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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

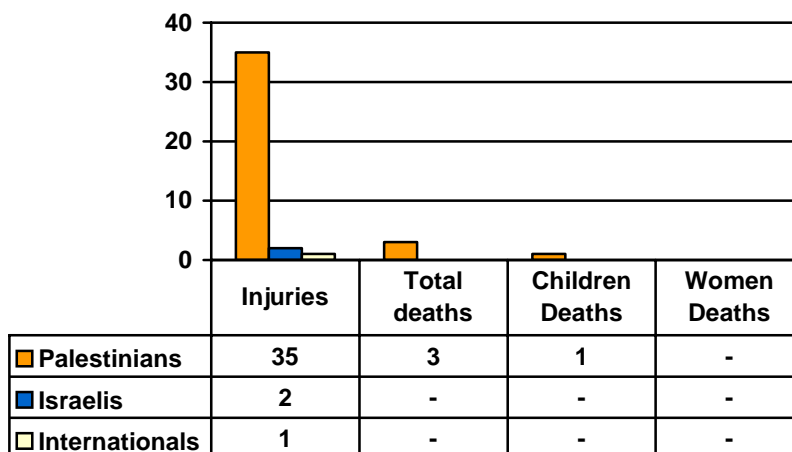
Two Palestinians, including one child, were killed by the IDF and a further 32 injured in the West Bank this week. The relatively high numbers of Palestinian casualties were recorded during IDF operations and clashes with Israel security forces during Palestinian demonstrations to mark 'Land Day'.

Gaza Strip

- A total of 333 displaced Palestinian families (2,168 people) are currently being sheltered in a temporary UNRWA camp in north eastern Gaza following the sewage flooding last week. Local authorities, the UN and NGOs responded rapidly to meet humanitarian needs amid fears of further large scale flooding and outbreaks of communicable diseases. In total three homes were destroyed and a further 116 were damaged by the floods in Um al Nasser village.
- A 22 year-old Palestinian man was killed and two others injured when the IDF fired a missile at a group of alleged militants north-west of Beit Lahia. A Palestinian child was also injured when the IDF fired from an observation post along the border at a group of farmers.
- Nineteen homemade rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip, one of which landed in a Palestinian area. In one incident the IDF responded with heavy machinegun fire towards an open area. The IDF stationed at the borderline east of Karni also discovered and carried out a controlled explosion of two roadside bombs.
- A six-year old Palestinian boy was among many casualties this week as a result of Palestinian internal violence including the reckless use and handling of weapons.

West Bank:

- Beginning on 1 April, a week long general closure was imposed by the IDF on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday of Passover. According to the Israeli DCL, the closure will not affect the more than 8,000 Christians who were issued special permits to access Jerusalem for the Easter festivities.
- Exceptionally high numbers of random or 'flying' checkpoints were reported throughout the West Bank this week. In total 210 flying checkpoints (up from 171 last week) were observed, in particular in Jenin, Qalqiliya, Bethlehem and Hebron governorates.
- IDF soldiers issued individual eviction orders to approximately 70 families in a 110 apartment housing complex in Dahiyet As-Salam, near Shufat camp, Jerusalem. The reason given for the eviction order was that the land reportedly belongs to a Jewish woman who inherited it from her grandfather, although documentation was not provided.
- All PA employees, except the education sector, held a one-day warning strike to protest at the non-payment of their salaries. A strike among health sector employees has been ongoing since 16 February 2007.



1. Physical Protection¹

West Bank:

- **28 March:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was killed in Jenin refugee camp (Jenin) during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian militants in the camp.
- **28 March:** A 40 year-old Palestinian man was injured by a stone near Jit junction (Qalqiliya) when Israeli settlers held a demonstration at the junction and threw stones at Palestinian vehicles passing through the area.
- **28 March:** At 5:50 pm in Qalandiya camp (Jerusalem), Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers. The IDF responded with live rounds and four Palestinians were reported injured.
- **28 March:** Two Palestinian men aged 30 and 35 years from Beit Ummar town (Hebron) were beaten by the private Israeli security guards of Karmi Zur settlement while working their land located in the vicinity of the settlement. Their pruning equipment was also 'confiscated'.
- **28 March:** A 12 year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when a group of teenage Israeli settlers beat him while en route to his home.
- **29 March:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and two others, aged 24 and 26 years, were injured by live ammunition in As Shuhada village (Jenin) during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in the village.
- **29 March:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 14 and 15 years, were assaulted and injured in Urif village (Nablus) by the IDF.
- **29 March:** In connection with annual 'Land Day' celebrations, Palestinians held demonstrations against the Barrier in Ras 'Atiya, Izbat at Tabib and Jayyus villages (Qalqiliya). The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets at demonstrators, some of whom suffered tear gas inhalation (not included in weekly total).
- **30 March:** Clashes at Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem) continue on a regular basis on Friday afternoons following construction work by Israeli authorities near the Mughrabi gate in the Old City of Jerusalem. Palestinians threw stones at IDF soldiers who responded with live rounds and rubber-coated metal bullets, injuring two Palestinians.
- **30 March:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Kafr Dan (Jenin) by shrapnel during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **30 March:** Five Palestinians and one international activist were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets by the IDF and Israeli Border Police during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in and to mark Land Day. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported (not included in weekly total).
- **30 March:** Palestinian residents of Budrus (Ramallah) and some Palestinians from the neighbouring villages gathered at a demonstration in Budrus to mark Land Day and demonstrate against the continuous land confiscations by the Israeli authorities. The Israeli Border Police responded to stone throwing with rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters. Five Palestinians were injured by the rubber bullets.
- **30 March:** Palestinians and international peace activists held demonstrations to mark Land Day and demonstrate against the continuing construction of the Barrier in Salfit town, Rafat and Marda Qira (Salfit) and in Qaffin and Seida (Tulkarm). The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets at demonstrators who suffered gas inhalation (not included in weekly total).
- **31 March:** Three Palestinian men, aged 23(2) and 26 years, were physically assaulted and injured at a flying checkpoint near Al Kufair (Jenin) by the IDF.
- **1 April:** Two Israelis were slightly injured when their vehicle was stoned along bypass Road 443 near Beit 'Ur at Tahta by Palestinians.
- **1 April:** A nine year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured in his legs when two Israeli settlers beat him and pushed him off a small hill. He was given medical attention despite the health strike.
- **2 April:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man, a driver of the Palestinian Medical Relief Committee ambulance, was physically assaulted and injured at a flying checkpoint near Al Kufair village (Jenin) by the IDF.
- **2 April:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Balata camp (Nablus) by live ammunition. An IDF undercover unit exchanged fire with the Palestinian gunmen before he was injured.
- **2 April:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured in Ad Dab'a (Qalqiliya) by the IDF.

Gaza:

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

- **28 March:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was killed and two others injured when the IDF fired a missile in the direction of a group of people situated northwest of Beit Lahia.
- **3 April:** A Palestinian boy was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post east of Gaza City opened fire in the direction of Palestinian farmers nearby.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents²

Gaza Strip:

- **28 March:** Five Palestinians were injured when ESF security force members opened fire at a jeep carrying five Fatah members in Jabalia Camp.
- **28 March:** A Hamas activist, three members of his family (his wife and two children) and a bystander were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in the direction of their vehicle east of Shifa hospital in Gaza City.
- **29 March:** Two Palestinians were injured in an armed family feud between local families in Khan Younis.
- **29 March:** Three Palestinians were injured as a result of celebratory shooting at a wedding party in Deir El Balah.
- **29 March:** A six year-old boy was killed and two children aged two and five years injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded in their house in Khan Younis.
- **30 March:** A 30 year-old man from a local Islamic group was killed and his brother injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in their direction in Gaza City
- **30 March:** A Palestinian man was injured in an accident at a Hamas training base north of Al Nuseirat Camp.
- **30 March:** A Hamas member was injured while he was handling an explosive device in his home in Al-Nuseirat Camp.
- **30 March:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was killed and 13 others injured in an explosion in the ESF military training camp in Khan Younis.
- **30 March:** Three Palestinians were injured in an explosion, thought to be an unexploded anti-tank shell, at the seashore in Rafah.
- **31 March:** An Al Naser Salah Ed-Din Brigades member was injured when a group of unknown armed Palestinians opened fire in his direction in Al-Bureij Camp.
- **31 March:** Four Palestinians were injured by a seven year-old child who was playing with his uncle's weapon in Al Bureij Camp.
- **1 April:** Four persons from two families were injured during dispute between the families in Khan Younis.
- **1 April:** Eight ESF members were injured during a continued family feud between two local families in the Maen area in Khan Younis.
- **1 April:** A Hamas member was injured accidentally during a training session at a Hamas base west of Khan Younis.
- **2 April:** A local family member was injured when the ESF abducted two family members. One of the abductees was shot in both legs and the second was released unharmed in Beit Hanoun
- **3 April:** A Palestinian man was accidentally shot during training at a Hamas base in Beit Lahia.
- **3 April:** A Palestinian man was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire. Local sources state the motive behind the incident is linked to a family dispute in Beit Lahia.
- **3 April:** A PA Ministry of Detainee Affairs worker was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire while he was walking home from work. The motive behind the incident is linked to a family dispute in Gaza City.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **28 March:** Dozens of Palestinians closed the main entrance to Beit Lahia on Salah Ed-Din road to protest the collapse of the wastewater collection pool in the Bedouin Village. The road was reopened peacefully.
- **31 March:** A group of unknown Palestinians detonated an explosive device at the Al Kas internet café in Jabalia Camp. The café was damaged however no injuries were reported.

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

- **2 April:** A dispute among local family members escalated into an exchange of gunfire lasting ten minutes in the Bedouin Village north of Beit Lahia.
- **2 April:** Unknown Palestinians detonated an explosive device inside an internet café owned by Adel Adwan at the Tel Sultan area in Rafah. The café was destroyed. Local reports link the attack to the provision of internet access for 'immoral' purposes.
- **2 April:** 100 journalists staged a sit-in in front of the PA Ministries Complex to protest the abduction of the local BBC journalist Alan Johnston.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
28.3.07	Barta'a/Jenin	4		-	15
27.3.07	Beit Lahia, Um Anaser village/Gaza Strip	3	116	2,168	4,000
Total		7	116	2,168	4,015

- **28 March:** The IDF demolished four barracks belonging to Palestinians from Barta'a village (Jenin) in the closed areas (between the Green Line and the Barrier) for reportedly being built without permits. The four demolished structures included a car wash (affecting the livelihoods of ten persons), a black smith shop (affecting the owner), a shop selling marble (affecting the owner) and an animal shed (affecting the livelihoods of three persons).
- **27 March:** Three houses were completely demolished, three others severely damaged and 113 others partially damaged in Um An Naser Village (Gaza Strip) as a result of the collapse of a wastewater collection pool northeast Beit Lahia.
- **1 April:** At around 5am on Sunday morning, IDF soldiers arrived to the homes of approximately 70 families in Dahiyet As-Salam, near Shufat camp in Jerusalem, with individual eviction orders. The families who received orders are in fact living in a housing complex, Iskan As-Salam, which is made up of a total of 110 apartments. The project currently has the 70 families living there and the others are under construction. The reason given for the eviction order was that the land allegedly belongs to a Jewish woman who inherited the land from her grandfather. The Israeli authorities claimed she has documents to prove the land ownership but reportedly only provided a letter from her private lawyer.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

2 April: Palestinians from Nablus city and the eastern villages held a demonstration at Beit Furik checkpoint against the closures around Nablus and to commemorate Land Day.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: The gate in the Barrier around Bil'in village was closed between 9pm-6am by the IDF. The regular closure contradicts the decision of the Israeli High Court of Justice to allow access for Bil'in residents into their land behind the Barrier on 24 hour basis.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

30 March: The Israeli High Court extended the freezing of work on the Umm Salamona section of the Barrier for an additional 21 days.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land levelling, including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.

Gaza Strip:

28 March: Two IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from the border fence and entered 200 metres into the Palestinian area west of Rafah. The tanks withdrew to the border fence after conducting a levelling and excavating operation.

31 March: Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 200 metres into the Palestinian area east of Deir El Balah to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. The tanks withdrew to the border fence.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Curfew**

No periods of curfew to report this week.

b) Access to education

28 March – 3 April: During the reporting period the IDF and Israeli Police came on time in the morning to escort Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

28 March: Three bullet holes were found in the UNRWA school computer lab in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). Local reports indicate the bullet holes were the result of gunfire in the area that occurred in the early morning hours of the day.

29 March: UNRWA schools in 'Askar camp (Nablus) were closed as the IDF conducted a search and arrest campaign in the camp and pupils were unable to reach the schools.

29 April: IDF soldiers manning Al Shuhada Street checkpoint (Herbon) prevented the headmistress of Qurduaba School from accessing the side gate of the checkpoint. She used an alternative route to get home.

1 April: Schools in the Bedouin Village of Um al Nasser area reopened after being closed due to the wastewater collection pool collapse, affecting hundreds of students.

2 April: IDF soldiers manning Al Shuhada Street checkpoint (Hebron) delayed 15 school teachers working at Qurduba School from accessing the street through the side gate of the checkpoint despite an agreement for them to do so. The soldiers tried to insist that the teachers go through the metal detector cabinet. The stand-off lasted for a period of one hour in the morning and an additional 45 minutes in the afternoon before access was granted.

c) Access to employment

28 March: All PA employees except for the education sector went on strike for one day protesting the non-payment of their monthly salaries. A general strike of health sector employees has been ongoing since 16 February 2007.

1 April to date: Palestinian workers holding valid working permits were prevented from accessing Israel through all checkpoints leading into Israel from the West bank due to the general closure imposed by the IDF.

Ongoing incidents:

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

d) Closures/movement restrictions

1 April to date: The IDF imposed a general closure on the West Bank, and intensified their military procedures at all the checkpoints around the West Bank due to the Passover feast. International organisations and their staff will not be affected from the general closure.

Nablus Governorate:

28 March: The IDF closed Shave Shomron checkpoint and Road 60 up to Silat ad Dhahar to evacuate settlers who had earlier returned to the evacuated settlement of Khomesh.

28 March to date: The IDF closed Shave Shomron checkpoint for ambulances, UN and international organisations

28 March to date: The IDF closed the humanitarian lane at Huwwara checkpoint with a fence.

28 March, 1, 2 and 3 April: Long queues and delays were experienced at Huwwara, Beit Iba, Zaatara and Al Badhan checkpoints surrounding Nablus.

28 March: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for four hours reportedly to check a suspicious object.

29 March: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for one hour.

1 April: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for one hour.

1 April: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint for two hours.

2 and 3 April: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for Palestinians from Jenin governorate aged between 16 and 40 years and prevented them from entering Nablus.

2 April: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint for three hours after they reportedly found an explosive belt inside a vehicle.

Ongoing incidents:

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

28 March, 1, 2 and 3 April: Long queues and delays were reported at 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

1 April: The IDF closed all the agricultural gates in the Barrier for seven hours (from 5 – 12 am) due to the Jewish holiday of Passover.

No incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

28 March, 1, 2 and 3 April: Long queues and delays were reported at Deir Ballut checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

2 April: At around 9am, the Ramallah DCO checkpoint was completely closed as a result of the total closure imposed by the Israeli authorities due to the Passover Jewish holiday. All vehicles authorised to use the checkpoints were waiting on both sides of the checkpoint without any access in/out of Ramallah city. The checkpoint was opened again at around 10.15am and very long delays were experienced.

Bethlehem Governorate:

1-3 April: Palestinian workers holding valid working permits were prevented from accessing Israel through the Gilo and Al Jaba' checkpoints due to the week long general closure imposed by the IDF.

Hebron Governorate:

1-3 April: Palestinian workers holding valid working permits were prevented from accessing Israel through the Meitar and Tarqumiya checkpoints due to the week-long general closure imposed by the IDF.

Jerusalem Governorate:

30 March: Israeli Security Forces were on high alert in and around the Old City of Jerusalem in anticipation of further demonstrations and clashes after the Friday Prayers in Al Aqsa mosque. Access to the Old City of Jerusalem was limited to residents and Israeli ID holders over 50 years.

During the reporting period: Delays at Qalandiya checkpoint continue to be reported on daily basis. Palestinians reported the soldier's improper behaviour including regular verbal assaults against commuters.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: Delays of up to one hour were experienced on daily basis at Tayasir checkpoint during morning and evening rush hours.

Ongoing incidents:

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

workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni was open on five out of six scheduled operating days during the reporting period (scheduled to be closed on Saturdays). On 2 April, Karni was open for shorter hours due to Passover holiday and remained closed on 3 April.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian 'senior' traders throughout the week. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis). Erez was closed to Palestinians on 1 April and on 2 and 3 April was open for shorter opening hours (8am – 5pm for internationals). The crossing continues to be closed for Palestinian workers (since 12 March 2006).
- Rafah crossing was open on 29 and 30 March and closed for the remainder of the reporting period. 971 departures and 712 arrivals were recorded.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five out of the scheduled six opening days (scheduled to be closed on Saturdays). On 2 April the crossing was open shortened hours (from 9am – 1:30 pm) and closed completely on 3 April due to the Passover holiday.
- Sufa crossing was closed all week.
- Kerem Shalom was open on 28 March and 2 April.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (7), Jammai'n (2), Beita (1), Deir Sharaf (1), Odala (1), Einabus (1), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (1)	14
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (4), Sanur (7), 'Arab as Suweitat (2), Kafr Dan (1), Al Mansura (2), Qabatiya (4), Al Kufair (6), 'Anza (1), Jaba'a (1), Silat ad Dhahr (1), Kufairat (1), Birqin (1), Fahma (1), 'Ajja (5), Siris (1), Ti'nnik (1), Zbuba (1)	47
Tubas	Al Fara'a village (3), Áqqaba (2), Tubas (1)	6
Tulkarm	Beit Lid (3), Ramin (3), Balá (2), 'Attil (1), Deir al Ghusun (2), Kafr Sur (3), Shuweika (1)	15
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), An Nabi Elyas (3), Jayyus (1), Kafr Thulth (2), Ázzun tunnel (7), Izbat at Tabib (3), Baqat al Hatab (1), Kafr Laqif (4), Ras 'Atiya (1), Al Funduq (1)	44
Salfit	Haris (1), Deir Istiya (4), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2), Bruqin (4), Marda (1), Az Zawiya (1)	13
Ramallah / Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	Al Auja (1)	1
Jerusalem	Al Ram (7)	7
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (3), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (5), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (4), Husan (4), Beit Fajjar (3)	34
Hebron	Yatta (3), Dura (3), Hebron city – H1(5), Halhul (3), Al Arrub refugee camp (4), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (4)	29
Total West Bank		210

6. Additional Protection Issues

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (7), Balata refugee Camp (5), Askar camp (2), Camp No.1 (4), Beit Furik (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (2), Osarin (1), Deir al Hatab (1) Beit Iba CP, Zaatara CP.	23	14
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin RC (5), Qabatiya (2), Az Zababida (2), Ash Shuhada village (1), Ya'bad (1), Silat al Harityiya (1), Kafr Dan (1)	18	13
Tubas	Tubas (2).	2	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm RC (2), Qaffin (1), 'Anabta (1), Nur Shams RC (1), 'Illar (1), 'Attil (1), Kafr al Labbad (1), Kafriat Tunnel CP.	11	5
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (7), Baqat al Hatab (1), Jit (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), Habla (1), Ras 'Atiya (1)	26	18
Salfit	Deir Istiya (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Yasuf (1), Salfit (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	5	3
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Al Amari (1), Ramallah (4), Al Mazra'a al Qibliya (1), Rantis (1)	7	14
Jericho	-	0	0
Jordan Valley	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	32	13
Hebron	Hebron City (5), Al 'Arrub Camp (4), Dura (4), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (4), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1)	25	13
Total Week West Bank		149	93
Gaza Strip			
Rafah	East of the Al Shouka		3
Total Gaza Strip		-	3
Total oPt		149	96

Appendix: Checkpoints: 28 March – 3 April 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. On 2 April to date: closed due to the Passover feast.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Delays and long queues reported this week.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks. On 2 April to date: closed due to the Passover feast.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. On 2 April to date: closed due to the Passover feast.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 2 April to date: closed due to the Passover feast.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues reported this week. 28 March to date: The IDF closed the humanitarian lane at Huwwara checkpoint with a fence.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Long delays and queues were reported. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Since 10 March, 120 commercial trucks using special permits to use Taybeh back to back CP were diverted to Beit Iba after closing Qusin CP. Delays and long queues reported this week. Since 10 March, 120 commercial trucks using special permits to use Taybeh back to back CP were diverted to Beit Iba after closing Qusin CP. Closed on 28, 29 March, and 1 April. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron (Open) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Opened on 1 March 2007 for UN and humanitarian organisations. Remains closed for Palestinians. Closed since 28 March for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations.

Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Delays and long queues reported this week. Delays and long queues reported this week.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. On 2 and 3 April closed for Palestinians from Jenin Governorate aged between 16 and 40 years. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays. On 2 April to date: closed due to the Passover feast.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the cp is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Opened for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Officially open between 5am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin. Officially open between 3am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays during the morning and evening rush hours are being reported at the pedestrian lane on daily basis.
Bet El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.

Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. Delays were reported during morning rush hour. Problems of access were reported by Americans carrying passports with valid entry visas.
Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check. Palestinians from West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabala through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions allegedly for having no permits.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check.
Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.

Jericho:

DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. (Except for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem, As Sawahira village, Bethlehem and Hebron are also allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint starting from 10 February. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays up to 40 minutes were reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.

Bethlehem :

Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem.	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. On 29 March, the checkpoint was closed off for three hours due to the presence of a suspicious object. In the period between 1-3 April Palestinian workers holding valid working permits were prevented from accessing Israel through the checkpoint. Christians holding permits were allowed entry.
Khallet an Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. UN staff are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm. Security at the checkpoint is now jointly managed by a private security firm and the border police. On 23 February the IDF began manning the Tunnel terminal.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.

Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 29 March the checkpoint was shutdown for half an hour due to the presence of a suspicious object. In the period between 1-3 April Palestinian workers holding valid working permits were prevented from accessing Israel through the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were suspended as of 2 April due to the Jewish holiday of Passover. In the period between 1-3 April Palestinian workers holding valid working permits were prevented from accessing Israel through the checkpoint.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May 2006, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August 2006, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. In the period between 1-3 April Palestinian workers holding valid working permits were prevented from accessing Israel through the checkpoint.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel. A pre-existing tower in front of the checkpoint has been significantly increased in height.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. Next to the checkpoint construction work is taking place for the construction of a new terminal.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahimi Mosque.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahimi Mosque for prayers were reported as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
Abu Rish, H2	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international

Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Usually manned by the Israeli Border Police, however, during the reporting period, the IDF manned the checkpoint. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Harassment of commuters and long search process took place during the reporting period
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	<p>Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March.</p> <p>Since 12 September 2006, a limited number of Palestinian traders again able to enter Israel. The crossing point is only open to 'senior' traders i.e. over 35 years, married, with children.</p> <p>Erez was open all week for internationals, and was closed for all Palestinian except humanitarian case on 2 and 3 April for Jewish Passover holiday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 March: 436 merchants and 31 senior traders crossed. • 29 March: 426 merchants and 32 senior traders crossed • 30 March: 325 merchants and 31 senior trades crossed • 31 March: 67 merchants and 8 senior trades crossed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	<p>Rafah crossing point continues to fail to operate continuously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 and 31 March – 3 April: Rafah terminals was closed. • 29 March: Rafah terminal was open from 11:50–16:30 in both directions (arrivals: 440, departures: 280). • 30 March: Rafah terminal was open from 9:00–17:00 in both directions (arrivals: 531, departures: 432).
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Qusin Checkpoint (NEW)	Open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus. On 10 March to date closed and commercial trucks diverted to Beit Iba checkpoint.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back –to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and

	/or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Sufa was closed all week.
Karni	Karni was open on five out of the six scheduled opening days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays), Karni crossing closed early on 2 April and remained closed on 3 April due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom open on 28 March and 2 April.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz crossing was open on five out of the six scheduled opening days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays), The pipelines closed early on 2 April and remained closed on 3 April due to the Jewish Passover holiday.

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Method and Sources

The information used to compile these Briefing Notes comes from a range of sources with a field presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The accuracy of the reported information is ensured through the corroboration of reports by two additional sources. Typically, the OCHA Field Coordination Unit (FCU) receives an initial incident report from a source, which is verified through visits to the incident site in addition to further corroboration with a third source, such as an NGO. In addition, OCHA FCU collects military orders as documentary evidence and provides information on incidents witnessed in person.

In the interests of timeliness and readability, the sources are not listed for each incident within the texts of the report. Listed below are the sources relied upon each week in compiling this Briefing:

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.