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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

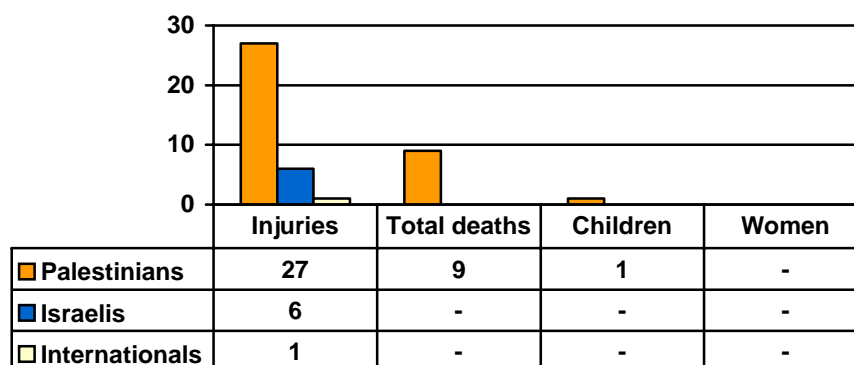
18 April – 24 April 2007

Of note this week**West Bank:**

- Eight Palestinians were killed in the West Bank by the IDF, five on the same day in Jenin. A 17 year-old girl was killed when the IDF surrounded her family's house in Jenin camp to reportedly arrest her brother, a 22 year-old man was shot dead in Kafr Dan village by an IDF sniper and three Palestinian men were killed by an IDF undercover unit that opened fire at their vehicle in Jenin city.
- The approximately 100 Palestinian residents of Al Hadidiyya in the northern Jordan Valley were evicted from the area this week following a November 2006 Israeli High Court decision that found that the community were a threat to the safety of the nearby Roi settlement. The Palestinians have moved their structures and animals to a nearby area.
- The IDF closed all entrances of Palestinian villages near the evacuated Khomesh settlement with flying checkpoints and prevented the movement of Palestinians in the area when Israeli settlers marched to the settlement to mark Israeli Independence Day. Palestinians workers and traders with valid permits were also unable to enter East Jerusalem and Israel between 22 and 24 April (three days) due to a comprehensive closure imposed for the holiday.
- The strike of PA health care workers continues throughout the West Bank for over two months (since 16 February 2007). Continued industrial action amongst PA teachers also was reported this week (approximately 90% of PA teachers in the northern West Bank held a three -day strike, PA teachers in the Ramallah governorate only taught 12th grade classes and 75% of PA teachers in Hebron and Bethlehem held a one day strike).

Gaza Strip

- During the week, a total of 30 homemade (Qassams) rockets, 22 on a single day, and 16 mortar shells were fired towards southern Israel. This compares to three rockets in the previous week. No injuries were reported.
- A Palestinian civilian was killed when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a vehicle in the northern Gaza Strip. While in two separate incidents IDF vessels opened fire in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the Gaza Strip.
- Four Palestinians were killed, including two children, and 28 injured during internal violence (armed family feuds, honour related crimes, limited inter-factional violence and reckless use of weapons and explosives) in the Gaza Strip.
- The BBC's Gaza correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for more than six weeks after being apparently abducted on 12 March 2007. His whereabouts remain unknown and there are serious concerns for his welfare and safety.



1. Physical Protection¹

West Bank:

- **18 April:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 16 and 17 years, were injured in Yasuf (Salfit) by live ammunition during confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **18 April:** Two Palestinian women, both 40 years old, were physically assaulted and injured by Israeli settlers. The women from Jit village (Qalqiliya) were attacked by settlers from Jila'd outpost while they were working their land near the outpost.
- **19 April:** Two Israeli soldiers were injured by live bullets near Beituniya (Ramallah) during an exchange of fire between an IDF patrol and Palestinian gunmen.
- **19 April:** At 6:20 pm at Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem), Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers who responded with rubber-coated metal bullets. One Israeli was reportedly injured in the clashes.
- **20 April:** Nine Palestinian boys were injured in Beit Furik (Nablus) (one 15 year-old by live ammunition and eight others - aged, 12,13/3, 15, 16/2 and 17 years - by rubber coated metal bullets) during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. Several Palestinians also suffered tear gas inhalation (*not included in weekly totals*).
- **20 April:** Nine Palestinians and one international activist were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF and Israeli Border Police during a weekly demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Additional cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported among residents of nearby houses (*not included in weekly totals*). Four reporters were arrested.
- **21 April:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead in Kafr Dan village (Jenin) by the IDF. An IDF sniper opened fire at the man while he was standing on the roof of his house during a search and arrest campaign. Five Palestinians were arrested during the operation.
- **21 April:** Three Palestinian men, aged 22(2) and 24 years, were shot dead in Jenin city when an IDF undercover unit opened fire at their vehicle. Two of the men were from Jenin camp and the third from Sanur village.
- **21 April:** A 17 year-old Palestinian girl was shot in the head and killed in Jenin camp (Jenin) by the IDF. The IDF surrounded the family's house and opened fire during an attempt to arrest the girl's brother.
- **21 April:** A 40 year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus) by the IDF.
- **22 April:** Two Palestinian men, aged 21 and 22 years, were killed in Nablus city (Nablus). The IDF exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen and fired missiles towards a three-storey building which caught fire and significant internal damage was reported.
- **22 April:** A Palestinian man from Deir Abu Mash'al (Ramallah) was shot and killed near his village by an IDF patrol on Road 465. The IDF reports that the Palestinian was attempting to throw a Molotov cocktail at Israeli vehicles travelling along the bypass road.
- **22 April:** At 10:00 pm at Hizma checkpoint (Jerusalem), a Palestinian opened fire at an Israeli vehicle injuring one Israeli and one Palestinian bystander.
- **23 April:** Two Palestinian men, aged 45 and 46 years, from Halhul town (Hebron) were beaten by two Israeli settlement guards from the settlement of Karmi Tzur while trying to access their lands to plough it. The guards fired more than 15 bullets into the air to try to force the Palestinian farmers off the land which is located outside the fence of the settlement.
- **23 April:** A 65 year-old Palestinian man from Beit Ummar town (Hebron) was beaten by Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karmi Tzur (see above for separate incident on the same day) while working his land located in the vicinity of the settlement.
- **24 April:** Two IDF soldiers were lightly injured near Khomesh settlement (Nablus) during an attempt to stop Israeli settlers marching to the evacuated settlement.

Gaza Strip:

- **21 April:** A 37 year-old Palestinian civilian was killed when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket targeting a vehicle carrying suspected militants on Salah Eh-Din road near Jabalia. It is unclear whether the man was one of the people in the car or a civilian bystander.

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

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **19 April:** An anti-tank missile was fired at an IDF patrol passing the border fence north of Beit Hanoun. The IDF responded with heavy shooting for ten minutes although no injuries were reported.
- **19 April:** IDF vessels opened fire for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats situated west of Rafah. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **19 April:** IDF vessels fired machineguns for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats situated west of Nuseirat Camp. No injuries or damages were reported.
- **24 April:** IAF helicopters open fire in an open area east of Rafah town although no injuries reported.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents²**West Bank:**

- **19 April:** A 40 year-old Palestinian intelligence officer was injured in Qalqiliya when masked men opened fire at him. Motive behind the incident is unknown.

Gaza Strip:

- **19 April:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was killed and a bystander injured during an armed dispute among members of a local family in Gaza City.
- **19 April:** A four year-old Palestinian child accidentally shot and injured himself in the abdomen while playing with a gun in Khan Younis.
- **19 April:** A Hamas member was injured when an explosive device he was handling exploded in his home in Rafah.
- **20 April:** A Palestinian man accidentally shot and injured himself while he was playing with his brother's weapon in Deir El Balah.
- **20 April:** A Palestinian teenager was injured when a homemade bomb he was handling exploded in an open area in Nuseirat Camp.
- **21 April:** A Palestinian man was injured during armed clashes between the Hamas-dominated Executive Support Forces (ESF) and local family members. Three other Palestinians were abducted during the clashes before being released unharmed following mediation.
- **21 April:** A Palestinian bystander was injured during was an internal armed dispute between two local families in Nuseirat Camp.
- **21 April:** A Hamas member was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in the direction of an ESF base northwest of Nuseirat Camp.
- **22 April:** A Palestinian tile factory owner was shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Gaza City. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **22 April:** A Palestinian man was shot and injured in the leg by unknown gunmen while he was traveling in Gaza City. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **22 April:** A Palestinian youth accidentally shot and injured himself while he was handling his weapon in Rafah.
- **22 April:** A Hamas member was injured and another abducted, when gunmen from local family broke into the ESF base located east of the Shejayeh neighbourhood of Gaza City. Mediators intervened and the abducted person was released.
- **22 April:** A PA Officer was shot injured when PA police intervened in an armed family dispute between two local families in Gaza City.
- **22 April:** A PA National Security member was injured in Khan Younis when unknown gunmen opened fire in his direction and carjacked the vehicle he was travelling in. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **22 - 23 April:** A 51 year-old Palestinian man was abducted and killed and four others injured (two civilians and two ESF members) when a group of gunmen, reportedly from the PRC, abducted them from Al-Saftawi area west of Jabalia. The ESF intercepted the gunmen and an exchange gunfire occurred. Following the death, members of the victim's family burned tires and blocked the road to Al Saftawi area in protest. On 23 April, the Islamic Army claimed responsibility for the killing and stated that it was a regrettable mistake.

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.

- **23 April:** A five year-old Palestinian child was injured in the head from a stray bullet while she was standing in front of her house in Beit Lahia. She was transferred to Shifa Hospital in critical condition.
- **23 April:** A Palestinian woman was shot injured in both legs by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis. The motive behind the incident is apparently an honour related crime.
- **23 April:** A 12 year-old Palestinian child, a bystander, was killed when the ESF responded with heavy shooting after a hand grenade was thrown in their direction in Al Awda housing project in Beit Lahia. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **23 April:** Two Hamas members were injured in an explosion in a house owned by local family in Beach Camp. Local reports indicate that they were handling explosives.
- **23 April:** A 12 year-old UNRWA student was shot and killed by a stray bullet while his father was handling his gun in Shejayeh neighbourhood of Gaza City.
- **23 April:** An Islamic Jihad member was injured when he accidentally shot himself while he was handling his weapon in Nuseirat.
- **23 April:** A Palestinian pharmacist and his son were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in their vehicle in Deir El Balah. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **23 April:** A Palestinian youth was accidentally shot and injured in a wedding party at Deir El Balah.
- **24 April:** A Palestinian man was injured by shrapnel when he was trying to dismantle an UXO (anti-tank shell) in Jabalia Camp.
- **24 April:** A Palestinian man was injured during armed internal dispute between two local families in Bureij camp.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **18 April:** Unknown Palestinians detonated an explosive device that they had planted under a vehicle belonging to the manager of 'Roots' restaurant in Gaza City. The vehicle was damaged but no injuries were reported. The motive behind the attack is unknown.
- **18-19 April:** Gaza municipality and PA employees conducted a sit-in tent at the Unknown Soldier Park to demand payment of their salaries.
- **21 April:** A hand grenade was thrown at a vehicle belonging to the Palestinian intelligence agency in Gaza City. The hand grenade missed the target and no injuries or damage was reported. The motive behind the incident is unknown.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
19 Apr 07	Qawaees, Hebron	6	-	33 (incl. 19 children)	-
19 Apr 07	Ar Rakeez, Hebron	1	-	-	Unknown
19 Apr 07	Imnaizel, Hebron	1	-	-	Unknown
19 Apr 07	Abu Kubita	1	-	6 (incl. 5 children)	-
20 Apr 07	Beit Furik, Nablus	-	1	-	Unknown
21 Apr 07	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-	Unknown
22 Apr 07	Nablus city, Nablus	-	1 (incl. three housing units)	7 (no. of children unknown)	-
Total		9	3	46	Unknown

- **19 April:** The IDF demolished six housing sheds in the Palestinian community of Qawawies south of the town of Yatta (Hebron). The same sheds were demolished earlier demolished on 14 February 2007 and were rebuilt with the assistance of Israeli and international activists. A total of 33 people including 19 children were displaced. During the same operation, the IDF handed out four demolition orders for three houses and an ICRC tent in the area.
- **19 April:** The IDF demolished a water cistern (with a capacity of 40 – 50 m3) in the hamlet of Ar Rakeez south of the town of Yatta (Hebron). The cistern was used to irrigate 50 almond and olive trees which were uprooted in the same operation.
- **19 April:** The IDF demolished a house near the Palestinian village of Imnaizel, south of the town of Yatta (Hebron). The house had been earlier demolished on 14 February 2007 and was rebuilt with the assistant of international and Israeli activists.

- **19 April:** The IDF demolished a two-room house in Abu Kubita (Hebron). The same building was earlier demolished on 14 February 2007 and was rebuilt with the assistance of Israeli and international activists. Six people were displaced, including five children.
- **20 April:** The IDF damaged the widows and the furniture of a house in Beit Furik (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign.
- **21 April:** Seven masked and heavily armed gunmen stormed the American school west of Beit Lahia (Gaza City). The school was vacant except for two on-duty guards. The gunmen detained the guards and detonated the administration department and cafeteria. The guards were released and no injuries were reported.
- **22 April:** A three-storey building caught ablaze in Nablus city (Nablus) after mortar missiles were fired by the IDF into it. The IDF had surrounded the house to reportedly force wanted persons to surrender. The inside of the building was severely damaged and two families (a total of seven persons) lost their accommodation.

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **19 April:** The IDF handed out 22 demolition orders against houses, fences and water cisterns belonging to Palestinians from the areas of Umm Al Dalia and Jabal Al Sindas located in the vicinity of the settlement of Haggai (Hebron).
- **20 April:** The IDF handed out three demolition orders in Barta'a (Jenin). The orders are for two houses and a building under construction. The building will consist of a kindergarten, a health centre, a club and an office for the village council. These orders were issued due to reportedly being built without permits.
- **21 April:** The IDF handed out six demolition orders against six houses (area is estimated to cover 750 m²) in the village of Umm Salamona (Bethlehem). Three of the houses are inhabited by 25 Palestinians while the remaining three are under construction.
- **22 April:** Approximately 100 Palestinian living in Al Hadidiyya in the northern Jordan Valley (Tubas) were evicted following an Israeli court decision that found that the community were a threat to the safety of the nearby Roi settlement. The Palestinians have moved their structures and animals to a nearby area.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

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).

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

22 April: The IDF handed out an amendment to requisition order T/20/2002 requisitioning a further 164.7 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Deir al Ghusun, 'Attil and Zeita villages.

22 April: The IDF handed out an amendment to requisition order T/57/2003 requisitioning a 3.8 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Nazlat 'Isa village. The IDF also cancelled a previous requisition of approximately 12 dunums in the same area.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

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.
- Construction of 'fabric of life' roads:
 - Construction continues of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba and parallel to bypass Road 465 (primarily for Israeli use and will be part of the Barrier around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements) is taking place and proceeding very quickly. This road is part of the Israeli plan to create alternative roads for Palestinians or "fabric of life roads".
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan. This road is being constructed by the Israelis on Palestinian land as part of their "fabric of life roads" plan.
 - Construction of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443 is continuing. This road is the third of the so-called "fabric of life roads" that are being constructed by the Israeli authorities to alternate roads closed for Palestinians due to the closure/Barrier.

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, or East 1, an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank is ongoing.
- 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:

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 Bethlehem city). Additional sections of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
 - Land levelling continues west of Wadi Rahhal village and in the vicinity of Har Gilo and Efrat settlements for the construction of the Barrier.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both side of the road leading to Beit Jala at the junction with Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khadr village has been accelerated. Land levelling is also taking place along the western side of road 60 leading to the western village of the Governorate.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy 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:

19 April: The IDF uprooted 50 olive and almond trees from the hamlet of Ar Rakeez, south of the town of Yatta (Hebron), see above under Section 2.

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:

No incidents to report.

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

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
19 April	Huwwara village, Nablus	6 hours
22 April	Huwwara village, Nablus	7 hours
23 April	Huwwara village, Nablus	5 hours
Total Week		18 hours

- **19 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for six hours after stoning of Israeli vehicles passing on Road 60 through the village.
- **22 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for seven hours after stoning of Israeli vehicles passing on Road 60 through the village.
- **23 April:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for five hours after stoning of Israeli vehicles passing on Road 60 through the village.

b) Access to education

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.

c) Access to employment

22 to 24 April: The IDF imposed a general closure on the West Bank due to the celebration of the Israeli Independence Day. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were not allowed to enter East Jerusalem and Israel to access their places of work and markets over these three days.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 12 March 2006, Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, 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 2007 to date: The PA health sector in the West Bank remains on strike and governmental hospitals and MoH clinics are closed largely except for emergency cases in hospitals. The health clinics are reportedly open once every two weeks for vaccination and to distribute medicine for chronic diseases.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

18 April to date: Long queues and delays at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints were reported.

24 April: The IDF closed all the entrances of the Palestinian villages near Khomesh settlement with flying checkpoints and prevented movement of Palestinians in the area as Israeli settlers marched back to Khomesh settlement to celebrate the Israeli Independence Day.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 28 March 2007, the IDF closed Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

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:

18 – 24 April: Long queues and delays at 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints were reported.

24 April: The IDF closed 'Anabta checkpoint the whole day and prevented Palestinian access in and out of Tulkarm as Israeli settlers marched back to the evacuated settlement of Khomesh.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

18 April: The IDF erected a roadblock at the entrance to Al Janiya village following a shooting incident at a settler's car the previous week. All Palestinian movements were directed through the villages and then via Road 465 and Atara checkpoint instead of Kafr Ni'ma and Beituniya.

Bethlehem Governorate:

23 April: IDF bulldozers closed the main entrance to the hamlet of Al Qawawies, south of Yatta (Hebron) as well the gap in the Road barrier opposite to the community.

Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: A flying checkpoint deployed 20 metres after the Jericho to Jordan Valley junction on road going south was in operation. No Palestinians with West Bank IDs were allowed to pass unless in possession of Israeli permit to enter Israel. No Palestinian plated vehicles are allowed on the road.

During the reporting period: Long delays up to two hours were experienced at Tayasir checkpoint. The unit of IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint frequently were not operating the checkpoint during the day.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 9 January 2007, Bisan checkpoint 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 (trader 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:

- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases throughout the week:
 - o Open all week for internationals (non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis)
 - o Between 18 and 21 April, the crossing was open for Palestinians merchants, senior traders, humanitarian cases and Palestinians working for international organisations. The crossing was closed for Palestinian movement between 22 and 24 due to Israeli holidays.
 - o The crossing remains closed since 12 March 2006 for Palestinian workers.
- Rafah crossing was open only one day this week (19 April) to allow a total of 790 to entry and 884 people to exit the Gaza Strip.
- Karni was open on five out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing was closed on 21 April due to the Israeli holiday in addition to its scheduled closure on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was closed on four out of five scheduled days (open only on 19 April 2007) due to Israeli security concerns.
- Kerem Shalom was closed all week.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open five out of six scheduled operating days (the crossing was closed on 21 April due to the Israeli holiday in addition to its scheduled closure on Saturdays).
- 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), Huwwara (3), Burqa (1), Madama (1), Talluza (1), junction of Road 60 with 57 to Tulkarm (1)	14
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (4), Sanur (7), Al Kufair (7), Haifa St (3), Al Mansura (1), Kafr Dan (1), Qabatiya (3), Az Zawiya (1), Sir (1), 'Aja (2), Misilya (1)	38
Tubas	Al Fara'a village (1), Tubas (1)	2
Tulkarm	Beit Lid (1), Ramin (1), Balá (6), Deir al Ghusun (2), Kafr Sur (2), Al Jarushiya (1), 'Illar (1), Qaffin (1)	15
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (1), An Nabi Elyas (3), Jayyus (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras 'Atiya (2), Hajja (1), Jinsafut (1)	24
Salfit	Haris (1), Bruqin (1), Yasuf (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	4
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Al Janiya (4), Beitillu (2), Shuqba (2), Deir Abu Mash'al (3)	11
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina (2)	2
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (4), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	18
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1 (3), Halhul (1), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (3), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (3)	21
Total West Bank		149

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 (4), Áskar camp (3), Camp No.1 (1), Beit Furik (1), Osarin (1), Huwwara village (2), Tell (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba Zaatara CP, Al Badhan CP	20	19
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin refugee camp (6), Qabatiya (3), Az Zababida (2), Jalbun (1), 'Arraba (1), Kafr Dan (1), Kafr Ra'l (1), Al Kufair flying CP, Sanur flying CP, Sir flying CP	21	23
Tubas	Tubas (2), 'Aqqaba (2), El Fara camp (1), Al Far'a village (1), Tammun (1)	7	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm RC (2), Shufa (1), 'Attil (1), Bet Lid (1), Kafriat Tunnel CP, 'Anabta CP	8	4
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (2), Jit (2), Hajja (1), Habla (1), Kafr Qaddum (1)	21	9
Salfit	Deir Istiya (1), Salfit (1), Yasuf (3), Kifl Haris(1)	6	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2), Al Bireh (1), Shuqba (1), Deir Abu Mish'al (1) Sinjil (1), Ein Yabrud (1)	7	9
Jericho Jordan Valley	-	-	-
Jerusalem	Qalandia (3)	-	3
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	17	5
Hebron	Hebron City (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (1), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (2)	18	29
Total Week West Bank		125	103
Gaza Strip			
	-	0	0
Total Gaza Strip		-	-
Total oPt		125	103

Appendix: Checkpoints: 18 April – 24 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. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
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. 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. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
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. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
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.
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. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. 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	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians and since 28 March 2007 closed for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations after previously opening earlier in the month for these types of vehicles.
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.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
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. 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. Was 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. However since 17 April, the liaison officer in Jericho reported that a temporary decision was made by the sector commander to stop Palestinians from bringing agricultural products from other West Bank governorates into Israel via 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 were experienced.
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 reported in the pedestrian lane. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
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. Some delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.
Makkabim	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport

On Highway 443	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'ayem 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. Long delays were experienced during morning and evening busy hours.

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 2006, 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 2007. 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. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
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 and since 23 February 2007 manned by the IDF. 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 boarder police.
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. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
Ein Gedi	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.

On Road 90, along Dead Sea.

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. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
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. 22 to 24 April, closed due to Israeli Independence Day.
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 Ibrahim 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 Ibrahim 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 Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were reported as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international 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	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.

Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60

Tarqumiya – Idhna Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
The junction between the two towns on Road 35

Ras Al Joura Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing Erez was partially open for Palestinians merchants, senior traders (over the age of 35 years), internationals, humanitarian cases and Palestinians working for UN organisations this week.

The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March and was also closed for regular Palestinian movement between 22 and 24 April due to Israeli holidays. The following log of movement was recorded on the days when Erez was open for Palestinians:

- **18 April:** 425 merchants and 29 senior traders crossed.
- **19 April:** 411 merchants and 27 senior traders crossed
- **20 April:** 278 merchants and 21 senior traders crossed.
- **21 April:** 76 merchants and 9 senior traders crossed

Rafah Passenger Terminal Rafah crossing opened on only one day this week (19 April) allowing a total of 790 people to enter and 884 to exit the Gaza Strip.

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 (closed)	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. Since 10 March 2007 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/Al 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 open on only day this week (19 April) for the import of aggregates (construction materials) into the Gaza Strip.
Karni	Karni was open on five out of six scheduled operating days (closed on 21 April due to the Israeli holiday in addition to its scheduled closure day on Saturdays).
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed all week.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five out of six scheduled operating days (closed on 21 April due to the Israeli holiday in addition to its scheduled closure day on Saturdays).

End

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.