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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

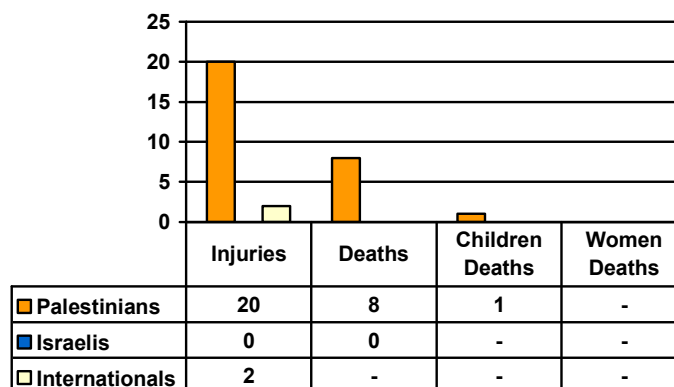
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed seven Palestinians, including at least four unarmed civilians, and injured 13 others (including four children).
- One Palestinian was killed and four injured in factional violence that involved DFLP, PFLP, Fatah and Hamas.
- During the IDF incursion into Khuza'a village east of Khan Yunis, the IDF destroyed a two-storey house, four greenhouses and two bird farms.
- The lack of sufficient fuel supplies continues to adversely affect all aspects of life in Gaza. At least 85% of the Coastal Municipalities Water Utility's vehicle fleet have been unable to operate, affecting the supply of drinking water, sewage treatment and the maintenance of existing sewage networks. Piles of solid waste are accumulating in the streets, which may cause widespread environmental and sanitary problems.
- A total of 45 rockets and 26 mortars were fired at Israel, compared to 42 rockets and 31 mortars fired the previous week. Twenty-seven mortars were additionally fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip, which is significantly lower than the 71 mortars fired at IDF ground forces in Gaza the previous week.

West Bank:

- The IDF shot and killed a Palestinian man at Shani checkpoint, claiming that he had attempted to stab a soldier (Hebron). The IDF also physically assaulted a Palestinian man at 'Azzun 'Atma barrier checkpoint (Qalqiliya).
- Six Palestinians and two international activists were injured by Israeli settlers in four reported incidents throughout the West Bank.
- On 30 April, 396 Palestinian security officers were deployed in Jenin governorate. During the week, four Palestinians (including one bystander) were injured in clashes with these forces in Qabatiya town (Jenin).
- The IDF imposed a general closure on the West Bank due to Holocaust Memorial Day, denying Palestinian permit holders access to East Jerusalem and Israel, except for emergency medical cases and employees at international organizations.
- The IDF closed the sewing workshop affiliated with the Islamic Charitable Society for a period of three years and confiscated its contents (sewing machines, textiles, ironing boards). While the closure and confiscation order issued in late February stipulated that the contents of targeted establishments would become owned by the IDF, the IDF threw away the workshop's contents in the city dump. As a result of the closure of the workshop, part of whose products were freely distributed to the orphanages owned by the Society, 15 female workers lost their jobs (Hebron).
- 123 IDF search operations and 123 arrests/detentions of Palestinians were reported; this is, respectively, 14% and 98% higher than searches and arrests reported last week.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents.

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **30 April:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man (bystander) was killed and four others (unarmed civilians including two children aged 9 and 14 years) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles at an auto shop in Rafah Camp (Rafah).
- **1 May:** A 57-year-old Palestinian man was killed and a 16-year-old boy was injured (unarmed civilians; bystanders) by live ammunition during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian militants. This took place after ten IDF armoured vehicles and two bulldozers entered approximately 700 meters into Al Faraheen area (Khan Younis).
- **1 May:** A 39-year-old Palestinian man (Hamas member) was killed and a 15-year-old bystander was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at a vehicle carrying Hamas members in Al Shaboura area (Rafah).
- **1 May:** The body of a 15-year-old Palestinian boy was found; he was reportedly killed during the IDF incursion into Al Bureij Camp on 11 April and his body parts were buried without the knowledge of his family (Central Gaza).
- **3 May:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man (taxi driver) died of wounds sustained due to the IAF air strike on an auto shop in Rafah Camp on 30 April (Rafah).
- **4 May:** A 41-year-old Palestinian man was killed by a tank shell and six other men were injured (three by tanks shells and three by live ammunition) during an IDF ground operation east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **6 May:** A 23-year-old Palestinian (Hamas militant) was killed and another one was injured when IDF soldiers positioned at the northern border fired a surface-to-surface missile at Palestinian militants east of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **10 April to date:** The lack of sufficient fuel supplies continues to adversely affect all aspects of life in Gaza, including the use of wooden ovens, flooding of some sewage facilities, the closure of bakeries, and paralysis of the public transportation system.
- **30 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **1 May:** IDF soldiers stationed at an IDF observation post at Kerem Shalom military base opened fire at Palestinian farmers working east of Al Shouka. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **2 May:** IDF soldiers stationed at an IDF observation post in Sufa crossing opened fire towards residential neighbourhoods northeast of Rafah City. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **3 May:** The IDF declared the landfill dumping station—which is located 500 meters inside Gaza east of Deir El Balah—a closed military zone. The IDF ordered Palestinian workers at the station to evacuate the area. On 4 May at 0800 hours the IDF permitted Palestinian labourers to return to the area (Central Gaza).
- **4 May:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **2 May:** A 28-year-old Palestinian man from As Samu' was killed when IDF soldiers manning Shani checkpoint opened fire at him. Israeli sources indicated that the IDF opened fire after the man tried to stab a soldier at the checkpoint (Hebron).
- **2 May:** Two Palestinian men (aged 22 and 30 years) from the hamlet of Twani south of Yatta and two international activists (aged 40 and 42 years) were injured when they were physically attacked by a group of settlers from Ma'on. The settlers came into the hamlet, claiming that Palestinians had trespassed on Israeli "state land" near the settlement. Five Palestinians were subsequently arrested by the IDF due to the arm scuffles with the settlers (Hebron).
- **3 May:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured by IDF soldiers stationed at 'Azzun Atma barrier checkpoint. The man was later evacuated to a hospital in Qalqiliya City (Qalqiliya).
- **3 May:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy and a 43-year-old Palestinian man were injured by stones thrown by Israeli settlers from Yizhar settlement who had entered Asira al Qibliyah. The settlers also vandalized Palestinian property (Nablu).
- **3 May:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man from Husan was injured when he was physically assaulted by a group of settlers from Bitar Illit as he was working in his land near the settlement. The settlers also damaged his car (Bethlehem).

- **6 May:** A 22-year-old man from Wadi Al Hussein in the H2 area of Hebron City was injured when a group of settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Al Rajabi House occupied a piece of land in Wadi Al Hussein and physically attacked him while he was en route to his house. He was later arrested by the IDF (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **2 May:** Dozens of cases of asphyxia were reported when the IDF used tear gas during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists in Bil'in village. IDF fire also caused a fire inside an olive grove, burning a few trees (Ramallah).
- **4 May:** The IDF demolished Hazon David outpost, which was located in the H2 area of Hebron City between the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Giv'at Avot (Hebron).

2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **2 May:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man was killed during armed clashes between two local families in Sabra area (Gaza).
- **4 May:** Fifteen Palestinian students were injured by an explosive device that was used during a dispute among students at Al Azhar University. The police arrived and brought the situation under control after arresting several students (Gaza).
- **5 May:** Four Palestinians were injured by live ammunition due to an old dispute that reignited between two police officers in Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **5 May:** A 28-year-old Palestinian man was killed and four others were injured when a tunnel collapsed under the Egypt-Gaza border opposite Brazil quarter (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **1 May:** Approximately 500 members of the Labour Union Committee gathered near the customs area at Erez to commemorate Labour Day. The IDF opened fire into the air, forcing the demonstrators to leave the area (North Gaza).
- **1 May:** Approximately 200 members of the Labourers Union demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the blockade imposed on Gaza and the closure of the crossings. The protesters handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General (Gaza).
- **1 May:** DFLP and PFLP supporters organised a demonstration in Jabaliya camp to mark Labour Day. Approximately 200 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1200 hours (North Gaza).
- **5 May:** The Palestinian Child Rights Association organised a demonstration in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. Approximately 200 children participated in the demonstration. The protestors handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **3 May:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition while Palestinian Security Forces were attempting to arrest him in Balata refugee camp (Nablus).
- **6 May:** A 21-year-old Palestinian male (bystander) was injured by live ammunition in Qabatyia town when armed Palestinians opened fire at Palestinian Security Forces deployed in the town (Jenin).
- **6 May:** Two Palestinian militants (aged 24 and 27 years; male) were injured in Qabatyia town by live ammunition fired by Palestinian Security Forces in an exchange of fire. The armed dispute erupted when the armed men tried to intervene to free a Palestinian who was arrested earlier the same day (Jenin).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

² 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.

- **2 May:** One policeman and a PFLP member were injured in an exchange of fire between PFLP militants and the police then ensued after a group of four PFLP militants attempted to abduct a PFLP member in Sheikh Radwan quarter (North Gaza).
- **2 May:** A 55-year-old Palestinian man (bystander) was killed and another one (bystander) was injured in armed clashes between DFLP and Hamas militants in Nasser quarter east of Rafah (Rafah).
- **3 May:** A Fatah activist (adult) was injured when an IED exploded in front of his house in Jabalia Camp (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

No incidents to report.

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
4 May 2008	Khuza'a, Khan Yunis	9	2	N/A	N/A
5 May 2008	'Abassan, Khan Yunis	0	2+	N/A	N/A
Total		9	4+	N/A	N/A

- **4 May:** Israeli settlers from Gila' ad Farm outpost attacked a Palestinian shepherd near Far'ata village and stole one of his sheep (Qalqiliya).
- **4 May:** During the IDF military operation in Khuza'a village east of Khan Yunis, the IDF destroyed a two-storey house (400 m²), four greenhouses, a number of rooms, and two bird farms and damaged two houses (Khan Yunis).
- **5 May:** During the IDF military operation into al-Farahin area in 'Abassan village east of Khan Yunis, the IDF opened fire indiscriminately damaging a number of houses (Khan Yunis).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **30 April:** The IDF welded shut the sewing workshop located beneath the Girls' Orphanage (affiliated with the Islamic Charitable Society) in the H1 area of Hebron City. IDF soldiers confiscated the contents of the workshop (sewing machines, textiles, ironing boards) and then closed it down for a period of three years. According to the Israeli confiscation and closure order issued in late February against the workshop (among other establishments), anyone present in the workshop after its closure will be subject to five years in prison (Hebron).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **1 May:** An internal dispute erupted between two PRC groups due to financial problems; one group broke into the offices of the other group in Gaza city and confiscated all office equipment (Gaza).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 April 2008 to date:** Israeli army bulldozers continue to level land north of Huwwara checkpoint.

Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Qalqiliya, and Salfit Governorates:

No incidents to report.

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.
 - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
 - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has stopped pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmona'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction of four “fabric of life” roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to road obstacles, the route of the Barrier, and the route of roads which Palestinians are restricted from using:
 - Construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to Roads 465 and 446, has almost been completed, except for the final 50 meter section to connect it back to Road 465. The road is open for access between Shuqba and 465 via an underpass at the intersection of 446 and 465.
 - Construction of a road between Beit Liqiya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The Israeli DCL reports that the underpass will be completed during the summer of 2008.
 - Construction has begun on a new road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya. A total of 588 dunums of land were requisitioned and some land levelling at Beit 'Ur al Fauqa has begun. The Israeli DCL reports that the construction of the road will take approximately ten months.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a “fabric of life” sunken road and a tunnel for use by Palestinians travelling between Al Jib and Biddu villages is complete. The sunken road is located under Road 436 which connects the settlements of Ramot Allon and Givat Ze'ev and is primarily for Israeli use and use by Palestinians from An Nabi Samwil village to access Beit Ikhsa via Ramot checkpoint. The “fabric of life” road replaces the dirt track between Beit Hanina al Balad and Beit Ikhsa through Ramot checkpoint, which was closed with cement blocks by the IDF when the sunken road was opened.
- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3-km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
 - The Barrier between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. One detour route for pedestrian and vehicular traffic continues to connect these two neighbourhoods, but when the Barrier is completed, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
 - Since **26 November 2007**, Barrier construction has been halted between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages due to budget constraints.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is mostly complete. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1.

Construction of a road leading to the police station was completed and the road is currently being widened.

- A new "fabric of life" road between Anata and Az Za'ayem (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Az Za'ayem without using the entrance lane off Road 1 near Zayem checkpoint.
- Construction of a "fabric of life" road around Ma'ale Adummim settlement bloc has not begun. The road is planned to connect the southern and central West Bank such that Palestinians will no longer need to travel on Road 1 through the Ma'ale Adummim settlement bloc. A military order number T/19/07 had been issued to confiscate 1,128 dunums to construct this road.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction of the patrol road along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint continues.
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).
 - The Barrier contractor suspended land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
 - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was suspended in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was suspended around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was suspended during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for new crossing continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man crossing is ongoing.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, El'azar, Allon Shevut and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of new buildings continued in Karmel, Susyia, Kiryat Arba' and Shani settlements.

Gaza Strip:

- **30 April:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 500 meters into Johr Ed-Dik northeast of Al Bureij Camp. The IDF bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation and subsequently withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **1 May:** Ten IDF armoured vehicles and two bulldozers entered approximately 700 meters into Al Faraheen area, carried out a levelling and excavation operation, and conducted search operations. The IDF also uprooted 225 dunums of agricultural land planted with olives, palms, fruits, vegetables, parsley and wheat as well as destroyed a greenhouse and a number of irrigation networks (Khan Younis).
- **3 May:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 600 meters into Johr Ed-Dik north of Al Bureij Camp, carried out a levelling and excavation operations, and then withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **3 May:** Two IDF bulldozers escorted by two tanks entered approximately 800 meters into Gaza north of Rafah and carried out levelling operations under the cover of heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported. The IDF withdrew to Sofa Crossing at 2230 hours (Rafah).
- **4 May:** During the IDF military operation in Khuza'a village east of Khan Yunis, IDF bulldozers carried out a levelling operation and uprooted 106 dunums of agricultural land, destroying four greenhouses, a number of rooms and two bird farms (Khan Younis).
- **5 May:** IDF tanks and bulldozers moved nearly 600 meters into al-Farrahin area in 'Abassan village east of Khan Yunis. They opened fire and levelled areas of land they had already razed. They also levelled three-dunums of agricultural land planted with olives (Khan Younis).

a) Incidents of curfews**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
30 April - 1 May 2008	Kifl Haris, Salfit	10 hours
29 April – 3 May	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	80 hours
Total Week		90 hours

30 April – 1 May: The IDF imposed curfew on Kifl Haris from 2100 on 30 April to 0700 hours on 1 May when Israeli settlers entered the village to celebrate near a shrine of disputed origin (Salfit).

29 April – 3 May: The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun on four consecutive days, lifting the curfew every day between 1300 – 1700 hours— a total of 80 hours whereby each segment is 20 hours long. The IDF accused the villagers of throwing stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling from/to Israeli settlements (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (northeast of Beit Hanun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahiya) continue to maintain a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

b) Access to education

- **30 April, 1 and 3 May:** All schools were closed in 'Azzun village due to the curfew imposed on the village. On 2 May, schools were closed for the weekend (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani—the escort has been provided since 2004 to protect students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement—continue to leave school children half-way through. The children thus have to walk the remaining distance alone, including passing immediately near the outpost of Havat Ma'on. Moreover, while the IDF escort includes soldiers walking beside the children, the soldiers usually stay in the IDF jeep while the students walk in front of the jeep (Hebron).

c) Access to employment

1 May: Palestinians (workers and otherwise) holding valid permits were prevented from accessing Israel and East Jerusalem due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank. Humanitarian cases and employees at international organizations were allowed access.

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

- **30 April—1 May:** The IDF imposed a two-day general closure on the West Bank on 30 April and 1 May due to the Holocaust Memorial Day. West Bank Palestinians with permits were denied access to East Jerusalem and Israel, except for emergency medical cases and employees at international organizations.
- **6 May:** The IDF imposed a three-day general closure on the West Bank that will continue until midnight on 8 April due to the Israeli Independence Day holiday. West Bank Palestinians with permits were denied access into East Jerusalem and Israel, except for emergency medical cases and employees at international organizations.

Nablus Governorate:

2 May: The IDF closed Tappuah checkpoint for 40 minutes while arresting a Palestinian who was allegedly carrying a suspicious object.

Ongoing incidents:

- **29 October 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'in village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **28 March 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF prohibits the free movement of all commercial trucks to the Barta'a enclave surrounded by the Barrier. Forty trucks, registered with

the IDF at the checkpoint with a freight load of under two tonnes are allowed to transport food products. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **15 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Shuweika to Iktaba village with an earth mound.
- **8 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close four roads connecting Bal'a with Road 57, 'Anabta, Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba with earth mounds.
- **12 December 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **4 March to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun village with an earth mound.
- **2 March to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Hajja with Baqat al Hatab.
- **9 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the northern entrance of 'Azzun with concrete blocks and an earth mound. The IDF also continues to close with an earth mound a dirt road connecting 'Azzun with Kafr Laqif, after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 en route to Israeli settlements.
- **13 July 2007 to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City with vehicles.

Salbit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **27 November 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the entrance of Kifl Haris with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July 2007 to date:** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis are permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **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.
- **26 September 2007 to date:** All West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO and Yitav checkpoints. For exiting Jericho city, only Palestinians from the northern West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to use the DCO checkpoint and are forced to use Yitav checkpoint north of Jericho City.
- **26 April 2007 to date:** Movement of Palestinians who are not Jordan Valley residents into areas north of Yitav checkpoint continues to be controlled through four checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley north of Yitav checkpoint but non-Jordan Valley residents no longer require a permit to enter the Jordan Valley using public transportation through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints. All Palestinians have access to Jericho City with their personal vehicles.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **25 March 2008 to date:** The road between Beit Hanina al Balad and Ramot checkpoint is closed. Travel for all Palestinians between the Bir Nabala and Biddu areas is via the new sunken road/tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu. Ramot checkpoint continues to operate only for Jerusalem ID holders and residents of An Nebi Samwil, which is located within the seam zone near Har Smuel settlement, and provides access in the direction of Beit Iksa only.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

5 May: The IDF postponed the planned opening of Al Fahs closure, south of the Industrial Zone in the H2 area of Hebron City, until further notice.

Ongoing incidents:

- **2 April to date:** The IDF continues to reinforce the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to areas inside Israel.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. National UN staff members continue to be denied entry to Israel, even with permits and prior co-ordination. 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 but it was operated since then on a few occasions on an exceptional basis.
- **Karni** crossing: the conveyor belt/chute was open on five days this week to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. Since 12 June, however, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on five days this week; it was closed on 2 and 3 May. After being closed between 28 October and 22 December, Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities. Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing was closed this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, 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.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, 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	Al Lubban Ash Sharqya (2)	2
Jenin	'Arraba (1), Jaba' (1), 'Ajaj (2), Ya'bad (2), Beit Qad (1), Sanur (1), Ash Shuhada' (1)	9
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	Ramin (1), Al Jarushiya (2), Kafr al Labad (1), 'Attil (1)	5
Qalqiliya	Izbat at Tabib (3), Jayyus (1), Ras 'Atiyah (2), Kafr Laqif (2), 'Azzun (6), Habla (1)	15
Salfit	Kafar ad Dik (1), Kifl Haris (1)	2
Ramallah/AI Bireh	Yabrud-Silwad underpass (1)	1
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Entrance to Hizma village (1), Entrance to Mikhmas village (1)	2
Bethlehem	Al Shawawreh (2), Tuqu' (3), Al Nashash (1), Beit Sahur (2), Bethlehem (2), Zatar (2)	12
Hebron	Halhul Overpass (2), Al Fawwar (2), Yatta (3), Beit Kahil (2), the H1 area of Hebron City (5)	14
Total West Bank		62

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

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

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 (6), Balata RC (1), 'Asira al Qibliya (1), Tappuah CP, Asker Refugees Camp (1), Camp No. 1 (1), Beit Imrin (1), 'Aqraba (1), Beita (1), 'Azmot (1), Beit Furik (1)	15	36
Jenin	Jenin RC (2), Qabatyia (2), Jenin City (3), Al Yamun (1), Fahma (2), Ya'bad (1), Zububa (2), Misliya (1), Rummana (1)	15	9
Tubas	Tubas City (1), Al Far'a RC (1), Tammun (1), Tayasir (2)	5	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (5), Tulkarm RC (1), Qaffin (1), 'Anabta (2), Shuweika (1), Beit Lid (2), Zeita(2), Ar Ras CP, Bal'a (1), Saffarin (1), Ramin (1)	17	8
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (4), 'Azzun(5), Jit (2), Habla (1), Ad Dab'a (1), Qalqiliya CP	13	14
Salfit	Bruqin (3), Deir Istiya (2), Kifl Haris (2), Qira (1), Salfit (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	10	0
Ramallah	Ramallah City (3), Shuqba (1), Qibya (1), Bir Nabala (1), Beit Sira (1), Deir Dibwan (1)	8	8
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Shufat RC (1), Qatanna (1)	2	9
Bethlehem	Obaidia (2), Bethlehem (6), Al Khader (2), Beit Fajjar (1), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu' (1), Ad Doha (3), Duheisah RC (1), Al Azza RC (2)	19	24
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (5), Surif (2), Al Fawwar (1), Beit Ummar (2), Yatta (3), H2 area of Hebron City (2), Dura (3), As Samu' (1)	19	15
Total West Bank		123	123
North Gaza	Beit Lahiya (1, 50)—47 were subsequently released; Al Sayafa area (1,31)—28 were released and 3 remained in custody	2	81
Khan Younis	Al Faraheen (1, 21)—all were released at night; Khuza'a (1,2)—former Palestinian National Security officers	2	23
Total Gaza Strip		4	104
Total oPt		127	227

¹ 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
Nablus	Nablus City (1,9)	1	9
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2,3)	2	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1,2)	1	2
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1,1)	1	1
Total Week West Bank		5	15
Gaza Strip*			
North Gaza	Sheikh Radwan quarter (1,4)	1	4
Gaza	Gaza (1, 2+)	1	2+
Central Gaza	Al Bureij Camp (1,5)	1	5
Total Gaza Strip		3	11+
Total oPt		8	26+

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

Appendix: Checkpoints: 30 April – 6 May 2008

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green Line CP)	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.
Kafriat	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 organizations.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	Manned by the IDF. Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
Jubara	A Barrier gate manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Only allows Jubara community behind the Barrier to pass through.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	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 Dab'a, 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.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)	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.
Qalqiliya DCO	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Ras 'atiya	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours.
'Azzun Atma	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0430 to 2200 hours.
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem On Road 5	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours for UN, international organizations, Israelis and allows them to enter Israel via the closed area behind the Barrier.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	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 week, delays and long queues were reported.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	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 week, delays and long queues were reported.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	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.
Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint	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.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Manned by the IDF. Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as 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.
Tappuah <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 week, delays and long queues were reported.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Manned by the IDF. As of 28 April 2008, the IDF manning the checkpoint allows all traffic through. Random checks were reported. Open between 0500 hours and 2300 hours.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	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.
Reikhan/ Barta'a <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.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Manned by the IDF. Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	
Bisan <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.
Tayasir <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.
Maale Efrayim <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.
Hamra <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.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	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.
'Atara Bridge	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, long delays were experienced by commuters on both sides of the checkpoint due to the slow process of checking IDs and vehicles conducted by the Israeli Border Police. On several occasions, Palestinian vehicles and commuters were held for an average time of 30 minutes before being allowed through.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually Open.
At Tayba / Rimmonim <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449</i> Partial CP	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.
Makkabim <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.

Ni'lin	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.
Rantis	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.
Jericho:	
DCO <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. During the reporting period, long delays were reported. On several occasions, access was limited to one direction at a time, resulting in long delays faced by commuters in both directions.
Al Auja (Yitav) <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, long delays and tighter procedures were reported.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008	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 the weekends.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	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.
Hizma <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.
Zayem <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.
Ar Ram <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.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <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.
Ramot Allon <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.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	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 Shu'fat Camp

	are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container (“Wadi nar”) <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.
Az Zaytoun (olive) <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.
Lazarus	Manned by the IDF. Permits 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.
Sheikh Sa’d	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for Jerusalem ID holders who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa’d, which is located to the east of the Barrier. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa’d are allowed into Jerusalem through this checkpoint if they possess an Israeli permit.
As Sawahira ash Sharqiya	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.
Rafat / Al Masyion <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 and detention of Palestinian youth at the checkpoint continued to be reported on a daily basis.
Shu’fat – Ras Khamees	Manned by the Border Police. Open for vehicular and pedestrian movements for Jerusalem ID holders. Palestinians with West bank IDs and possess permits to cross into Jerusalem are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint.
Jaba’ Between Jaba’ Junction and Qalandiya CP	Open. During the reporting period, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported on a daily basis by Palestinians traveling to Ramallah.
Qawasmi <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.
Al Jib <i>A checkpoint and a gate</i>	Manned by Border Police. Allow 24/7 access for residents of Al Khalayleh neighbourhood (about 700 Palestinians caught between the barrier and Giv’at Ze’ev settlement). Palestinians with work permits to work in Giv’at 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.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel’s Tomb) <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. Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule. On 1 May, Palestinians holding valid entry permits (for work and otherwise) were denied access to Israel and East Jerusalem due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank.
An Nu’mān <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu’mān from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu’mān 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.
Ein Yallow / Al Walaja <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.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both

	directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <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.
Settler checkpoint: Mizpe Shalem – Efrata	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <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.
Betar Illit <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.
Mitzpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa, Partial CP <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. Employees for MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) reported experiencing thorough checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarqumiya <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, a private company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overall supervision responsibilities. On 1 May, Palestinians holding valid entry permits (for work and otherwise) were prevented from accessing Israel through the checkpoint due to Holocaust Day. On 6 May, all ICRC-coordinated family visits to prisoners were suspended due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank.
Meitar <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. This week, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work places inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported. On 1 May, Palestinians holding valid entry permits (for work and otherwise) were prevented from accessing Israel through the checkpoint due to Holocaust Day. On 6 May, all ICRC-coordinated family visits to prisoners were suspended due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank.
Shani <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.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. 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. Between 2 and 8 April 2008, the IDF reinforced the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to areas inside Israel.
Prayers Road, H2 <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.
Shohada street, H2 <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.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <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.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <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.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed 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.
Abu Rish, H2 <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.
Ar Ramadin <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.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <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.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was open on six days this week for internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination only. On 2 May it was only open for internationals and it was closed on 3 May. The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June but it was opened on several occasions on an exceptional basis (e.g. pilgrimages; medical cases). On 1 May, four Palestinians who had received medical treatment in Israel returned to Gaza via Rafah. One and five Palestinian patients crossed from Gaza to Egypt on 4 and 5 May, respectively.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green Line CP)	Manned by an Israeli private company. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays. Open between 0730 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0730 to 1300 hours on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <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.

Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP) <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.
Tubas	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system). Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, but 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.
Hebron	
Tarqumiya <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance 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 in place. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported. On 6 April 2008, a private company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overall supervision responsibilities.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on five days this week (30 April, 1, 4, 5 and 6 May) for the transfer of wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. Since 12 June, however, Karni remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on five days this week; it was closed on 2 and 3 May. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed this week. Kerem Shalom has been open since 4 March, when it re-opened following its closure on 23 January.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on four scheduled operating days this week (1, 4, 5 and 6 May). On 4 May, it was closed at 1300 hours due to mortar fire. On 30 April and 2 and 3 May, it was closed. The pipelines are generally scheduled to open six days a week. On 30 April, the Palestinian Petroleum Union relocated their stored fuel supplies from Nahal Oz to their own depots.

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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.