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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

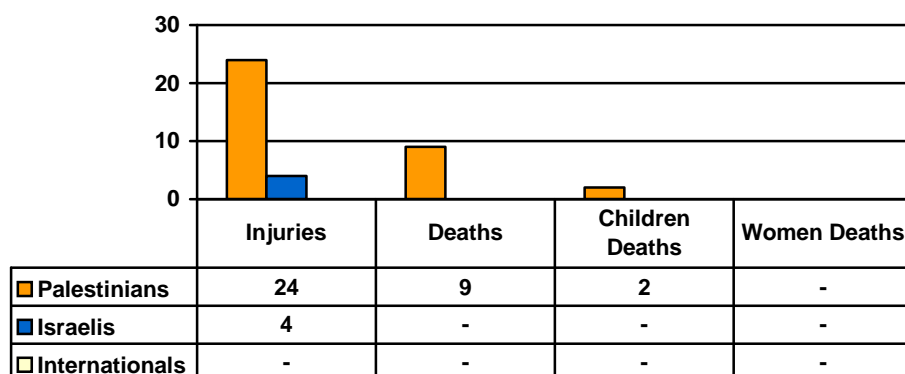
30 May – 5 June 2007

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- Five Palestinians were killed, including two Palestinian children aged 13, and three others injured as a result of IDF military operations in the Gaza Strip.
- IDF soldiers remain present in the northern Gaza Strip (east and north of Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya, including the Siafa area). IAF air strikes have also primarily targeted the northern area, including suspected rocket-launching sites. In addition, IDF reinforcements entered the area north of Beit Lahiya.
- A total of 34 homemade rockets and 16 mortar shells were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel (compared to 86 Qassam rockets and 28 mortar shells the previous week), of which two shells landed in the Palestinian area. Four IDF soldiers were lightly injured by shrapnel from four mortar shells. No damage to Israeli property was reported.
- The BBC's Gaza based correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for 86 days after being abducted on 12 March 2007.
- Notwithstanding some incidents of internal violence between Hamas and Fatah supporters, the ceasefire brokered on 19 May has largely held.

West Bank:

- On 2 June, the IDF damaged 86 houses, 69 shops, one mosque, one church, one soap factory, the electricity grid, the water network and some general infrastructure in Nablus's Old City (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign. The municipality estimated that repair costs would reach up to US \$75,000.
- West Bank PA employees, except for those in the health and education sectors, held a strike on 2 and 3 June in protest against the non-payment of their salaries.
- On 3 June, the IDF prevented three members of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) from observing IDF actions in front of the Ibrahimi Mosque. The IDF ordered TIPH members to leave this part of their Area of Operation and threatened to close down Al Kasaba checkpoint. TIPH is present in Hebron as part of the Hebron Protocol which was signed between the PLO and the Israeli Government in 1996.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹

¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **30 May:** Two Palestinian men (aged 23 and 25) were killed in an IAF air strike on a group of Hamas members who were reportedly attempting to launch rockets towards Israel from Jabalia (North).
- **1 June:** Two Palestinian children, both aged 13, were killed and another 16 year-old student was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Lahiya opened fire in the direction of a group of youngsters (North).
- **1 June:** A 23 year-old Islamic Jihad activist was killed when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at him while he was riding a bicycle in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **2 June:** A 21 year-old Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline east of Gaza City opened fire at a group of people working at the dumping station southeast of Gaza City (Gaza).
- **3 June:** Four IDF soldiers were injured at Erez crossing when mortar shells were fired from north of Beit Hanoun towards the crossing (North).
- **4 June:** A 20 year-old Palestinian fisherman was shot and injured when IDF vessels opened fire in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats at sea situated west of Rafah (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **31 May:** An IAF helicopter fired two rockets at a suspected rocket-launching site near the agricultural school northwest of Beit Hanoun.
- **31 May:** An IAF helicopter opened fire sporadically for 20 minutes at an open area east of Sheikh Zayed City, northeast of Beit Lahiya.
- **31 May:** IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Lahiya fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of Hamas members who were reportedly attempting to launch rockets towards Israel.
- **1 June:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket at a suspected rocket-launching site east of Jabalia.
- **1 June:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket at an open area east of Jabalia.
- **2 June:** An exchange of gunfire erupted for 30 minutes between a group of Palestinian gunmen and IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Hanoun. The Palestinian gunmen fired an RPG and an anti-tank missile at IDF tanks.
- **3 June:** An exchange of fire erupted between IDF soldiers stationed north of Beit Hanoun and Palestinian gunmen.
- **4 June:** An IAF helicopter hovered over and opened fire towards Beit Hanoun in response to the firing of six mortar shells from the area north of Beit Hanoun towards Erez crossing. The Izz Ed-Din Al Qassam Brigades claimed responsibility.
- **5 June:** IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline east of Beit Hanoun fired one tank-shell at an open area northeast of Beit Hanoun.
- **5 June:** IDF gunboats opened fire for 15 minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Rafah.

West Bank:

- **1 June:** Five Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired 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 (Ramallah). Several cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported (not included in weekly totals).
- **1 June:** At 0200 hours, Palestinians threw stones at the IDF during a search operation in Qalandiya Refugee Camp (Jerusalem). The IDF responded with live rounds, injuring two Palestinian men with live ammunition. The two men were later arrested.
- **1 June:** A 54 year-old Palestinian woman from the town of Bani Na'im (Hebron) was injured when IDF soldiers attempted to disperse a Palestinian demonstration near the settlement of Pene Hever. Palestinian farmers were protesting the obstruction of access to their agricultural land by Israeli settlers from Pene Hever.
- **2 June:** The IDF killed a 23 year-old Palestinian man and injured his 18 year-old brother with live ammunition while they were closing their shop in Nablus City (Nablus). This happened during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen while the IDF was carrying out a search campaign. Another 20 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in the same incident.

- **2 June:** The IDF entered Far'un (Tulkarm) and physically assaulted a 17 year-old Palestinian boy after Palestinians from the village threw stones at an IDF patrol passing nearby.
- **2 June:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Camp No.1 (Nablus) when an exchange of fire erupted between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen during a search campaign.
- **3 June:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was killed in Jenin Refugee Camp (Jenin) in an exchange of fire that erupted between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen during a search campaign.
- **3 June:** During an IDF military operation in Qabatiya (Jenin), confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers that resulted in the injury of eight Palestinians, of whom four (aged 14(2), 15 and 22) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and the other four (aged 15(2), 18 and 20) by live ammunition. The IDF also arrested 15 persons and damaged the furniture of two houses.

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **30 May:** Two Palestinian men were injured during an internal armed dispute between two local families in Rafah. The exchange of gunfire lasted ten minutes.
- **1 June:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man was injured by unknown gunmen in Gaza City (Gaza). Local sources link the incident to alleged "immoral behaviour."
- **1 June:** A 54 year-old Palestinian man was killed when unknown gunmen travelling in a vehicle opened fire in his direction in Gaza City (Gaza). A 45 year-old bystander was also injured in the attack. The attack was reportedly in response to an earlier internal dispute.
- **1 June:** Three Palestinian men were injured in a dispute among feuding cousins in Nuseirat Camp (Middle area). The feud escalated into a one-hour exchange of gunfire.
- **1 June:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was injured when a group of unknown men detonated an explosive device in front of an internet café located in Nuseirat Camp. (Middle area) The café was destroyed. It is believed that the attack was due to the café's provision of internet access that can be used for accessing "immoral websites."
- **1 June:** A 16 year-old Palestinian bystander was injured during an internal dispute between two local families in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **2 June:** Two Palestinian intelligence security officers were injured during armed clashes among members of intelligence security forces in Deir El Balah (Middle area).
- **2 June:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was killed during armed clashes between two local families in Jabalia (North).
- **2 June:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was injured when unknown men opened fire in his direction in Tel el Sultan area (Rafah). The shooting is said to be linked to a family dispute.
- **3 June:** A 50 year-old Palestinian school teacher was injured during an armed internal dispute between members of a local family in the Ma'en area (Khan Younis).
- **3 June:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man was killed and another 16 year-old boy injured during an armed family feud between two local families in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **5 June:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Tel el Sultan area (Rafah). The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **5 June:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was abducted, physically assaulted, shot and injured by three masked gunmen in Nuseirat Camp (Middle area). The man was subsequently released. The motive behind the incident is unknown.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **1 June:** Hamas members fired one missile towards a Fatah military training camp west of Khan Younis.
- **1 June:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of a coffee shop in Sheikh Zayed City, northeast of Beit Lahiya (North), destroying the store although no injuries were reported. Local reports indicate that the attack was in response to alleged "immoral behaviour."

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 June:** Unknown gunmen opened fire at a PA Police Officer while he was travelling in his vehicle in Beit Lahiya (North). He escaped unharmed.
- **5 June:** PA National Security Forces discovered and detonated a mortar shell found in an open area east of Al Maghazi Camp.

West Bank:

- **30 May:** Two Palestinian men (aged 18 and 19) were killed when their vehicle exploded in Nablus City (Nablus). A 22 year-old female bystander was injured by shrapnel from the exploded vehicle. Circumstances surrounding the incident are disputed.
- **30 May:** Three Palestinian men were injured in Nablus City (Nablus) when Al-Aqsa Brigade gunmen opened fire at them, allegedly because they are collaborators.
- **1 June:** At night, unknown gunmen opened fire at a Palestinian police station in Ein Munjed neighbourhood (Ramallah), causing some damage to the building. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **3 June:** Seven Palestinians (aged 12, 18, 25, 28, 30, 43 and 57) were injured in Nablus City (Nablus) by shrapnel when Palestinian gunmen opened fire into the air during the funeral of a Palestinian man killed by the IDF on 2 June.
- **3 June:** A Palestinian man opened fire inside the office of the Directorate of Education in Nablus City (Nablus) after the director refused to register the man for the General Examination because he did not have the required documents. No injuries were reported.
- **5 June:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead and a 31 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Shuweika (Tulkarm) when the Palestinian Police opened fire at a vehicle attempting to flee upon being ordered to stop by the Police.

3. [Shelter and Property](#)³

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
31 May 07	Deir al Ghusun, Tulkarm	-	1	-	-
2 June 07	Balata Camp, Nablus	-	1	-	-
2 June 07	Old City, Nablus	-	160+	-	Unknown
Total		-	162 +	-	Unknown

Gaza Strip

No incidents to report.

West Bank

- **31 May:** The IDF damaged the water pipe connected to Deir al Ghusun (Tulkarm) while erecting an earth mound on a dirt road leading to agricultural land.
- **2 June:** The IDF damaged the main electricity transformer in Balata Refugee Camp (Nablus) when they opened fire during a search campaign.
- **2 June:** According to the Nablus municipality low level damage was done to 86 houses, 69 shops, one mosque, one church, one soap factory, the electricity grid, the water network and some general infrastructure in Nablus's Old City (Nablus) during an IDF search and arrest campaign. The municipality estimates total repair costs to reach up to US \$75,000.

Other/ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara (Nablus) and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate.

³ This section only includes incidents related to shelter and property caused by the Israeli authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration etc) and Israeli settlers. Incidents caused by Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence are not included.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting⁴

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- **15 January to date:** The IDF continues to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was requisitioned on 10 July 2005 (Military Order T/106/05).

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- 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, Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
- Construction of 'fabric of life' roads:
 - Construction continues of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba. The road is parallel to bypass Road 465 (now primarily for Israeli use and to form part of the Barrier around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements) and construction is 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 the "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 in the Jerusalem area.

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

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, 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 open everyday, while further construction work was carried out on others parts of the wall in Dahiyet al Bareed.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayem 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 the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.
 - Sections of the Barrier have been erected in the vicinity of Har Gilo settlement.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Extensive land levelling has taken place on both sides 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 villages.
- 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.
- The initial construction of Al Khader underpass is complete. Land levelling is taking place along the road leading to the underpass in order to construct the two-way lanes.

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.
- The crops damaged in Jinba village on 30 April and 1 May by Israeli tanks in training have not recovered and the crops are lost. GPS readings and mapping show that 81% of the affected area (77 dunums) is inside the West Bank and the rest (18 dunums) is over the green line in Israel.

Gaza Strip:

4 June: One IDF bulldozer backed by two armoured personnel carriers moved from the border fence and entered 100 metres into the Palestinian area southeast of Karni industrial Zone to conduct a levelling and excavation operation.

5 June: Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 200 metres into the Palestinian area east of Al Maghazi Camp to conduct a levelling and excavation operation (Middle area). It was also reported that the IDF discovered and detonated a roadside bomb.

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** The IDF continues to be positioned in the northern settlement block. IDF armoured vehicles moved from the border fence into the Palestinian area north of Beit Lahiya. IDF bulldozers commenced a levelling and excavation operation.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Incidents of curfews

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
30 May 07	Huwwara, Nablus	13
31 May 07	Beita, Nablus	7
4 June 07	Beita, Nablus	3
Total Week		23 hours

- **30 May:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for 13 hours after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles passing on Road 60 through the village.
- **31 May and 4 June:** The IDF imposed curfew on Beita village (Nablus) for seven hours on 31 May and for three hours on 4 June. The curfew was imposed after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles passing on Road 60 near the village. On both days, the IDF also closed the central vegetable market and denied the access of traders and commercial trucks to the market.

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas where IDF military operations are underway (north and east of Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahia) have self-imposed a curfew after dark.

b) Access to education

5 June: All the students attending schools in Qabatiya (Jenin) were unable to reach their schools due to a military operation in the town.

5 June: The Directorate of Education in Nablus City (Nablus) closed its doors for a few hours in protest against the opening of fire by a man inside the director's office.

During the reporting period: The IDF and Israeli Police suspended their escort of Palestinian students from and to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid to their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) because the summer recess period began. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from Ma'on settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Students living inside Siafa area, northwest of Beit Lahia, are facing access difficulties due to ongoing IDF presence in the area. A significant number of students have relocated to other villages and residents have self-imposed a curfew in the evening.

c) Access to employment

31 May and 4 June: On 31 May, the IDF imposed curfew and prevented 400 traders and workers from accessing the central vegetable market in Beita village (Nablus) for seven hours. On 4 June, the IDF denied the same number of traders and workers access to the market for three hours.

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 of age, married with a child and with no security file. Criteria to apply for a work permit inside Atarot industrial zone is slightly more relaxed; a person should be above 21 years of age, married with a child and with no security file.

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

30 May to 5 June: Delays and long queues at all checkpoints around Nablus City due to a security alert.

30 and 31 May & 2 and 3 June: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for two to three hours each day due to a security alert.

2 June: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after arresting a Palestinian woman carrying a knife.

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.
- **29 April to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Qaryut village with an earth mound. The road connects the village to its water filling point and to Road 60. Palestinians are now forced to take a long detour to reach the water filling point and the main road.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** 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 require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

31 May: The IDF closed the dirt road connecting Deir al Ghusun with the agricultural land in As Sahel area with earth mounds. The road leads to many greenhouses, thus the closure forces farmers to go on foot to their land and prevents them from using tractors and vehicles to carry the produce. While erecting the earth mounds, the IDF damaged the water pipe serving the town.

Ongoing incidents:

- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with two earth mounds, thereby preventing movement between the two villages. The two earth mounds were placed on the western and eastern sides of the water well serving the two villages and area farmers. The closure effectively forces farmers to carry fuel for the pump by hand.
- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds. The road also leads to 16 dunums of green houses, thus the closure forces farmers to carry the produce by hand until they reach their vehicles that are parked behind the earth mounds near the road leading to Dhinnaba.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 18 May, the IDF closed the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound and installed concrete blocks at the northern

entrance of 'Azzun narrowing the width of the entrance. One vehicle can only pass at any given time.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Despite an Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 requiring the dismantling of the Road Barrier along Road 317, the Road Barrier is still present and no attempts to remove it have been made. Rather, the IDF have closed some of the gaps Palestinian herders used to use to reach their lands.
- The main Palestinian road (parallel to Road 35) connecting Hebron City to the towns of Idhna and Tarqumiya via Beit Kahil village remains closed to Palestinian traffic.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 10 May, the IDF have erected daily a flying checkpoint along the Dead Sea road to prevent all Palestinian vehicular and pedestrian movements into the Dead Sea area. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are not allowed into the area except with permits to work inside settlements.
- Since 26 April 2007, access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley improved. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints – Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav – however, a permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.
- 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

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- 12 March to date: Erez crossing has been partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian traders throughout the week (see appendix for daily log of movement). The crossing remains closed for all Palestinian workers. On 3 June, the crossing was closed at 11:00 due to mortar shelling.
- Rafah crossing was open two days this week (30 May and 1 June). See appendix for daily log of movement.
- Karni was open on all six scheduled operating days (i.e. only closed on Saturday, 2 June, for the weekend). Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
- Sufa crossing was closed all week.

- Kerem Shalom was closed all week.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on all six scheduled operating days (i.e. only closed on Saturday, 2 June, for the weekend).
- 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. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahia due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF. In total, at least 200 dunums planted with different crops are currently inaccessible since IDF soldiers regularly open fire towards the area. There is fear that if access obstruction continues more than 1,000 tones of potatoes, water melons and onions will rot.
- **17 May to date:** The IDF established a temporary military base in which it has stationed at least ten tanks and bulldozers that have been continuously opening fire. As a result, the movement of civilians in the eastern parts of Beit Hanoun has been very difficult.
- **17 May to date:** IDF soldiers have been stationed around Al Siafa area and blocked all the roads leading to and from the area, thereby restricting vehicular and carts movement. The IDF demanded that people stay indoors and informed them that every movement should be coordinated.

Reported IDF flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Huwwara (1), Bizzariya (1), Beita (3)	5
Jenin	Az Zababida (6), 'Arraba (7), Ash Shuhada (1), Sanur (7), Siris (1), Qabatiya (1), Al Kufair (4)	27
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (2), Deir al Ghusun (1), Bala' (1), Ramin (1), Al Jarushiya (2)	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), 'Azzun tunnel (7), Kafr Thulth (1), Ras 'Atiya (1), Jayyus (3), An Nabi Elyas (2)	35
Salfit	Burqin (1), Marda (1), Haris(2), Deir Istiya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2)	7
Ramallah/Al Bireh		0
Jericho	Dead Sea (7)	7
Jerusalem	Za'ayyem (7), Bet Hanina (3)	10
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (3), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2), Ad Doha (2)	19
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (3), Hebron city – H1(4), Halhul (1), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (2)	21
Total West Bank		138

6. [Search/Arrests/Detentions](#)⁵

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Balata RC(2), Beita (3), Beit Iba village (3), Qabalan (1), 'Askar RC (1), Jurish (1), Nablus City(7), Camp No.1 (1), Beit Furik (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, Zaatara CP, Al Badhan CP	20	25
Jenin	Kafr Dan (1), Al Yamun (1), Jenin RC (4), Jenin City (4), Kafr Rai' (2), Birqin (1). Qabatiya (1), Az Zababida (1), flying CP/ Az Zababida	15	20
Tubas	Tubas (2), El Fara' cam (1)	3	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1), Shuweika (1), Far'un (1), Zeita (1). Flying CP/ Al Jarushiya	4	4
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (7), Habla (1), 'Azzun (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Jayyus (1), Ras 'Atiya (1), DCO flying CP	14	5
Salfit	Salfit City (1), Marda (1), Sarta (1), Kafr ad Dik (2), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2)	7	8
Ramallah	Ramallah City (3)	3	9
Jericho	Jericho (1)	1	2
Jerusalem	Qalandiya RC (1)	1	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza RC (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda RC (1), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	21	9
Hebron	Hebron City (3), Al 'Arrub RC (2), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (1), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1)	17	15
Total Week West Bank		106	99
Gaza Strip			
	Al Maghazi Camp (1), Sufa (1)	2	4
Total Gaza Strip		-	-
Total oPt		108	103

⁵ This section only includes search, arrests and detentions conducted by the Israeli authorities. Arrests, detentions etc by Palestinian authorities or during internal Palestinian violence are not included.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 30 May – 5 June 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.
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.
‘Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
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.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
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.
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 were reported this week due to a security alert.
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, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Delays and long queues were reported this week due to a security alert.
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. Delays and long queues were reported this week due to a security alert.
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. Delays and long queues were reported this week due to a security alert.
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. Closed three times for two to three hours, on 30 and 31 May & 2 and 3 June, due to a security alert. Delays and long queues were also reported throughout this week due to a security alert.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 5am to 9pm for Palestinians living in the enclave, UN and international organisations. 34 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 checkpoint is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open 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.	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 3am-10pm. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. However, long delays were reported on a 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 are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 3am-10pm. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. However, long delays were 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 reported in the pedestrian lane.
Bet El/DCO	Since 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, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 17 May a new military company is in charge of the checkpoint with soldiers from the reserve forces.
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 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.
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.
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. Palestinians from the West Bank cities outside of Ramallah, attempting to enter Bir Nabal through this checkpoint have been refused entry on several occasions for reportedly not having permits.
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 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian

	workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira village and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). 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.
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.
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	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and 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 and since 23 February manned by the IDF. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local ID with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11 am and 4 pm.
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.
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 7 pm.
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' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint. Closed on 23 May due to a Jewish holiday.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police and open 24 hours. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. Closed on 22 May due to a Jewish holiday.
Shani	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel

At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317	through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
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. Terminal set up is almost complete as a new monitoring tower was installed and the ring road was completed.
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. 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.
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.
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	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. During the reporting period the IDF manned the checkpoint. All Palestinians with a Ramadeen address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir Located at the junction of the two towns on Road 60 (also called 'Nabi Younis' checkpoint)	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>Erez was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian traders throughout the week (see appendix for daily log of movement). On 3 June, the crossing was closed at 11:00 due to mortar shelling and was later re-opened at an unspecified time.</p> <p>The following log of movement was recorded during the week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30 May: 362 merchants and 19 senior traders crossed. - 31 May: 345 merchants and 17 senior traders crossed. - 1 June: 175 merchants and 3 senior traders crossed. - 2 June: 45 merchants and 2 senior traders crossed. - 3 June: 397 merchants and 28 senior traders crossed.

- **4 June:** 385 merchants and 23 senior traders crossed.

- **5 June:** 391 merchants and 24 senior traders crossed.

The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.

Rafah Passenger Terminal

Rafah crossing was open two days this week:

- **30 May:** Open in both directions between 0900 and 1700 (844 arrived and 1,637 departed)
- **1 June:** Open in both directions between 0900 and 1730 (1,740 arrived and 1,530 departed)

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 6pm, 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, it has been 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	
Karni	Karni was open on all six scheduled operating days (days (i.e. only closed on Saturday, 2 June, for the weekend). Since 17 May, the crossing's operating hours were shortened from 13.5 to 9 so it has in general closed before dusk (around 1800 hours).
Sufa	Sufa crossing was closed all week.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed all week.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on all six scheduled operating days (i.e. only closed on Saturday, 2 June, for the weekend).

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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.