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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Key Issues:

Palestinian Inter-factional Violence:

Gaza Strip:

- During the reporting period, the National Unity Government collapsed and intense inter-factional violence broke out between armed forces controlled by Fatah and Hamas. 104 Palestinians were killed including three UNRWA employees as well as at least four children and two women. Between 10 and 17 June, 796 Palestinians were injured due to factional fighting.¹ These numbers were the highest figures reported from inter-factional violence. There were several incidents that raised concerns of serious violations of international law including extra-judicial executions, gun battles in hospitals and targeting of ambulances.
- Armed Hamas affiliates occupied eight structures in the Gaza Strip: two bases for PA security forces (Central Gaza and Khan Younis); two security compounds (Gaza and Rafah); one intelligence base (Central Gaza); the presidential office (Gaza); one residential tower (Gaza); and the house of Fatah leader Muhammad Dahlan (Khan Younis).

West Bank:

- Two Palestinians were killed and 18 were injured as a result of inter-factional violence.
- There were 67 targets of attacks on property ranging from a kindergarten to ministerial offices. Approximately 58% of properties were reportedly targeted by unidentified individuals, while 39% were reportedly targeted by individuals affiliated with Fatah. The great majority of perpetrators were armed. Almost half of the properties attacked were set on fire.
- PA security forces, sometimes together with members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, arrested 200 Palestinians throughout the West Bank - almost all of whom were reportedly affiliated with Hamas. In addition, there were 21 abductions.
- In the Ramallah governorate, following the arrest campaign, PA employees affiliated with Hamas have been reported absent from work since 16 June.

Palestinian-Israeli Conflict:

Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed one Palestinian and injured 23 others near or at Erez crossing.
- The UN and other humanitarian organisations remain concerned about the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip since the entry of commercial and humanitarian food imports is entirely dependent on the opening of the crossings, especially Karni (see Appendix for information on access at crossings).
- Four homemade rockets (compared to 47 last week) were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel, one of which landed in the Palestinian area. No injuries were reported.
- IDF soldiers remain present in the northern Gaza Strip (east and north of Beit Hanoun, east of Rafah, and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya, including the Siafa area).
- The BBC's Gaza based correspondent, Alan Johnston, has been missing for 100 days after being abducted on 12 March 2007.

West Bank:

- The IDF killed two Palestinians, injured 22, and arrested 57 throughout the West Bank.
- There were 92 flying checkpoints and 101 search campaigns.
- Three uninhabited and unfurnished houses belonging to three brothers were demolished in At Tur allegedly for lack of building permits (Jerusalem).
- Huwarra village (Nablus) was placed under curfew three times (a total of 18 hours) during the reporting period.

¹ Between 10 and 17 June, 160 Palestinians were killed as a result of inter-factional violence in the Gaza Strip. These figures are based on information obtained from UNRWA, MoH, and a Gaza-based human rights organization.

1.1 Physical Protection – Inter-factional Violence Casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **104 Palestinians were killed** including three UNRWA employees as well as at least four children (aged 12, 13, 14 and 15 years) and two women. Based on the incidents OCHA was able to investigate, the majority of deaths took place in the Gaza and Khan Younis governorates and most injuries occurred in the Khan Younis governorate. Amongst those injured were one 12-year-old girl and one 35-year-old UNRWA employee.³

West Bank:

- During the reporting period, **two Palestinians** (aged 19 and 32 years) **were killed** as a result of inter-factional violence in Askar Camp and Nablus City (Nablus). In addition, a total of **18 Palestinians were injured**, including 13 during a factional exchange of fire in Camp #1 (Nablus) and two elderly persons upon being physically assaulted in their home (Ramallah).
- There were 21 abductions distributed as follows: Salfit (8), Jenin (6), Nablus (2), Tubas (2), Tulkarm (2), and Ramallah (1).

1.2 Physical Protection – Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Casualties⁴

Gaza Strip:

- In three separate incidents on 18 and 19 June, a 30-year-old **Palestinian man was killed and 23 others were injured** by the IDF at or near Erez crossing. Amongst those injured was a 22-year-old Palestinian woman. The incident with the highest number of casualties (one death, 20 injuries) occurred after three armed PRC members infiltrated into the crossing, threw two hand grenades, and opened fire at the IDF.
- **16 June:** Hundreds of people went to Khamsa Khamsa to cross into Israel. The IDF surrounded the people and opened fire in the air to control the crowds.
- **16 June:** A mine exploded under an IDF tank passing northwest of Beit Lahia. The IDF responded with heavy shooting (North).

West Bank:

- **Two Palestinians** (aged 29 and 32 years) **were killed** by the IDF, one in an exchange of fire (Qalqiliya) and the other during an IDF search and arrest campaign (Tulkarm). In addition, a total of **22 Palestinians were injured**: two by live ammunition, 14 by rubber-coated metal bullets, and six were physically assaulted. Of those injured, 13 were injured by the IDF and Israeli Border Police during a demonstration against Barrier construction (Ramallah), seven (including one child) due to IDF armed responses to stone throwing (Qalqiliya and Tulkarm), one by Israeli settlers (Hebron), and one (a 13-year-old child) by IDF gunfire while he was in his house backyard (Jenin).

1.3 Physical Protection – Other Casualties⁵

Gaza Strip:

- **One Palestinian was killed** (Rafah) and **two were injured** (North Gaza) during internal family disputes—the person killed died of wounds sustained on 11 June.
- **One Palestinian was killed** (North Gaza) and **eight others were injured** (Rafah) reportedly as a result of the reckless use of weapons.
- **One Palestinian was killed and 11 others were injured** during armed clashes between Hamas affiliates and narcotics dealers (Khan Younis).
- **Five Palestinian children were killed and eight other were injured** when an IDF tank shell was fired—it remains disputed whether the children were killed directly by the shell or died while tampering with a previously-fired unexploded tank shell.

² See Annex I for details of those incidents OCHA field was able to investigate.

³ During the previous reporting period (6-12 June), and in addition to those reported in the previous weekly report, 15 Palestinians were killed and more than 38 were injured during armed factional clashes on 12 June (North Gaza and Khan Younis). For more information, see ANNEX I.

⁴ For a complete list of incidents, see ANNEX II.

⁵ Casualties recorded in this section relate to family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not recorded in the totals in Sections 1 and 2. For a complete list of incidents, see ANNEX III.

West Bank:

- **Two Palestinian men were killed** (Nablus), one when a settler's vehicle ran him over and one while receiving treatment at a hospital for being considered a collaborator.
- **One Palestinian man was shot and injured** by PA security forces after refusing to stop at a PA checkpoint. **Another man** (a guard at the Palestinian Red Crescent Society) **was shot and injured** by unidentified gunmen for reasons that are reportedly unrelated to inter-factional fighting.

2. Shelter and Property**Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:⁶****Gaza Strip:**⁷

- Armed Hamas affiliates **occupied eight structures** in the Gaza Strip: two bases for PA security forces (Central Gaza and Khan Younis); two security compounds (Gaza and Rafah); one intelligence base (Central Gaza); the presidential office (Gaza); one residential tower (Gaza); and the house of Fatah leader Muhammad Dahlan (Khan Younis). From one National Security Forces (hereinafter NSF) base and one security compound, the armed Hamas affiliates confiscated weapons and equipment (Khan Younis and Rafah).
- Armed Hamas affiliates **attacked with RPGs** the Preventive Security Compound in Gaza as well as the house of Maher Al Miqdad, a Fatah and Al Aqsa Brigades leader (Gaza).
- Executive Support Force (hereinafter ESF) members **detonated** the Preventive Security Compound in Rafah.
- On four separate occasions, ESF members **confiscated weapons, vehicles and equipment** from PA security forces, including the Presidential Guards (all governorates, except Gaza). Weapons were also confiscated from several houses that were searched by armed Hamas affiliates in different areas of Rafah.
- One UNRWA school was broken into by armed Hamas affiliates to access to the rooftop and take up shooting positions (Rafah).
- One youth centre was broken into and occupied (Khan Younis).
- ESF members erected barricades around Al Najar hospital to prevent NSF members from reaching it (Rafah).

West Bank:

- There were **67 targets of attacks on property** ranging from a kindergarten to ministerial offices. The highest daily number of incidents took place on 15 June, compared to 14 June for the Gaza Strip. Approximately **70% of targeted property** (47 targets) was in the **northern West Bank**, 19% (13 targets) in the middle area, and 11% (seven targets) in the south. Nablus alone accounted for about 28% of targeted property.
- Some **58%** of targeted property were reportedly targeted **by unidentified individuals** (be they masked or not) while 39% were reportedly targeted by individuals affiliated with Fatah. The great majority of perpetrators were armed. PA security forces were responsible for only two incidents: closing down the Orphan Care Society in Bethlehem City (Bethlehem); and entering the Ministry of Waqf and Religious Affairs in Al Eizariya (Jerusalem) and forcing all staff members affiliated with Hamas to leave.
- Almost half of the targeted property was set ablaze.

⁶ For a complete list of incidents, see ANNEX IV.

⁷ During the previous reporting period (6-12 June), six houses were set ablaze, one PA navy base was occupied, one Jenin Brigades base was fire on, and one Hamas-affiliated TV station was broken into. For the list of incidents, see Annex IV.

Table 1: Targeted Property due to Internal Violence in the West Bank by Attack Type

How?	What? (number of targets per type)	Total
Set on fire	Kindergarten (1), Islamic club (1), private offices (3), school buses (2), houses (3), charitable associations (3), media services office (1), youth club (1), charitable school (1), car (!), PLC offices (1), commercial shops (7), Al Zakat committee office (1), right of return centre (1), cultural centre (1), community centre (1)	29
Opened fire at and damage caused	Village councils (2), municipality (1), hospital (1), medical association (1), school (1), houses (2), charitable society (1)	9
Entered and contents destroyed	Media centres (2), radio station (1), medical society (1), charitable society (1), office of a university student movement (1), commercial shop (1), house (1)	8
Entered and equipment confiscated	TV Station (1), one engineering office (1), Islamic labour union office (1), Teachers' union (1), photo shop (1), cultural centre (1), printing press (1)	7
Forcing Hamas-affiliated individuals to leave their offices	Ministry of Waqf (1), directorate of education (1), ministry of interior (1), Islamic court (1), municipal council (3)	7
Opened fire at	Houses (3)	3
Forcibly entered	youth forum (1), research centre (1)	2
Entered and WFP food commodities taken	Warehouse of ministry of social affairs (1)	1
Closed down	Orphan society	1
Total		67

Actions by the Israeli Authorities Affecting Shelter and Property:**Table 2: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)**

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
19 June 07	At Tur, Jerusalem	3	-	N/A	N/A
Total		3	-	N/A	N/A

- **19 June:** Three uninhabited and unfurnished houses belonging to three brothers were demolished in At Tur allegedly for lack of building permits (Jerusalem).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

Previous Reporting Period

- **12 June:** An IDF patrol occupied a house north of Beit Hanoun and detained the house owners in one room. At 2400 hours, the IDF left the house (North).

Current Reporting Period

- **16 June:** The IDF handed out a demolition order to the owners of a 100-m² animal pen in Wadi Al Hussein in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- **17 June:** 17 June was the scheduled date for the hearing by the Jerusalem Magistrate court on attempts by Israeli settlers to take over the home of Al Faraj family in Silwan in which they have resided since 1958 (Jerusalem)—The house is adjacent to the entrance of the “City of David’s” visitors’ centre. The hearing was postponed until 20 June and family members expect that it may be delayed even further. On each occasion, the Israeli Police intervened to evacuate the settlers but only after violent encounters took place between the family and the armed settlers who attempted to drive the family members out. Since 1958, the Faraj family has been paying “key money,” thereby making them protected tenants under relevant laws.

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. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting⁸

Nablus Governorate:

18 June: Ten dunums of land cultivated with wheat were burnt near Tell village (Nablus). According to the land's owner who is from Tell village, settlers from Qedumim settlement (Qalqiliya) came to the land and started the fire in the bales of hay that were harvested the day before.

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:

14 June: Fire erupted near the Barrier in an olive grove in Far'un village (Tulkarm). Palestinian fire fighters were delayed at the agricultural gate before they were allowed in. Israeli fire fighters later arrived and extinguished the fire together with Palestinian fire fighters.

Ongoing incident:

- Land levelling continues around Avne Hefez 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:
 - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
 - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has been planned but is pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
 - Construction continues on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction is taking place around the two settlements and parallel to bypass Road 564. The Barrier will isolate 3,800 dunums of the village land.
- Construction of three "fabric of life" roads, which is part of an Israeli plan to build alternative roads for Palestinians *in lieu* of the main roads that have become closed due to closure and Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443.

⁸ 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 complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank. This week, the Gate was open on most days and additional construction and infrastructure work was carried out on other parts of the Barrier in Dahiyet al Bareed.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- 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 near the settlement of Efrata for the construction of the Barrier.
 - Sections of the Barrier have been placed 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 currently carried out to construct the underpass 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.

Gaza Strip:

17 June: Four IDF tanks moved from the border fence and entered into the Palestinian area southeast of Karni Industrial Zone to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. On 18 June, the tanks withdrew to the border fence area.

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 area into the Palestinian area north of Beit Lahiya, the former Erez Industrial Zone and north and north east of Beit Hanoun. IDF bulldozers have been carrying out a levelling and excavation operation. (North)

4. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Incidents of curfews****Table 3: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
13 June 07	Huwwara, Nablus	6
14 June 07	Huwwara, Nablus	6
14 May 07	Qalqiliya City, Qalqiliya	10
19 June 07	Huwwara, Nablus	6
Total Week		28 hours

- **13, 14, 19 June:** On each of these days, the IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village for six hours (Nablus).
- **14 June:** The IDF imposed curfew on Qalqiliya City for 10 hours during a military operation in the city (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

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

b) Access to education

- **14 June:** The IDF placed a flying checkpoint near Tuqu' Boys Secondary School in Tuqu' (Bethlehem) while students were taking *Tawjihi* exams. IDF soldiers detained a number of teachers and students during and after the examinations.

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Students living in the Siafa area, northwest of Beit Lahia (North Gaza), 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

- **14 June:** The IDF closed the Qalqiliya North checkpoint for 10 hours during a military operation in Qalqiliya City (Qalqiliya). The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.

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.

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

13 & 14 June: Major delays were reported at Al Badhan checkpoint (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.

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:

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.
- **31 May to date:** The IDF continues to close with an earth mound the dirt road connecting Deir al Ghusun with agricultural land in As Sahel area.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

14 June: The IDF closed the Barrier agricultural gates near Qalqiliya City during a military operation in the city (Qalqiliya).

15–18 June: The IDF closed the main entrance to 'Azzun village (Qalqiliya) with road blocks for three days.

Ongoing incidents:

- **18 May to date:** 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. Only one vehicle can pass at any given time.

Salbit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: Some delays at 'Atara checkpoint were reported during the morning and evening rush hours.

Jerusalem Governorate:

15 June: In anticipation of possible clashes following Friday midday prayers, the Israeli authorities limited entrance into Al Aqsa Mosque compound to Jerusalem ID holders and specifically to men over 45 years and women over 35 years. Israeli Border Police set up road blocks and checkpoints around the Old City.

During the reporting period: Long delays were reported at Gilo checkpoint for people trying to access Jerusalem in the early morning hours.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

- **During the reporting period:** Some delays at Tayasir checkpoint (Tubas) were reported on a daily basis. In several cases, and despite the IDF's decision to allow West Bank ID holders to cross the checkpoint, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint denied access to Palestinians from Tubas and nearby Tammoun.

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, 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.

- **9 January to date:** 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.
- **26 April to date:** 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.
- **10 May to date:** The IDF have erected a daily 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.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Despite an Israeli High Court ruling of 14 December 2006 stipulating the dismantling of the Road Barrier along Road 317, the Road Barrier is still present and no attempts to remove it have been made. Instead, the IDF have closed some of the gaps Palestinian herders had used to use to reach their lands.
- A 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.

Gaza Strip

11–15 June: Checkpoints by armed Palestinian groups were set up along the two main north-south arterial roads, Salah ed Din street and the Coastal road. People have been reluctant to move south of Gaza City to the middle area, Khan Younis and Rafah due to such restrictions; populations have hence become restricted to their localities.

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was closed all week for Palestinian traders and medical cases but open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases, and those with special coordination arrangements.
- Rafah crossing was closed this week except 18 June on which it was partially open for one and a half hours for arrivals. No departures were allowed.
- Karni crossing was closed all week. 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 open for one day this week.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open normally for three scheduled operating days (15, 18 and 19 June) and closed on 13 and 14 June. On 17 June, they were partially open—only for Gaza power plant fuel. On Saturday 16 June, they were closed 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.

Table 4: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Al Badhan (2), Asira ash Shamaliya (3), Bizzariya (1), Salim (2)	8
Jenin	Al Jalama (1), As Sweitat (1), Az Zababida (4), Fahma (1), Jaba'a (1), Qabatyia (2), Sanur (1), Siris (1)	12
Tubas	'Akkaba (1), Al Fara'a (1)	2
Tulkarm	Al Jarushiya (1), 'Attil (1), Far'un (1), Kafr al Labad (1)	4
Qalqiliya	Al Funduq (2), 'Azzun (7), 'Azzun 'Atma (1), 'Azzun Tunnel (7), DCO (7), Habla Tunnel (7), Izbat at Tabib (1), Jinsafut (1), Ras 'Atyia (1)	34
Salfit	Iskaka (2), Deir Istiya (5), Kafr ad Dik (1)	8
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Bethlehem City (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (2), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	10
Hebron	Yatta (1), Dura (1), Hebron City – H1(2), Halhul (1), Al Arrub RC (2), Sa'ir (1), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (2)	14
Total West Bank		92

5. Search/Arrests/Detentions

Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Askar RC (1), Beit Iba CP, Bizzariya (1), Burqa (1), Camp # 1 (1), Huwwara (1), Kafr Qallil (1), Nablus City (5), Qabalan (1)	12	5
Jenin	Al Jalama FCP, Al Yamun (2), 'Araba (1), Ash Shuhada (2), Az Zababida (2), Birqin (3), Jenin City (2), Kafr Dan (4), Kafr Ra'i (2), Qabatyia (1), Silat al Harthiya (1)	20	5
Tubas	'Akkaba (1), Al Far'a RC (1), Al Far'a village (1), Tammun (1)	4	0
Tulkarm	Dhinnaba (1), Iktaba (1), Seida (1), Zeita(1)	5	0
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (1), Kafr Qaddum (1)	16	9
Salfit	Biddya (1), Deir Ballut (1), Dir Istiya (2), Iskaka (1), Kafr ad Dik (3), Marda (2), Yasuf (1)	11	7
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2)	2	5
Jericho	Jericho City (1)	1	1
Jerusalem	Biddu (1)*	1	5
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza RC (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda RC (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1)	15	8
Hebron	Hebron City (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (1), Dura (2), Beit Awwa, Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (1), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (1), Surif (1)	13	12
Total Week West Bank		100	57
Gaza Strip			
	Sufa (1)**	1	0
Total Gaza Strip		1	0
Total oPt		101	57

*Previous reporting period—12 June: At 0130 hours, the IDF conducted a search operation in Biddu village, northwest of Jerusalem, and detained five Palestinians.

**14 June: Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing and entered 700 meters into Palestinian territory south of Sufa crossing. IDF soldiers conducted a house and tunnel search operation under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. At 1430 hours, IDF tanks moved from the area south of Sufa crossing and entered Gaza International Airport east of Rafah (Rafah).

Table 6: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by PA Security Forces

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by PA security forces, (number of searches, number of arrests per location)	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (3, 8)	3	8
Jenin	Jenin City (2, 6), Rummana (1,0), Al Yamun (1,0)	3	5
Tubas	-	0	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1, 1), Anabta (1, 2)	2	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1, 40), ¹ PA checkpoint in Qalqiliya City (0, 1)	1	41
Salfit	Salfit City (1, 2)		
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2, 26), ² Ramallah Governorate- unspecified (1, 87) ³	3	113
Jericho	Jericho City (1, 11)	1	11
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (5, 14), Artas (1, 5)	6	19 ⁴
Hebron	-	0	0
Total Week West Bank		19	200
Gaza Strip			
	Beit Hanoun (1, 5) ⁵	1	5
Total Gaza Strip		1	5
Total oPt		20	205

¹ Of the 40 arrested individuals, 15 were reported released.

² Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades carried out these searches and arrests.

³ PA security forces, in conjunction with Al Aqsa Matyrs Brigades, carried out these searches and arrests.

⁴ The 19 individuals arrested in Bethlehem were all released on 19 June.

⁵ These were arrested by ESF members on 17 June after having approached the border fence east of Beit Hanoun with white flags and been turned back by the IDF.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 13 – 19 June 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 0500 to 0630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0500 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is 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	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter 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 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1200 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
Jit Junction Partial Checkpoint	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem On Road 5.	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 0600 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues were reported this week.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 0500 to 1930 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Delays and long queues were reported this week.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan 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 0530 to 2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages	Only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar Partial Checkpoint	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
'Aqraba Partial Checkpoint	Located on the intersection between 'Aqraba village junction and Road 505.

Al Badhan Partial Checkpoint	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Closed three times for two to three hours. On 13 and 14 June, major delays were reported.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama	Is the main entrance to Israel. Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open between 0500 to 2100 hours 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) <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas:	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. 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 <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. 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, some delays were reported on a daily basis.
Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. 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 <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. 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, some 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 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 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 during the morning and evening rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate Partial Checkpoint	Open.
At Tayba Partial Checkpoint	Open. Some delays reported.
Makkabim	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport

<i>On Highway 443</i>	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 <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal 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 <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	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 <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	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 <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	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 <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	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") <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	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 <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	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' <i>On the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	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'ayem, 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) <i>On Road 90</i>	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 <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	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 Checkpoint <i>North Jericho</i>	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) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	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 <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in 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 <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	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 Partial Checkpoint <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	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 1100 and 1600 hours.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata <i>Southern entrance to settlement</i>	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 0700 to 1900 hours.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; 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.

Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line</i>	Manned by Border Police and open 24 hours. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel</i>	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 <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond 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 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	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 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	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 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	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 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	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 <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325</i>	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 Partial Checkpoint <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' checkpoint)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Partial Checkpoint <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road 60</i>	Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna Partial Checkpoint <i>The junction between the two towns on Road 35</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura Partial Checkpoint <i>Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60</i>	Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was closed all week for Palestinian traders and medical cases but open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases, and those with special coordination arrangements. – 17 June: 300 people were waiting to leave Gaza through Erez.

	The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	<p>Rafah crossing was closed all week except 18 June on which it was partially open for one and a half hours for arrivals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 14 June: 50 Fatah members crossed the border fence into Egypt, apparently in fear of armed Hamas affiliates. – 17 June: 35 NSF members returned to Gaza through Rafah crossing. Those members had escaped to Egypt when factional clashes erupted. – 18 June: Open for arrivals only between 1000 and 1130 hours (250 arrivals crossed into Gaza).
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 0800 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Qusin Checkpoint (closed)	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours 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 <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0700 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours 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 as 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 crossing was closed all week.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was closed all week.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on one day only (19 June) for the crossing of humanitarian aid provided by WFP, WHO and ICRC.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for three scheduled operating days (15, 18 and 19 June) and closed on 13 and 14 June. On 17 June, they were partially open—only for Gaza power plant fuel. On Saturday 16 June, they were closed for the weekend.

ANNEX I: Inter-factional Violence Casualties⁹

Gaza Strip:

Previous Reporting Period

- **12 June:** 13 Palestinians, including three Hamas members and ten members of the PA security forces (aged 22, 23(2), 24, 26, 30(2), 33, 34, 35, 38, and 50(2)), were killed and many others were injured (unknown number) during armed clashes that erupted after armed Hamas affiliates surrounded the PA national security base east of Jabalia Camp on Salah Ed-Din street (North).
- **12 June:** Two NSF members (aged 21 and 22) were killed and 38 were injured during armed factional clashes on Salah Ed-Din road, around the Security Apparatus Compound west of Bani Suhaila, and west of the College of Science and Technology in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).

Current Reporting Period

- **13 June:** Six Palestinian men (aged 22(3), 23, 24 and 25) were killed and others were injured (unknown number) on 13 June midnight when armed factional clashes expanded to Beach Camp and west of Shifa hospital (Gaza).
- **13 June:** Six Palestinian men (aged 22(4), 24 and 27) were killed and several people were injured (unknown number) when armed Hamas affiliates surrounded the home of prominent Fatah and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades leader Maher Miqdad in Gaza City and targeted it with RPGs and heavy shooting (Gaza).
- **13 June:** A 40-year-old UNRWA truck driver was killed when he was caught in the crossfire (whilst driving the truck) between armed individuals from a local family and ESF members east of Beach Camp (Gaza).
- **13 June:** A 25-year-old UNRWA JCP social worker at Beach Camp's relief office died of wounds sustained during armed factional clashes on 12 June (Gaza).
- **13 June:** A 35-year-old UNRWA JCP sanitation labourer was injured by shrapnel while he was sweeping the streets in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **13 June:** Three Palestinians—an UNRWA employee, an NSF member and a child (aged 15, 34 and 45)—were killed during armed clashes between NSF members and armed Hamas affiliates west of Bani Suhaila junction (Khan Younis).
- **13 June:** Two Jenin Brigades members—affiliated with Fatah—(aged 20 and 29) were killed and nine others were injured during a factional exchange of gunfire at the entrance of Nuseirat and Bureij camps on Salah Ed-Din road (Central Gaza).
- **13 June:** Three NSF members were injured when armed Hamas affiliates fired an RPG at an NSF jeep on Salah Ed-Din road in Rafah (Rafah).
- **13 June:** A 24-year-old PA Police officer died of wounds sustained during armed factional clashes on 12 June in Jabalia (North Gaza).
- **13 June:** Six Palestinians (aged 20, 25, 28, 35 and 50(2)) were killed when ESF members occupied Al-Bakri tower south of Beach Camp after local family members who were inside the building surrendered themselves. Those killed were from both sides (Gaza).
- **13 June:** A 23-year-old bystander was injured when armed individuals affiliated with Fatah opened fire at an ESF checkpoint in Nuseirat Camp. ESF members responded with heavy shooting (Central Gaza).
- **13 June:** Nine Palestinian men (aged 18, 22(2), 26, 27(2), 29, 30 and 34) and one 25-year-old woman were killed and 35 others were injured during armed factional clashes around the Security Apparatus Compound, in Sheikh Naser area in Khan Younis, and on Al Bahar Street. Armed Hamas affiliates exploded the Preventive Security Compound through a tunnel which they had dug before the beginning of the recent factional clashes (Khan Younis).
- **13 June:** A 22-year-old Fatah member was killed and 22 were injured, including seven Hamas members, when armed factional clashes erupted in Al Shaboura area, in Al Brazil area, and around the Security Compound in Rafah (Rafah).
- **13 June:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed during armed factional clashes before ESF members broke into the PA intelligence base west of Jabalia (North Gaza).
- **14 June:** A 22-year-old NSF member died of wounds sustained during armed factional clashes on 12 June in Jabalia (North Gaza).

⁹ These incidents are solely based on OCHA field reports and do not account for the totals reported on page 1; the violent circumstances during the reporting period reduced OCHA field access.

- **14 June:** A 12-year-old Palestinian girl was injured in her leg during sporadic armed clashes between armed Hamas affiliates and NSF members in Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).
- **14 June:** Three Palestinians (two men aged 27 and 30 and one 22-year-old woman) were killed and 24 others were injured during armed clashes between ESF members and armed Fatah affiliates in Shurrah area, Barbakh area, Zu'rob area, and Al Najjar area south of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **14 June:** Two Palestinians (aged 13 and 33) were killed and nine others were injured during a factional exchange of gunfire in Bani Suhaila area in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **14 June:** Two Palestinians were injured during armed factional clashes after ESF members surrounded the home of a PA Preventive Security member in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **14 June:** Six Palestinian men were injured when armed Hamas affiliates attacked the PA Security compound in Rafah. At 1510 hours, the armed Hamas affiliates occupied the PA compound, where they confiscated equipment and weapons (Rafah).
- **14 June:** A 26-year-old Fatah member was shot and killed by ESF members in Beit Lahia (North Gaza).
- **14 June:** A 23-year-old Hamas member was killed when armed Fatah affiliates opened fire at an ESF checkpoint in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **14 June:** A 30-year-old Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades leader Samih Al Madhoun was detained by ESF members on the coastal road west of Nuseirat camp. He was later killed in front of the corpse of one ESF member who was killed 30 minutes earlier (Central Gaza).
- **14 June:** A 27-year-old Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades member was killed by ESF members in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **15 June:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man was killed and two others were injured when armed Fatah affiliates opened fire at a demonstration in support of Hamas in Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **15 June:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during armed factional clashes on 14 June in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **15 June:** The corpses of two Palestinians (aged 22 and 24) arrived at Al Aqsa hospital in Deir El Balah—they had been killed during armed factional clashes (Central Gaza).
- **15 June:** A 25-year-old Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades member was shot and killed by ESF members in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **15 June:** A 27-year-old PA security forces member was shot and killed by armed Hamas affiliates in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **15 June:** A 40-year-old Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades member died of wounds sustained during armed factional clashes on 14 June in Rafah (Rafah).
- **15 June:** Two Palestinian men were injured in an exchange of gunfire when an Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades member refused to hand over his weapon to armed Hamas affiliates while they were searching houses for weapons in Tel Sultan area (Rafah).
- **16 June:** Two Palestinians (aged 14 and 22) died from injuries sustained during armed factional clashes on 14 June in Rafah (Rafah).
- **16 June:** A 24-year-old PA security forces member was killed and two others were injured during an exchange of fire between ESF members and armed Fatah affiliates who refused to hand over their weapons (Khan Younis).
- **18 June:** An 18-year-old Hamas member died of wounds sustained during armed factional clashes on 15 June in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **18 June:** A 40-year-old Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades member was shot and killed by armed Hamas affiliates in Gizan Al Najjar area in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).

Gaza Strip—Other protection incidents (not involving casualties):

- **13 June:** 1000 people demonstrated on Salah Ed-Din road in Bureij Camp against factional violence and the increase in lawlessness. At 1300 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **13 June:** Egyptians agreed for 50 people from PRC members to support the NSF in taking positions between the international buffer zone and the concrete wall to prevent Palestinians from fleeing to the Egyptian side.
- **14 June:** Armed factional clashes continued in Gaza City around the Saraya Security Complex, on Al Wehda junction, on Thalatin Street, in Tel Al Hawwa, and in Ansar area, among others (Gaza).
- **14 June:** Heavy shooting continued throughout Gaza City, Rimal area, Al Abbas area, east of Al Saraya complex and around the Al Azhar University (Gaza).

- **15 June:** A demonstration in support of Hamas took place where around 50,000 Hamas supporters participated. The demonstration started from Palestine Square and proceeded to the Unknown Soldier's Park. The demonstration ended peacefully.
- **15 June:** A demonstration in support of Hamas took place where around 20,000 Hamas supporters participated in Jabalia Camp. The demonstration ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- **16 June:** 1000 Hamas members demonstrated in Nuseirat Camp to support the families of those killed in factional clashes. The demonstration ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **17 June:** The Izz Ed-Din Al Qassam Brigades held an open court in Beit Lahia for four Fatah members who had allegedly killed Hamas members. Hamas and the families of the killed persons forgave and released the four Fatah members (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **13 June:** 13 Palestinians were injured in Camp # 1 (Nablus) during an exchange of fire between Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and armed individuals affiliated with Hamas.
- **13 June:** Unknown gunmen shot and injured the head of the Islamic Labour Union when he was on his way to the mosque to perform dawn prayers in Kafr Ni'ma (Ramallah).
- **14 June:** One elderly man and woman were injured upon being physically assaulted by members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades who broke into their house in Ramallah City and arrested their son for his Hamas affiliations. The son was held at the PA headquarters in Ramallah City (Ramallah). Damage to the house was also reported.
- **15 June:** At 00:00 hours, a 32 year-old Hamas member was abducted and killed near 'Askar Camp (Nablus) by members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades.
- **15 June:** Two Palestinian men were injured in Qalqiliya City during unarmed clashes between Palestinians affiliated with Hamas and those affiliated with Fatah (Qalqiliya).
- **16 June:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead in Nablus City (Nablus) during a factional exchange of fire. Local reports indicate that he was not identified as either a Hamas or Fatah affiliate.

Other protection incidents (not involving casualties):

- **13 June:** Unidentified gunmen abducted one man affiliated with Hamas from Balata Camp (Nablus).
- **14 June:** One Palestinian man from Salim (Nablus) was abducted by unidentified gunmen in Nablus City (Nablus). The man's political affiliations are unknown.
- **14 June:** At night, armed individuals affiliated with Fatah abducted one man affiliated with Hamas in Tulkarm City (Tulkarm).
- **14 June:** In the early morning hours, unknown gunmen abducted a member of the Ramallah municipality (the Reform and Change list) while he was leaving his residence. At the same time, a fire was set to his private law office.
- **14 June:** At night, PA security forces were deployed at major junctions in Tulkarm City and searched vehicles (Tulkarm).
- **14 and 15 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades gathered at Al Manara square and patrolled the streets of Ramallah and Al Bireh cities to express support for the President and newly-formed emergency government. Shooting in the air was heard all over the city.
- **15 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Fatah abducted one man affiliated with Hamas in Nur Shams Camp (Tulkarm).
- **15 June:** Unidentified gunmen opened fire at a PA security patrol in Qalqiliya City (Qalqiliya). No injuries were reported.
- **15 June:** PA security forces set up checkpoints in Jenin City (Jenin).
- **15 June:** Unidentified gunmen abducted a man affiliated with Hamas from Birqin village (Jenin).
- **15 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Fatah abducted five men affiliated with Hamas from each of Al Fandaqumiya, Qabatya, Rummana, Sanur and Siris villages (Jenin). It is unconfirmed whether those abducted were subsequently arrested at the PA headquarters in Jenin City (Jenin).
- **15 June:** A number of organisations affiliated with Hamas in Hebron City removed files, computers and other materials from their headquarters in fear of retaliations by Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades (Hebron).
- **15 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Fatah abducted six men affiliated with Hamas in Salfit City (Salfit).
- **15 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Fatah abducted two men affiliated with Hamas in Biddya village (Salfit).

- **16 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Fatah abducted two men affiliated with Hamas in Tammun village (Tubas).
- **16 June:** PA security forces set up checkpoints in Jenin City and searched vehicles (Jenin).
- **16 June:** PA security forces surrounded Al-Quds University campus in Abu Dis and entered the campus to search for lecturers affiliated with Hamas (Jerusalem).
- **16 June:** Al Quds Open University in Hebron Governorate shut down its three branches (in Hebron City, Dura and Yatta) until further notice in order to prevent the occurrence of any possible clashes between Hamas and Fatah affiliates (Hebron).
- **19 June:** PA security forces, including the Presidential Guards, were spread out in Ramallah City as a precautionary measure against expected attacks by Hamas affiliates in the city (Ramallah).

ANNEX II: Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **18 June:** Two Palestinians were injured by IDF gunfire at Erez crossing when a group of Palestinians attempted to forcibly cross into Israel through Erez crossing (North Gaza).
- **18 June:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was killed and 20 others were injured by IDF soldiers at Erez crossing, after three armed PRC members infiltrated into the crossing, threw two hand grenades, and opened fire at the IDF (North Gaza).
- **19 June:** A 22 year-old Palestinian woman was injured by IDF gunfire when IDF tanks moved from the border fence and surrounded the corridor passage connecting Khamsa Khamsa (the former Palestinian DCL) to Erez crossing under the cover of heavy shooting (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **16 June:** Hundreds of people went to Khamsa Khamsa to cross into Israel. The IDF surrounded the people and opened fire in the air to control the crowds.
- **16 June:** A mine exploded under an IDF tank passing northwest of Beit Lahia. The IDF responded with heavy shooting (North).

West Bank:

- **14 June:** The IDF entered Qalqiliya City (Qalqilya), announced curfew and surrounded one neighbourhood. A 29 year-old Palestinian man was killed during an exchange of fire between IDF soldiers and armed Palestinians. Subsequently, confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers, leading to the injury of six Palestinians: one 25 year-old by live ammunition; and five (aged 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22) by rubber-coated metal bullets.
- **14 June:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man was killed by IDF fire during a search and arrest operation in Seida village (Tulkarm). Subsequently, clashes took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers, during which a 14 year-old child was injured with rubber coated metal bullets.
- **15 June:** The IDF entered Kafr Dan village (Jenin) in the early morning hours. A 13 year-old child, who was in the backyard of his house, was injured by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire during the military operation.
- **15 June:** Eight 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). In addition, 5 Palestinian men were physically assaulted by the Israeli Border Police. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported.
- **16 June:** One 32-year-old Palestinian man from the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron) was injured when a group of settlers physically assaulted him near his house in Wadi Al Hussein.

ANNEX III: Other Casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **13 June:** Two Palestinians (aged 21 and 22) were injured during an armed family feud among members of a local family in Jabalia (North Gaza).
- **13 June:** Four persons were injured in an explosion inside a house in Al Junaina area in Rafah. Local reports indicate that one of the family members was preparing an explosive device (Rafah).
- **14 June:** Five Palestinian children (aged 12, 13, 14(2), 15) were killed and eight others were injured concurrently with the firing of an IDF tank shell by IDF tanks stationed at Gaza International Airport east of Rafah towards a house in Al Shouka area (Rafah). There are conflicting reports as to whether the children were killed directly by the fired tank shell or died while tampering with a previously-fired unexploded tank shell.
- **14 June:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man was killed while he was handling an explosive device in Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **15 June:** Four Palestinians were injured in an explosion inside a house in Tel el Sultan area in Rafah. Local reports indicate that one of the family members was preparing an explosive device (Rafah).
- **16 June:** A 34-year-old Palestinian was killed and eleven others were injured during armed clashes between Hamas affiliates and narcotics dealers from a local family (Khan Younis).
- **16 June:** A 21-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during an internal family dispute which took place on 11 June in Rafah (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **15 June:** A 46-year-old Palestinian man was killed when a settler's vehicle ran him over on Road 60 near Beita village (Nablus).
- **17 June:** Unidentified gunmen shot and severely injured a guard on duty at the offices of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in Nablus City (Nablus). Reportedly, the incident was unrelated to inter-factional fighting.
- **17 June:** One Palestinian man was shot dead in Nablus City while he was being treated at Rafidia Hospital (Nablus). He was reportedly considered a collaborator; hence the incident was unrelated to inter-factional fighting.
- **18 June:** One Palestinian man was injured in Qalqiliya City after refusing to stop at a PA security forces checkpoint. The man was transported to hospital and was arrested after receiving treatment (Qalqiliya).

ANNEX IV: Inter-factional Violence Affecting Shelter and Property

Gaza Strip:

Previous Reporting Period

- **12 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Hamas set ablaze the house of ex-Cabinet minister Nabil Sha'at and detained one of his house guards in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **12 June:** ESF members set fire to the house of Fatah leader Samih Al Madhoun in Beit Lahiya project and damaging its contents (North).
- **12 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Fatah set fire to four houses belonging to Hamas affiliates in Tel Al Hawa area in Gaza City as well as the Ministry of Agriculture located east of Abu Mazen Square (Gaza).
- **12 June:** Armed Hamas affiliates occupied the Navy Military Forces base west of Jabalia. No injuries were reported.
- **12 June:** Hamas gunmen opened fire towards the Fatah-affiliated Jenin Brigades base located on Salah Ed-Din road in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **12 June:** NSF members forcibly entered Al Aqsa broadcasting TV station on Naser street but members of Al Qassam Brigades stopped them and the NSF members escaped from the area. It was reported that three jeeps belonging to the NSF were set on fire in the same area. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

Current Reporting Period

- **13 June:** Armed clashes occurred between Hamas affiliates and PA Preventive Security Forces (hereinafter PSF) in Tal Al Hawwa area in Gaza City. It was reported that several RPGs were fired towards the PA Preventive Security Headquarters. The clashes continued heavily all day and night. Hamas continued surrounding the PSF headquarters from the south and southwest (Gaza).
- **13 June:** ESF members attacked an NSF base opposite of Zourob area, occupied it, and confiscated two weapons (Khan Younis).
- **13 June:** Two ESF jeeps broke into Khamsa Khamsa (the former Palestinian DCL) near Erez crossing where ESF members confiscated two jeeps belonging to Palestinian security forces (North Gaza).
- **13 June:** Armed Hamas affiliates occupied the PA PSF base on Salah Ed-Din road in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **13 June:** Six Palestinian men (aged 22(4), 24 and 27) were killed and several people were injured (unknown number) when armed Hamas affiliates surrounded the home of prominent Fatah and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades leader Maher Miqdad in Gaza City and targeted it with RPGs and heavy shooting (Gaza).
- **13 June:** Nine Palestinian men (aged 18, 22(2), 26, 27(2), 29, 30 and 34) and one 25-year-old woman were killed and 35 others were injured during armed factional clashes around the Security Apparatus Compound, in Sheikh Naser area in Khan Younis, and on Al Bahar Street. Armed Hamas affiliates exploded the Preventive Security Compound through a tunnel which they had dug before the beginning of the recent factional clashes (Khan Younis).
- **13 June:** ESF members erected barricades around al Najjar Hospital and prevented all NSF members from reaching the hospital (Rafah).
- **14 June:** Armed Hamas affiliates started to search some houses in different areas of Rafah and confiscated weapons from Fatah members (Rafah).
- **14 June:** Armed Hamas affiliates broke into an UNRWA school in Rafah in order to access the rooftop and take up shooting positions.
- **14 June:** Armed Hamas affiliates occupied El Maqusi towers west of Sheikh Radwan area in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **14 June:** ESF members occupied Al Saraya complex in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **14 June:** ESF members occupied the Presidential Office (Al Montada) in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **14 June:** Armed Hamas affiliates broke into and occupied the PA intelligence base in Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **14 June:** ESF members controlled all the military bases that belong to the PA security apparatus and armed Fatah-affiliated groups in Central Gaza.
- **14 June:** Armed Hamas affiliates occupied Dahlan's family home, which is located in Al Amal housing project (Khan Younis).
- **14 June:** Six Palestinian men were injured when armed Hamas affiliates attacked the PA Security compound in Rafah. At 1510 hours, the armed Hamas affiliates occupied the PA compound, where they confiscated equipment and weapons (Rafah).

- **14 June:** ESF members detonated the Preventive Security Compound in Rafah. Subsequently, a crowd of people started to loot the furniture and equipment from of the building.
- **15 June:** ESF members confiscated weapons and PA vehicles from members of PA security forces in Al Amal quarter (Block A & B) in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **15 June:** ESF members expelled the Presidential Guards from Rafah crossing after confiscating their weapons and equipment. Rafah crossing is under ESF control (Rafah).
- **16 June:** ESF members broke into and occupied Khan Younis Youth Activities Centre (Khan Younis).
- **17 June:** ESF members confiscated weapons and PA vehicles from members of PA security forces in Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **13 June:** Around noon time, unidentified gunmen opened fire towards a medical association and Noor Al Huda school in Ramallah City and caused damage to the two buildings (Ramallah).
- **14 June:** Unidentified gunmen set fire to Al Eiman kindergarten and the Islamic Club in Jenin City (Jenin).
- **14 June:** Unidentified gunmen opened fire towards the house of a Hamas affiliate in 'Azzun village and set fire to his office (Qalqiliya).
- **14 June:** Unidentified gunmen entered two media centres in Nablus City and destroyed the furniture (Nablus).
- **14 June:** At night, unidentified gunmen opened fire towards a house belonging to a Hamas-affiliated man in Dhinaba village (Tulkarm). No injuries or damage were reported.
- **14 June:** At night, unidentified gunmen opened fire towards the building housing Iktaba village council. Minor damage was reported (Tulkarm).
- **14 June:** At night, unidentified gunmen opened fire towards Al Azakat Hospital in Tulkarm City. Some damage was reported (Tulkarm).
- **14 June:** At night, unidentified individuals set fire to two school busses belonging to Al Isra' School (part of Al Zakat Foundation) in Tulkarm City (Tulkarm).
- **14 June:** In the early morning hours, unidentified gunmen abducted a member of the Ramallah municipality (the Reform and Change list) while he was leaving his residence. At the same time, a fire was set to his private law office (Ramallah).
- **14 June:** One elderly man and woman were injured upon being physically assaulted by members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades who broke into their house in Ramallah City and arrested their son for his Hamas affiliations. The son was held at the PA headquarters in Ramallah City (Ramallah). Damage to the house was also reported.
- **14 June:** Masked gunmen shot at and/or set fire to one house, 2 charitable associations, one private media-services office, one youth club and a charitable school for those with special needs in Ramallah City. All these places are affiliated with Hamas (Ramallah).
- **14 June:** The car of Bethlehem's Mufti was set ablaze at night by a group of masked men in Ad Duheisha Camp (Bethlehem).
- **14–15 June:** Overnight, members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades entered the offices of PLC members from the Reform and Change list in Tulkarm City and set fire to them (Tulkarm).
- **15 June:** Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades publicly announced that they entered Sana TV station in Nablus City (Nablus), confiscated its equipment, damaged its contents, and closed it down.
- **15 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades entered the "Right of Return" centre in Nablus City and set it on fire (Nablus).
- **15 June:** Unidentified individuals set fire to a community centre affiliated with Hamas in Huwwara village, but both local Fatah and Hamas affiliates extinguished the fire together (Nablus).
- **15 June:** Unidentified gunmen entered and damaged the Islamic School in Nablus City (Nablus).
- **15 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades set fire to one commercial shop and one cultural centre in Nablus City. In addition, they entered one engineering office where they confiscated computers and one commercial shop where they damaged its contents (Nablus).
- **15 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades forcibly entered the offices of one youth forum and one research centre in Nablus City (Nablus).
- **15 June:** Unidentified gunmen opened fire at the house of one member of the Nablus municipal council (the Reform and Change list) in Nablus City (Nablus). No injuries or damage were reported.

- **15 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades entered the municipalities of Nablus City, Qabalan and Beita (Nablus), announcing that the municipal councils were dissolved. In Nablus City, the two Fatah council members were put in charge of the municipality (one was appointed Mayor) and the thirteen remaining council members (the Reform and Change list) were demanded not to report back to work.
- **15 June:** Individuals affiliated with Fatah set fire to the office of Al 'Afaf Charity Society as well as to two private shops in Tulkarm City (Tulkarm).
- **15 June:** Unidentified gunmen opened fire towards two private shops in Tulkarm City. Some damage was reported (Tulkarm).
- **15 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Fatah forcibly entered the Islamic Club in Qalqiliya City and caused minor damage; the club was mostly unfurnished because it had been closed down by the IDF more than two years ago (Qalqiliya).
- **15 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades entered and destroyed Al Salam radio station in Qalqiliya City (Qalqiliya).
- **15 June:** Unidentified gunmen entered the offices of the Islamic Labour Union and the Teachers' Union in Qalqiliya City and confiscated office equipment and documents (Qalqiliya).
- **15 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades entered Al Quds photo shop, Al Nur centre and Al Isra' printing press in Jenin City and confiscated equipment found therein (Jenin).
- **15 June:** Unidentified individuals set fire to one office and two shops in Jenin City whose owners are affiliated with Hamas (Jenin).
- **15 June:** Individuals affiliated with Fatah entered the Medical Scientific Society in Biddya and destroyed the furniture (Salfit).
- **15 June:** The office of Al Zakat Committee in the town of Sa'ir was set ablaze by unidentified individuals (Hebron).
- **15 June:** Five unidentified armed men opened fire towards a Hamas-affiliated charitable society in the village of Tarqumiya and damaged its door (Hebron).
- **16 June:** Unidentified gunmen opened fire towards the building housing the village council in Zawata village, causing minor damage (Nablus).
- **16 June:** Armed individuals affiliated with Fatah entered the building housing the Qalqiliya municipality and opened fire, causing damage to the building (Qalqiliya).
- **16 June:** Unidentified gunmen entered an office belonging to a Hamas-affiliated student movement in Al Quds Open University in Salfit City and destroyed it (Salfit).
- **16 June:** Unidentified gunmen entered the warehouse of the Ministry of Social Affairs in Nablus City and took some food commodities belonging to the UN World Food Programme (Nablus).
- **16 June:** PA security forces entered the and Religious Affairs in Al Eizariya and forced all staff members affiliated with Hamas to leave (Jerusalem).
- **16 June:** Members of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades entered the offices of the Directorate of Education and the Ministry of Interior in Hebron City as well as the Islamic Court in Halhul (Hebron). They ordered new employees who were assigned posts following the 2006 PLC elections to leave the ministries and not report back to work. There are reports, however, that two days later the employees went back to work as normal.
- **17 June:** Unidentified gunmen set fire to the house of an Al Jazeera reporter (who is also a Reuters' photographer) in Nablus City (Nablus).
- **17 June:** Unidentified gunmen entered Anata village at night and opened fire towards the house of a village council member (the Reform and Change list). No one was present in the house at the time but damage to the house was reported (Jerusalem).
- **17 June:** PA security forces closed down the Orphan Care Society in Bethlehem City for its affiliations with Hamas (Bethlehem).
- **18 June:** Unidentified gunmen set fire to the empty residence of Mr. Azziz Dweik, PLC Chairman, in Ramallah City (Ramallah). The Palestinian Police began an investigation of the incident.

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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.