al Masyion</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	On the Fabric of Life+ road between Ramallah and Bir Nabala, near Rafat village. As of 5 March, the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Long delays continued to be reported on a daily basis.
<b>Shu'fat – Ras Khamees</b>	Manned by the Border Police. Open for vehicular and pedestrian movements for Jerusalem ID holders. Palestinians with West bank IDs who possess permits to cross into Jerusalem are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint.
<b>Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</b>	Open.
<b>Qawasmi</b> <i>Northern entrance at roundabout on road between Atarot and Qalandiya</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards or valid permits and internationals. Vehicle checks for those traveling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
<b>Al Jib</b> <i>A checkpoint and a gate</i>	Manned by Border Police. Allows 24/7 access for residents of Al Khalayleh neighbourhood (about 700 Palestinians caught between the barrier and Givat Ze'ev settlement). Palestinians with work permits to work in Givat Ze'ev settlement are allowed access according to the times stipulated on their permits. The checkpoint serves as a seasonal gate for farmers from Al Jib to access their land following prior coordination with the Israeli Civil administration.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu'man and 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. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers from 0600 to 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
<b>Ein Yallow / Al Walaja</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint.



	Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
<b>Settler checkpoint: Mizpe Shalem – Efrata</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 hour for Palestinians with work permits to cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 3 March, the IDF and Israeli security personnel operating the checkpoint informed commercial trucks holding the appropriate papers to access Israel that they would not be allowed to go through the checkpoint anymore and that all commercial traffic will be re-directed to Tarqumiya crossing.
<b>Betar Illit</b> <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
<b>Mitzpe Shalem</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa, Partial CP</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. During the reporting period, long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal. On 6 April 2008, control of the checkpoint reverted to a private company.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint have their names listed with the IDF to allow them passage. Friends and family members holding Palestinian IDs cannot visit their relatives in the area since their names are not on the list.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	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> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	This 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian firetrucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north towards the market.



<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directly to the Ibrahimi Mosque. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP</b> <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 6 and 11 February, the IDF erected a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar Camp, east of Al Fawwar partial checkpoint.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP</b>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura, Partial CP</b>	Located near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	<p>Erez was open on five days this week for Internationals and Palestinians obtaining special co-ordination. On 13 and 14 June the crossing was closed.</p> <p><b>On 11 June</b>, Erez was open for Internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination. It closed, however, between 1000-1245 hours.</p> <p><b>On 12 June</b>, Erez was open for Internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination. It closed, however, at 1430 hours due to mortar fire.</p> <p><b>On 15 June</b>, Erez was open for Internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination.</p> <p><b>On 16 June</b>, Erez was open for Internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination. It closed, however, at 1400 hours for security reasons.</p> <p><b>On 17 June</b>, Erez was open for Internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination. It closed, however, at 0830 hours for departures and at 1030 hours for arrivals.</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
<b>Rafah Passenger Crossing</b>	<p>Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June 2007 but it has been exceptionally opened on several occasions to allow medical and other cases to cross to Egypt or return to Gaza.</p> <p>On 14 June: Rafah terminal was open for a Hamas delegation to cross into Egypt.</p> <p>On 17 June: Rafah terminal was open for a Hamas delegation to cross into Egypt.</p> <p>According to police officers at Rafah crossing, an estimated number of seven to ten thousand people need to leave Gaza for medical treatment, schooling, trading and other reasons.</p>
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by an Israeli private company. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0730 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0730 to 1300 hours on Friday. It is closed on Saturdays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	

<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. From 9 January 2007 to 31 May 2008, the checkpoint has been open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and from 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. It is closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Since 1 June 2008, the checkpoint operates on Sundays and Wednesdays only, from 1000 to 1800 hours. Outside of these hours and days, the checkpoint operates sporadically. It is open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	This checkpoint is open for commercial goods (back-to-back system) and operates from 0700 to 1630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. It is closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, and then only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July 2007, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross at this location.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Provides entry for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is on site. During the reporting period, long delays for commercial trucks were reported. Since 6 April, control of the checkpoint has been reverted to a private company.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated only on the 12 and 16 June for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. On 12 June, however, the crossing closed at 1430 hours due to mortar fire.
<b>Sufa</b>	<p>Sufa crossing was open on six days this week. On 14 June, it was closed.</p> <p>On 15 June, Sufa was open but no goods crossed to Gaza. Nine UNRWA truckloads of commodities were turned back due to a protest by Israeli farmers. At 1400 hours the crossing was reopened.</p> <p>Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.</p>
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was closed this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. This crossing has been closed since a Palestinian suicide attack targeted an IDF military base at the crossing on 19 April 08.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	<p>Nahal Oz energy pipelines were completely closed on 11, 14 and 17 June. These pipelines are scheduled to be open six days a week.</p> <p><b>On 12 June</b>, Nahal Oz was open. At 1430 hours, the crossing closed, however, due to mortar fire.</p> <p><b>On 15 June</b>, Nahal Oz opened at 1400 hours. It had been closed earlier that day due to a demonstration by Israeli farmers. The farmers were attempting to block goods from crossing into Gaza as a protest against ongoing rocket attacks from Palestinian militants.</p> <p><b>On 16 June</b>, Nahal Oz was open in the morning but closed at 1045 hours due to rocket fire.</p>

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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 Organisation (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.