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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

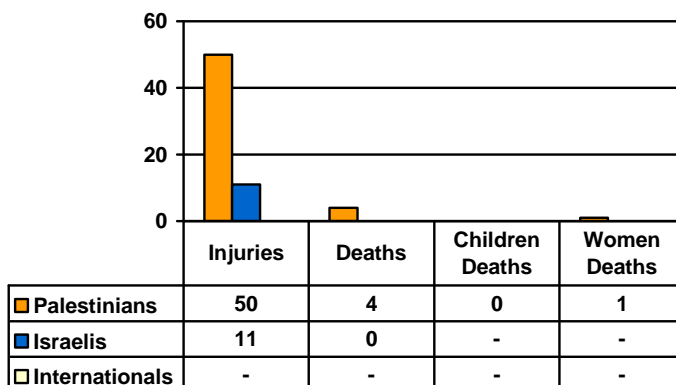
28 May – 3 June 2008

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed four Palestinians, including two unarmed civilians, and injured 21 others. Palestinian militants shot and injured two IDF soldiers in the Gaza Strip and one in Israel.
- The IDF carried out eight excavation and levelling operations, destroying more than 355 dunums of agricultural land.
- On five occasions, the IDF opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore.
- During IDF military operations in Rafah, the IDF demolished four Palestinian houses.
- A group of unknown Palestinian militants opened fire at a group of Hamas militants. Despite heavy gunfire, no injuries were reported.
- Seven Palestinians were injured in a house when an explosive device which was being prepared detonated prematurely.
- A total of 33 rudimentary rockets and 28 mortars were fired at Israel, resulting in the injury of five Israeli civilians in one incident. In addition, Palestinian militants fired 23 mortars at IDF soldiers operating inside the Gaza Strip.

West Bank:

- The IDF injured 29 Palestinians, 17 of them in Ni'lin during demonstrations against the requisition of land for Barrier construction and the resulting isolation of around 2,500 dunams of Palestinian private agricultural land.
- The IDF uprooted 47 olive trees due to Barrier construction in Ni'lin (Ramallah).
- The IDF distributed demolition orders against nine houses and six other structures in the southern West Bank.
- Six Palestinians were physically assaulted by Israeli police and intelligence officers who were attempting to cancel a memorial gathering held at Al Hakawati Theatre to commemorate the death of a former Palestinian political figure, Mr. Faisal Huseini.
- The IDF closed the road between At Tuwani and Yatta with concrete blocks.
- In five different incidents across the West Bank, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles travelling on West Bank roads. No injuries were reported but some vehicles sustained damage.
- Eight Palestinians were injured by Palestinian police forces in Beit Furik. This took place when a group of Palestinians attacked the police station after police forces confiscated 86 unlicensed and stolen vehicles.
- 74 flying checkpoints, 110 IDF search operations, and 79 arrests/detentions of Palestinians were reported this 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:

- **28 May:** Four Palestinians (two militants and two unarmed civilians) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a group of militants on Salah Ed-Din Road in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **28 May:** Two Palestinian militants (both age 30) were killed and three others were injured during an IDF operation in Al Amour area east of Rafah. One was killed when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a group of Hamas militants who were reportedly attempting to launch mortars at the IDF. The other was killed when IDF ground troops fired one tank shell at the same location. According to Israeli media reports one IDF soldier was injured during the operation (Rafah).
- **29 May:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man (unarmed civilian) died of wounds sustained during IAF shelling on Salah Ed-Din Road near Khan Younis on 28 May (Khan Younis).
- **29 May:** A 70-year-old Palestinian woman (unarmed civilian) was killed with live ammunition when IDF tanks opened fire during a military operation east of Khuza'a. The IDF withdrew at 2100 hours (Khan Younis).
- **30 May:** Six Palestinian unarmed demonstrators were injured by live ammunition fired by IDF soldiers towards a group of 3000 people demonstrating at Sufa crossing, demanding the lifting of the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip (Khan Younis).
- **1 June:** Five Palestinian militants were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at them east of Khan Younis during an IDF military operation in the area (Khan Younis).
- **1 June:** According to Israeli media reports, an IDF soldier was injured during an IDF military operation in the southern Gaza Strip (Khan Younis).
- **3 June:** According to Israeli media reports, an IDF soldier was injured near Kissufim crossing when Palestinian militants opened fire at an IDF jeep patrolling the border line east of al Qarara (Khan Younis).
- **3 June:** Islamic Jihad militants fired three rudimentary rockets from east of Rafah towards the western Negev. According to Israeli media reports, five Israelis were injured by a rocket that landed in the western Negev (Israel).
- **3 June:** Two Palestinians (unarmed civilians) were injured when the IDF opened heavy gunfire in response to a mortar attack by Palestinian militants at the IDF Kissufim military base (Khan Younis).
- **3 June:** One Palestinian (unarmed civilian) was injured by IDF gunfire during an IDF ground military operation east of Abassan area, where they conducted a levelling operation. The IDF withdrew to the border at 1800hrs (Khan Younis).

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.
- **28 May:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah, forcing them to return to shore. No damage or injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **30 May:** IDF vessels opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Beit Lahiya, forcing the boats to return to shore. No damage or injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **30 May:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of An Nuseirat, forcing them to return to shore. No damage or injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **30 May:** Palestinian militants detonated a roadside bomb targeting an IDF jeep along the border east of Deir El Balah. No damage or injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **30 May:** IDF soldiers at Sufa military observation post, located northeast of Al Shoka and east of Rafah, opened fire towards homes in the area. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **30 May:** Three IDF tanks and two Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) entered 300 metres into the area northeast of Rafah, near Sufa crossing. The IDF withdrew to the border at 1530 hours (Rafah).
- **30 May:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats, forcing them to return to shore. No damage or injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **31 May:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile at a suspected rocket-launching site located northeast of Beit Hanun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **31 May:** IDF vessels opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of An Nuseirat, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **1 June:** Approximately 100 Palestinians held a sit-in demonstration at the Unknown Soldier Park to protest against the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. At 1300 hours the sit-in tent was removed by the demonstrators (Gaza).

- **2 June:** Six IDF tanks, Armoured Personnel Carriers and bulldozers entered 300 metres into Gaza, south-east of Karni Crossing. The tanks fired three shells targeting an open area. No injuries were reported. IDF tanks withdrew at 0300 hours (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **29 May:** Two Palestinian children (ages 8 and 10 years) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a curfew imposed in Ni'lin to prevent a planned demonstration against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of around 2,500 dunams of Palestinian private agricultural land. In addition, 17 kindergarten children suffered from asphyxia when tear gas fired by the IDF hit a kindergarten. When the IDF entered the village, they smashed car windows and arrested three Palestinians (Ramallah).
- **29 May:** Two Palestinian males (ages 22 and 25 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a demonstration in Ni'lin against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of around 2,500 dunams of Palestinian private agricultural land. (Ramallah).
- **30 May:** Two Palestinian males (ages 17 and 19 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a demonstration in Ni'lin against the Barrier construction and the resulting isolation of agricultural land. Four Palestinians were arrested (Ramallah).
- **30 May:** Three Palestinian males (ages 19, 20 and 35 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during the weekly demonstration in Bil'in against the Barrier construction. (Ramallah).
- **31 May:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Sarra by shrapnel from a sound bomb which IDF soldiers fired, along with gas canisters, at Palestinian stone throwers, while patrolling the village (Nablus).
- **31 May:** Two Palestinian men (ages 27 and 30 years) and two Israeli settlers were injured in Immatin by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF after a group of Israeli settlers from Havat Gilad Outpost attacked Palestinian farmers while the latter were working on their land. The IDF intervened and dispersed the two sides by firing rubber-coated metal bullets (Qalqiliya).
- **01 June:** Five Palestinian males (ages 17, 19, 20, 21 and 30 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets and three others (ages 40, 44 and 45 years) were hospitalized due to severe asphyxia caused by tear gas fired by the IDF in Ni'lin in a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of agricultural land. Five Palestinians were arrested (Ramallah).
- **01 June:** Six Palestinians were physically assaulted by the Israeli police and intelligence officers who were attempting to cancel a memorial gathering held at Al Hakawati Theatre to commemorate the death of a former Palestinian political figure, Mr. Faisal Huseini. The police also arrested four Palestinians, including Faisal Huseini's son (East Jerusalem).
- **02 June:** Palestinians threw stones at IDF soldiers patrolling the area near Qalandiya checkpoint. One IDF soldier was reportedly injured (Jerusalem).
- **03 June:** Three Palestinian men (ages 19, 27 and 35 years) were injured when IDF soldiers physically assaulted them during a demonstration in Ni'lin against the Barrier construction and the resulting isolation of agricultural land. 47 olive trees were uprooted by the IDF (Ramallah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **30 May:** A group of Israeli settlers entered Al Badhan and An Nasariya villages. The IDF evacuated the settlers. No attacks on Palestinians were reported (Nablus).
- **30 May:** Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba, Efrata, Tqoa and Har Homa marched to the old military base east of Beit Sahour, which was vacated by the IDF in 2006.
- **30 May:** Israeli settlers marched towards Al *Jumjoma* Hill in the town of Sair (Hebron) which overlooks Road 60, the town of Sair and the town of Halhul
- **30 May and 1 June:** A group of Israeli settlers escorted by IDF soldiers entered Nablus City to visit Joseph's Tomb located near Balata refugee camp (Nablus).
- **01 June:** A group of Palestinians threw Molotov cocktails at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling near Jibiya village. No damage or injuries were reported (Ramallah).
- **02 June:** the IDF prevented Palestinian traffic from accessing Road 60 via An Nabi Younis, Al Arraub and Beit Ummar junctions due to a motorbike event organized by the Kiryat Arba settlers celebrating "Jerusalem Day."
- **02 June:** A group of Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli settlers' bus travelling near Hizma village. No injuries were reported but the bus sustained some damage (Jerusalem).

- **02 June:** A group of Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli settlers' bus travelling near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village. No damage or injuries were reported (Ramallah).
- **02 June:** A group of Palestinians threw stones at Israelis who had gathered in the Old City of Jerusalem to celebrate what is known as "Jerusalem Day." No damage or injuries were reported. Four Palestinians were arrested (Jerusalem).
- **03 June:** a demonstration was held by settlers protesting the opening of Al Fahs closure, located south of the Industrial Zone in the H2 area of the City of Hebron (Hebron). During the demonstration Palestinian traffic flow was interrupted.
- **03 June:** A group of Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near 'Abud village. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained some damage (Ramallah).

2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **31 May:** Seven Palestinians were injured when an explosion took place at a house in Gaza City. Local reports indicate that a member of the household was preparing an explosive device which exploded prematurely (Gaza).
- **31 May:** A 16-year-old Palestinian girl was shot and injured by a stray bullet as she was walking in Al Maghazi Camp (Central Gaza).
- **31 May:** A Hamas member was injured by a stray bullet at an Al Qassam training base north of Rafah (Rafah).
- **2 June:** Four Palestinians were injured when a tunnel built under the Egypt-Gaza border collapsed opposite Al Salam quarter (Rafah).
- **3 June:** The body of a 45-year-old Palestinian man was retrieved after being trapped in a tunnel that collapsed on 2 June (Rafah).
- **3 June:** A 27-year-old Palestinian female was killed by her brothers in Rafah. Initial reports indicate that the killing was in response to allegedly "immoral" behaviour (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **30 May:** An explosion took place in an open area in Al Qarara Village, located east of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- On 2 June, the de facto Hamas government established a military court to sentence five Palestinians to prison terms on the charges of forming an illegal organization in July 2007 and of plotting against the dismissed government.
- **3 June:** The Palestinian Popular Committee against the Siege on Gaza organised a sit-in demonstration in front of UNRWA Headquarters' to protest against the blockade on Gaza. Approximately 70 people participated in the sit-in and held a press conference (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **1 June:** Eight Palestinians were injured by Palestinian police forces (three by live ammunition, two by shrapnel and three were physically assaulted) in Beit Furik. This took place when a group of Palestinians attacked the police station after police forces confiscated 86 unlicensed and stolen vehicles. In the same incident, three Palestinian policemen were injured by stones thrown by the protesters. An elderly Palestinian woman died of a heart attack after a sound bomb was thrown by PA forces near her shop (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **30 May:** An Islamic Jihad member was beaten with the butt of a rifle when six masked militants attempted to kidnap him in Deir Al Balah City. The motive behind the incident appears to be an ongoing internal dispute within Islamic Jihad (Central Gaza).

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.

- **31 May:** Two Palestinian militants were injured with live ammunition during internal armed clashes in Deir El Balah between two Islamic Jihad groups which split apart. The police intervened and brought the situation under control (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **1 June:** A group of unknown militants opened fire at a group of Hamas militants southeast of Al Maghazi Camp. The Hamas militants responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Central 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
27 & 28 May 2008	Qalqiliya City, Qalqiliya	-	40+	-	200+
28 May 2008	Al 'Arrub RC, Hebron	-	2	-	N/A
28 May 2008	Al Amour, Rafah	4	-	N/A	-
1 June 2008	Bani Suheila, Khan Younis	1	7	-	53
2 June 2008	Qalqiliya City, Qalqiliya	1	-	-	1
Total		6	49+	N/A	254+

- **27 and 28 May:** During the Israeli military operation in Qalqiliya City, the IDF caused damage to the furniture of some 40 Palestinian houses and some walls in the area of the operation (Qalqiliya).
- **28 May:** During an incursion into Al 'Arrub refugee camp, IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers. Some bullets hit and damaged the car windshield and the house of Mohammad Ali Al Shawabkeh (Hebron).
- **28 May:** During the IDF military incursion 200 meters into Al Amour area east of Rafah, IDF bulldozers demolished four Palestinians houses (Rafah).
- **1 June:** An Israeli settler driving on Road 317 near the village of At Tuwani, located south of the town of Yatta, ran through a Palestinian sheep flock, killing three goats and injuring two others (Hebron).
- **1 June:** During the IDF military incursion into Gaza east of Bani Suheila, IDF bulldozers demolished an uninhabited Palestinian house and damaged seven houses, affecting 53 persons (Khan Younis).
- **2 June:** The IDF exploded an agricultural storage room in Qalqiliya City during a search and arrest operation (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **During the reporting period:** The IDF distributed demolition orders against five houses and a water tank in Al Kahder (Bethlehem), 3 houses in Khallet Zakariya (Bethlehem), a container, a tin shack and 3 storage shops in Husan (Bethlehem), and a house in Beit Jala (Bethlehem). A "Stop Work" order was also issued against the levelling and grading of a Palestinian man's land in Beit Ummar (Hebron).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **28 May:** An Improvised Explosive Device was detonated in front of a boutique on Al Naser Street in Gaza City. No injuries were reported but minor structural damage occurred. Local sources claim that the attack was in response to allegedly "immoral behaviour" (Gaza).
- **31 May:** Unknown masked gunmen broke into Al Manara School and detained two guards. After tying the two guards up in a storeroom, the assailants proceeded to steal a mini-bus which was used for transporting schoolchildren. The police arrived and have opened an investigation (Gaza).

- **1 June:** An explosive device planted near a shop in Beach Camp exploded, resulting in minor damage to a shop and the windows of nearby houses. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **21 May 2008 to date:** Israeli settlers from Itamar continue to level land belonging to Palestinians from Beit Furik in order to open a road west of the settlement. Palestinians are unable to reach the site to assess the damage (Nablus).
- **14 April 2008 to date:** IDF bulldozers continue to level land on the northern side of Huwwara checkpoint.

Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, and Qalqiliya Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

03 June: The IDF uprooted 47 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Ni'lin village as part of the construction of the Barrier.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The Barrier between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. On **20 May**, the IDF closed with cement blocks the only route connecting these two neighbourhoods. Concurrently, the IDF opened a military gate through the Barrier at a nearby location; this route used to be main road connecting the two neighbourhoods but had been closed by the IDF since late February 2007. When the Barrier is complete, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be completely separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank.

Bethlehem and Hebron Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Gaza Strip:

- **28 May:** During the IDF military incursion 800 meters into Al Amour area east of Rafah, IDF bulldozers uprooted and destroyed 200 dunums of agricultural land, olive trees and greenhouses as well as demolished four houses (Rafah).
- **29 May:** Two IDF bulldozers accompanied by two tanks entered 100 meters into Gaza east of Khuza'a. The bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation, destroying 30 dunums of agricultural land. The IDF withdrew at 2100 hours (Khan Younis).
- **29 May:** Two IDF bulldozers accompanied by two tanks entered 100 meters into Gaza east of Khuza'a. The bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation in the area near the border. The IDF withdrew at 2100 hours (Khan Younis).
- **30 May:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 300 meters into Gaza southeast of Al Maghazi Camp and conducted a levelling and excavation operation. The IDF withdrew to the border at 1600 hours (Central Gaza).

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

- **1 June:** IDF bulldozers accompanied by two tanks entered 100 meters into Gaza east of Bani Suheila. The bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation, destroying 125 dunums of agricultural land (Khan Younis).
- **2 June:** Six IDF tanks, APCs and bulldozers entered 300 meters into Gaza southeast of Karni Crossing and conducted a levelling and excavation operation. The IDF withdrew at 0300 hours (Gaza).
- **3 June:** Two IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered 100 meters into Abassan area east of Khan Younis. The bulldozers conducted a levelling operation near the border (Khan Younis).
- **3 June:** Two IDF bulldozers accompanied by six tanks entered 100 meters into Al Foukhari area southeast of Khan Younis and conducted a levelling operation. The IDF withdrew at 2030 hours (Khan Younis).

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

a) *Incidents of curfews*

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
29 May 2008	Ni'lin Village, Ramallah	4 hours
30 May 2008	Al 'Arrub refugee camp, Hebron	1.5 hours
Total Week		5.5 hours

- **29 May:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Nil'in village from 0830 to 1230. The IDF smashed windows of cars in the area and fired tear gas at people gathering in the streets to prevent a demonstration planned by the community against the requisitioning and isolation of 2,500 dunums of Ni'lin's agricultural land by the IDF and the resumption of Barrier construction thereon. People were unable to reach their work places and children unable to reach their schools (Ramallah).
- **30 May:** IDF imposed a curfew on Al Arrub refugee camp for 1.5 hours during a search campaign, after Palestinian youth threw stones at Road 60 and Israeli military towers and jeeps in the vicinity of the camp (Hebron).

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.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Ramallah, Jericho and Bethlehem Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

During the reporting period: Delays and long queues were reported at Qalqiliya checkpoint (DCO) placed at the eastern entrance of the city.

28 May - 1 June: IDF soldiers positioned at Qalqiliya checkpoint (DCO) at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City prevented Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering the city on foot due to a security alert.

1 June: The IDF removed the concrete blocks and the earth mound at the northern entrance to 'Azzun.

1 June: The IDF removed the earth mounds on the dirt road connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Hajja with Baqat al Hatab.

Salfit Governorate:

21 May: The IDF installed an earth mound at the northern entrance to Salfit City. This entrance had been closed with a metal gate since the beginning of the second *Intifada* as the road leading to it also leads to Ari'el settlement.

Jerusalem Governorate:

30 & 31 May: The IDF entered the main street leading to Abu Dis University and ordered all the shops in the area to close. The IDF restricted people's movement along the main road in the area as well. The Palestinian DCL raised the matter with their Israeli counterpart especially since this has been repeatedly taking place over the past two weeks (Jerusalem).

Hebron Governorate:

28 May: The IDF closed the road between At Tuwani and Yatta with concrete blocks.

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; however, national UN staff members continue to be denied entry to Israel. 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 since 9 June, 2007, but it has been exceptionally opened on several occasions to allow foreign delegations and medical treatment cases, among others, to cross to Egypt or return to Gaza.
Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute was open on four 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 four days this week; it was closed on 28, 30 and 31 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 2007.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing has been closed since the Palestinian suicide attack against the crossing's military base on 19 April 2008. 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 five scheduled operating days this week.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

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, 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	Bizzariya (1), Huwwara (1), Beita (1), An Nasariya (1)	4
Jenin	'Arraba (1), Ash Shuhada (1)	2
Tubas	Tayasir (4), Tubas (1), Al Far'a village (1)	6
Tulkarm	Zeita (1), Al Jarushiya (1), 'Attil (1), Kafr Sur (2)	5
Qalqiliya	Izbat at Tabib (3), Kafr Laqif (1), Habla (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Jayyus (2), Kafr Tulth (4), Wadi Qana (2), Jinsafut (1), An Nabi Elyas (2)	18
Salfit	Biddya (1), Marda (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (3), Hares (2), Kifl Haris (1), Deir Istiya (2)	10
Ramallah/AI Bireh	-	0
Jericho	Between El Khan El Ahmar and Jericho (1)	1
Jerusalem	Al 'Isawiya (2)	2
Bethlehem	Tuqu' (1), Al Shawawreh (1), Al Nashash (2), Al Obaidiya (1), Za'atara (1), Janata (1), Between Za'atara and Al Shawawreh (1), Bethlehem (1), Beit Sahur (1), Beit Jala (2)	12
Hebron	Wadi Al Quff (1), Halhul overpass (3), Nabi Younis (1), Al Rawwar RC (2), Road between Halhul and Kharas (1), Bani Naeim (1), H1 area of the City of Hebron (4), Adh Dhahiriya (1)	14
Total West Bank		74

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 (7), Balata RC (3), Camp No.1 (3), Salem (1), An Nasariya (1), Beit Furik (1), Sarra (1), Beit Dajan (1), As Sawiya (1)	19	12
Jenin	Jenin City (2), Jenin RC (1), Qabatya (1), Birqin (1), Fahma (1), Kafr Ra'i (1)	7	10
Tubas	Al Far'a (1), Tubas (3), Al Far'a RC (1), Tammon (1)	6	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (3), Zeita (1), Shuweika (2), Nur Shams RC (1), Iktaba (1), Beit Lid (1), Faru'n (1), Deir al Ghusun (1)	11	9
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (5), 'Azzun (3), Jit (2), Habla (3), Ras 'Atiya (2), Jayyus (3), Hajja (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Kafr Qaddum (3), Kafr Laqif (1), Immatin (2), Jinsafut (1)	29	4
Salfit	Yasuf (1), Iskaka (1), Deir Istiya (2), Az Zawiya (1)	5	0
Ramallah	Deir Abu Mash'al (1), Beituniya (1), Ni'in (1)	3	14
Jericho	Flying checkpoint	0	2
Jerusalem	Jerusalem	0	8
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (3), Beit Fajjar (1), Beit Sahur (1), Ad Doha (1), Tuquu' (1), Obeidiya (1), Atras (1), Al Khader (1), Husan (1)	11	5
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (4), Arrub Refugee Camp (3), Yatta (2), Khursa (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Naeim (1), Beit Ummar (1), Ar Rihyya (1), Dura (2), Raga' (1), Taffuh (1)	19	15
Total West Bank		110	79
North Gaza	Beit Hanun (1, 70)—including a photojournalist	1	70
Rafah	Al Amour (1,0)	1	0
Total Gaza Strip		2	70
Total oPt		112	149

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
Jenin	Jenin City (1,1)	1	1
Tubas	Tubas City (1,1), Al Far'a Camp (1,2)	2	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1,2), Deir al Ghusun (1,3)	2	5
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1,1), Beituniya (1,1)	2	2
Total Week West Bank		7	11
Gaza Strip*			
North Gaza	Beit Lahiya (1,3)	1	3
Gaza	Gaza (1,2)	1	2
Total Gaza Strip		2	5
Total oPt		9	16

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

Appendix: Checkpoints: 28 May – 3 June 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 organisations.
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 CP	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City. <i>During the week, delays and long queues were reported.</i>
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 24 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 organisations, and Israelis. It 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. <i>During the week, delays and long queues were reported.</i>
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. <i>During the week, delays and long queues were reported.</i>
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. Open between 0500 to 2300, the IDF manning the checkpoint allows all traffic through during the opening hours. Random checks were reported.
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, some delays were experienced by commuters during rush hour.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually Open.
At Tayba / Rimmonim <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.
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 to Ramallah.
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. <i>During the reporting period, some delays were reported.</i>
Gate opposite Allenby <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.
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 Fridays and Saturdays.
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. <i>Long delays during rush hours continue to be reported on a daily basis at both the vehicular and pedestrian lanes.</i>
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. <i>During the reporting period, long delays were reported during rush hours.</i>
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</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. <i>Delays continue to be reported on a daily</i>

<i>Bank</i>	<i>basis.</i>
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 ash 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 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.
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.
An Nu'man <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.
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.
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, control of the checkpoint reverted to a private company.
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.
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.
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	<p>Erez was open on six days this week for Internationals and Palestinians who obtained special co-ordination. On 28 May, Erez was open in both directions for vehicles and from 0700 to 0830 hours for pedestrians leaving Gaza. On 31 May, the crossing was closed.</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
Rafah Passenger Crossing	<p>Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June, 2007, but it was exceptionally opened on several occasions to allow an American delegation, medical treatment cases, and among other cases, to cross to Egypt or return to Gaza.</p> <p>31 May: Rafah was open to allow an American delegation consisting of 10 individuals working for human rights NGOs and civil society activists to enter Gaza for a few days.</p> <p>1 June: Ten injured Palestinians who had received medical treatment in Egypt returned to Gaza through Rafah Crossing. On the same day, 15 other patients requiring treatment crossed over to Egypt.</p> <p>3 June: Rafah was opened to allow Hamas leader Dr. Mahmoud Al Zahar and two of his companions to return to Gaza.</p> <p>3 June: five Palestinian children left The Gaza Strip through Rafah crossing to receive medical treatment in the United States. According to The Palestine Children's Relief Fund, a Gaza-based US organization, the children are being housed in the US embassy in Cairo while they await visas to fly to the United States. The US hospitals are reported providing the treatment free of charge.</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>
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	Located north of Tubas. Between 9 January 2007 and 31 May 2008,

<i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	the checkpoint was open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, from 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays, and was 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 will operate sporadically. 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, control of the checkpoint has been reverted to a private company.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on four days this week (28 & 29 May and 1 & 2 June) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, Karni remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on four days this week. It was closed on 28, 30 and 31 May for the weekend. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. The crossing has been closed since the Palestinian suicide attack against the crossing's military base on 19 April 2008.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five scheduled operating days this week. On 30 and 31 May, it was closed. Nahal Oz energy pipeline are scheduled to open six days a week.

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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.