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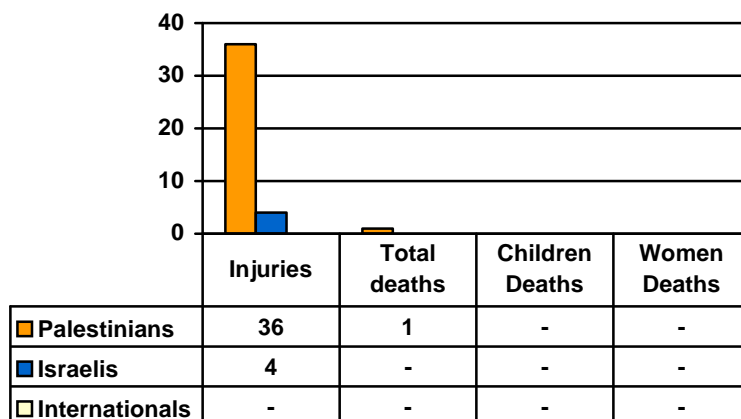
Of note this week

Gaza Strip

- Household refuse is mounting up in the streets of the Gaza Strip as a result of one-day strikes in each of the four main Gaza municipalities (Gaza City, Jabalia Al Nazleh, Beit Lahia and Rafah) by workers in protest at their unpaid salaries. Workers in these municipalities are threatening to suspend work fully in water and sewage facilities in an escalation of action if their demands are not met.
- In total, 266 of the 333 families displaced by the sewage flooding in Um Al Nasser on 27 March remain in a nearby temporary camp set up by UNRWA.
- The BBC's Gaza-based correspondent Alan Johnston has been missing for more than five weeks (since 12 March).
- Three homemade rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip, one of which landed in a Palestinian area, a reduction on previous weeks. Three mortar shells were also fired towards the IDF Kissufim military base. No injuries or damage was reported.
- In four separate incidents, IDF vessels opened fire in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah, damaging two boats.
- Three Palestinians were killed and more than 19 others injured in internal violence this week, predominately during armed family feuds.

West Bank:

- The IDF forced two teenagers to stand in front of an IDF jeep in Nablus and used them as human shields to prevent Palestinian stone throwers from stoning the jeep. A high number of search and arrest campaigns (126), particularly in the northern West Bank, were reported.
- The strike of PA health care workers continues throughout the West Bank (since 16 February 2007) in protest at the non-regular payment of their salaries. In addition, approximately 80% of PA teachers in the northern West Bank, Bethlehem and Hebron governorates as well as teachers in Ramallah held a one-day strike.
- The offices of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) in Hebron City (Hebron) were raided by the IDF. Computers and files were confiscated.



1. Physical Protection¹

West Bank:

- **9 April** (*previously unreported and not included in weekly total*): At 8:40am, in Al Aqsa Mosque's compound (Jerusalem), Israeli policemen physically assaulted, injured and detained a Palestinian guard who tried to prevent Israeli settlers from entering the compound.
- **11 April**: A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Nablus city by live ammunition during confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers, while the IDF was surrounding a building during a search and arrest campaign.
- **12 April**: A 22 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Nablus city by live ammunition during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinians during a search and arrest campaign.
- **12 April**: A ten year-old Palestinian boy and a 19 year-old Palestinian man were injured in Balata refugee camp (Nablus) by rubber coated metal bullets during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in the camp.
- **13 April**: Six Palestinian men, all aged in their late twenties, from Umm Salamona village (Bethlehem) were injured after IDF soldiers physically assaulted them during a regular protest against the Barrier in the village.
- **13 April**: A 25 year-old Palestinian man from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when Israeli soldiers manning the Ibrahimi checkpoint physically assaulted him. He was later transported by an Israeli ambulance to an Israeli hospital.
- **13 April**: Eleven 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). Cases of a tear gas inhalations were also reported among the residents of the houses close to the Barrier (not included in weekly total). Four reporters were arrested.
- **14 April**: A 14 year-old Palestinian boy from Tarramah village, Dura (Hebron) was injured when a group of Israeli soldiers from Al Majnoona military camp physically assaulted him while he was collecting scrap metal in the vicinity of the camp.
- **14 April**: A 20 year-old Palestinian man from the Hamlet of Twani, south of the town of Yatta (Hebron), was injured when a group of ten settlers from the settlement of Ma'on beat him while grazing his sheep around Al Kharouba. The Israeli settlers have set up tents near the location in an attempt to enlarge the Havot Ma'on outpost.
- **14 April**: Three Palestinian children (aged six, 11 and 16 years) from the towns of Sa'ir and ash Shyoukh (Hebron) were injured with live and rubber-coated metal bullets when Israeli soldiers in a nine-jeep convoy opened fire towards stone-throwing Palestinians.
- **14 April**: Two Palestinian boys (aged 10 and 12 years) were injured in Al Far'a village (Tubas) by rubber-coated metal bullets during confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **14 April**: A 17 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in El Far'a camp (Tubas) by a rubber coated metal bullet during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **14 April**: Two Palestinian women (aged 30 and 40 years) were injured in Qalqiliya city by live ammunition. An IDF sniper shot at them while they were on the roof of their house watching the demolition of a nearby house by the IDF.
- **15 April**: A 30 year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured at a flying checkpoint near Siris (Jenin) by the IDF.
- **15 April**: A 22 year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured in Ash shuhada village (Jenin) during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **15 April**: At 10:00 am at the Container checkpoint (Wadi Nar) the IDF physically assaulted and injured one Palestinian.
- **17 April**: A 24 year-old Palestinian man from Qabatiya was shot dead near Ash Shuhada junction (Jenin). According to eye-witnesses, an IDF undercover unit stopped the vehicle the man was travelling in near Ash Shuhada junction, killed him and arrested four other persons in the same vehicle.
- **17 April**: Four Israeli settlers were injured when their vehicle was shot at near Na'ali settlement. The IDF carried out a search operation and set up flying checkpoints around the area.

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

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **13 April:** Settlers from Eli settlement opened fire at Palestinian shepherds from Talfit (Nablus) and prevented them from grazing their animals in the area between the village and the settlement.
- **15 April:** Settlers from Eli settlement occupied a Palestinian house under construction in Qaryut (Nablus) for one hour before leaving the area.

Gaza:

- **16 April:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence fired their machine guns at a group of Palestinians situated in the former settlement of Dugit north of Beit Lahia.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **11 April:** IDF vessels fired in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to the shore. No injuries were reported.
- **12 April:** IDF soldiers manning the border fence north of Beit Lahia fired for five minutes towards Palestinians working on their farms north of the former Dugit settlement. No injuries were reported. A helicopter hovered over the northern area at the same time.
- **12 April:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Khuza'a opened fire for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian farmers. No injuries were reported.
- **15 April:** IDF gun boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats situated west of Rafah damaging two boats although no injuries were reported.
- **15 April:** Egyptian Security Forces detonated two tunnels located under the border between Egypt and Rafah opposite the Al Shouka area in Rafah.
- **16 April:** IDF vessels in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats situated west of Rafah. No injuries or damage were reported.
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2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents²**Gaza Strip:**

- **11 April:** Four Palestinians were injured during an armed family feud that erupted between two local families in Zaitoun quarter of Gaza City.
- **11 April:** A 19 year-old Palestinian woman died of wounds sustained during an internal family dispute in Beach Camp on 9 April 2004. .
- **11 April:** Two Palestinians were injured during an armed dispute between two local families in Rafah.
- **12 April:** Two Palestinian men (aged 32 and 47 years) were killed during armed family clashes in Rafah.
- **12 April:** A Fatah Chief was accidentally shot and injured when local family members opened fired at a Rafah police vehicle transporting their relative to Al Najjar hospital. The family managed to release their relative from the police vehicle and fled to eastern Khan Younis.
- **14 April:** A PA Civil Defence staff member and two bystanders were injured during an armed family feud in Jabalia.
- **13 April:** A Palestinian man was injured when he accidentally shot himself while handling his weapon in Nuseirat Camp.
- **14 April:** Two Palestinians were injured as a result of an explosion inside an Executive Support Forces (ESF) military training camp in Bureij Camp.
- **13 April:** A body of a 31 year-old Egyptian male was transferred to Al Aqsa hospital after it was discovered in the sea near Deir El-Balah. There was no further information about the cause of death.
- **15 April:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man was killed during armed clashes between two local families in Khan Younis.

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

- **15 April:** The body of a 32 year-old Palestinian man was discovered in the former Natzar Hazzani settlement (Khan Younis). Local reports attribute the killing to an honour-related crime.
- **16 April:** Two Palestinians were injured to the hands and face by shrapnel when an unexploded ordnance (UXO), an anti-tank shell, they found exploded in Beit Hanoun village.
- **16 April:** A Palestinian man was injured during an exchange of gunfire between two local families in Nuseirat camp.
- **17 April:** A Palestinian woman was injured when she was shot at by two armed masked men in Beach Camp in Gaza City. Local sources state that it was an honour-related crime.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **11 April:** Unknown gunmen set fire to the Al Ata'a Association in Beit Lahia village. It was reported that a computer lab and library inside the complex were damaged. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **12 April:** Unknown gunmen set fire to a café in Khan Younis. The café was destroyed. The motive behind the attack is unknown.
- **13 April:** Unknown Palestinians detonated an explosive device in an internet café in the Shaboura area in Rafah. The café was destroyed.
- **14 April:** A hand grenade was thrown inside UNRWA Jabalia School compound and exploded behind a classroom. The incident followed an armed dispute between two local family members in Jabalia. No injuries were reported.
- **15 April:** An explosive device was detonated near the main gate of the Holy Book Association located in Gaza City. The explosion resulted in minor damage only; the motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **16 April:** Jabalia municipality police temporarily closed the road leading to the Al Saftawi area west of Jabalia to protest the non-payment of PA salaries.
- **16 April:** An explosive device was detonated in front of an internet café in Jabalia Camp. The blast damaged the entrance but there were no injuries.
- **16 April:** Gaza municipality employees constructed a sit-in tent at the Unknown Soldier Park to demand the payment of their salaries before the tent was removed.

West Bank:

- **11 April:** Masked men shot and injured a 30 year old Palestinian in Ázzun (Qalqiliya). Motive behind the incident is unknown.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **14 April:** A group from the Al Aqsa Martyr Brigades attempted to close down the office of the Directorate of Education in Hebron City (Hebron) in protest at the appointment of Abdel Hadi Naser Al Din as the new Director of Education. He was appointed to replace Nizar Shihada who was arrested by the IDF last week. The group left the building after a brief discussion with the employees of the Directorate and work continued as usual.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
11.4.07	Nablus city	-	3 apartments in a housing building	12	-
14.4.07	Qalqiliya city	-	3 houses	5	8
15.4.07	Ash Shuhada/ Jenin	-	2 houses	-	-
16 April	Sur Bahir, Jerusalem	-	NA	NA	
Total		-	8	17	8

11 April: The IDF partially demolished a three storey building in Nablus city (Nablus) after they surrounded it to arrest reportedly 'wanted' persons. Three refugee families (12 persons) lost their accommodation (UNRWA provided temporary tents).

14 April: The IDF used an explosive device inside a Palestinian home in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) causing damage to the internal walls and furniture. Five persons lost their accommodation. The explosion damaged another two nearby homes affecting a further eight persons.

15 April: The IDF damaged the external wall and a balcony of two houses in Ash Shuhada village (Jenin). They surrounded a third house to arrest allegedly wanted persons and caused damage to the furniture.

16 April: At 7:20pm in the Sur Bahir neighbourhood in Southern Jerusalem, Israeli Policemen forcibly entered a PA building and damage was reported.

17 April: The IDF submitted demolition orders against three houses (one inhabited and the other two under construction) in the village of Umm Salamona (Bethlehem).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

12 April: The IDF closed Al Bir wa el Ihsan Charitable Association in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) for two years after they searched the office and confiscated files and computers.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: Road construction between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira continued to link the two villages with an underpass to Road 443. This road is the third of

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

the so-called “fabric of life” roads that are being constructed by the Israeli authorities as alternative roads to those closed for Palestinians due to closures and/or the Barrier.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages.
 - The Barrier construction and what is called by the IDF the “special security arrangement” around Ateret settlement is complete. A fence now encircles the settlement on land earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belonging to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.
 - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira village is complete between Beit Sira and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed.
 - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
 - Work construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba and Parallel to bypass road 465 is taking place and proceeding very quickly. This road is part of the Israeli plan to create alternative roads for Palestinians “fabric of life roads” will be used only by Palestinians. Bypass road 465 is going to be part of the Barrier around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements
 - The road construction between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan is continuing. This road is being constructed by the Israelis on Palestinian land as on of the “fabric of life roads” plan.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

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).

- Land levelling continues in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling continues in the vicinity of the settlement of Efrat, near Artas village.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khader village has accelerated. Levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60. Concrete partitions were placed during the reporting period as well as additional sections of the Barrier erected.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far and four inspection cabins were installed.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy School. A one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land levelling is on-going east of the Gush Etzion checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

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:

14 April: Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 100 metres into the Palestinian area east of Bureij camp to conduct a levelling and excavating operation. At approximately 19:30 the IDF withdrew to the border fence.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
11 April	Far'un Village, Tulkarem	2 hours
Total Week		2 hours

11 April: The IDF imposed a curfew on Faru'n village (Tulkarm) for two hours in the evening during a search and arrest campaign.

b) Access to education

11-17 April: During the reporting period the IDF and Israeli Police came on time in the morning to escort Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

17 April: Israeli soldiers manning Al Shuhada Street checkpoint, located in the H2 section of Hebron city denied Qurduba school teachers from exiting the street through the side gate of the checkpoint as previously agreed to with the Israeli DCO. Almost two hours passed before the teachers were able to exit through the gate.

14 April: PA teachers in the West Bank began a partial strike protesting at the non-payment of their salaries. Both teachers and students are attending schools but no classes were given by the teachers.

c) Access to employment

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 1 April 2007, Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits to enter Israel from the West Bank have been prevented from accessing Israeli labour markets and their places of work. Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel for over one year (since 12 March 2006).
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply directly to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible

for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years old, married with a child and with no security file. Criteria to apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone; a person should be above 21 years old, married with a child.

- Since 16 February 2007 to date: The PA health sector in the West Bank remains on strike and governmental hospitals and MoH clinics are closed largely except for emergency cases in hospitals. The health clinics are reportedly open once every two weeks for vaccination and to distribute medicine for chronic diseases.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

11 – 17 April: Long queues and delays were reported at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.

11 April: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for three hours preventing the access of Palestinians in both directions.

13 April: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours preventing the access of Palestinians in both directions.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

12 April: The IDF closed 'Anabta checkpoint for two hours due to a security alert.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

13 April: The IDF closed the main entrance of Izbat at Tabib with a flying checkpoint for four hours and prevented the access of the residents and held many of them near the entrance.

Salfit Governorates:

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: Problems at Qalandiya checkpoint continue to be reported for pedestrian travellers including problematic behaviour from the soldiers. Delays continue to be reported on daily basis during the morning and evening hours.

11 April: At 10:00 am the IDF briefly closed Qalandiya checkpoint due to the presence of a suspicious object. The checkpoint was reopened shortly after the object had been checked.

17 April: Several flying checkpoints were deployed around Al Janiya, Ras Karkar, Kharbatha Bani Harith following a shooting incident at a settler's car passing through the area.

Bethlehem Governorate:

15 April: IDF bulldozers closed off one of the streets leading to the town of Tuqu' (Bethlehem) which is located near the towns' schools.

Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: A flying checkpoint was deployed daily 50 metres after the Jericho to Jordan Valley junction on Road 90 for vehicles travelling south. No Palestinians with West Bank IDs were allowed through unless in possession of Israeli permit to enter Israel. No Palestinian plated vehicles are allowed on the road.

12 April: The IDF soldiers were present at Tayasir checkpoint but not operating the checkpoint; as a result very long delays up to two hours were reported. Delays on daily basis were also reported.

17 April: IDF soldiers at Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints denied access of Palestinian commercial trucks after requesting Israeli permits for the goods onboard. The liaison officer in Jericho reported that a temporary decision was made by the sector commander to stop Palestinians from bringing agricultural products from other West Bank governorates into Israel via Bisan Checkpoint. At around 7pm, access through Hamra was back to normal.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 9 January 2007, Bisan checkpoint, north of Tubas, has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- Since 14 September 2006, the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni was open on five out of six scheduled operating days (closed on 13 April due to the Israeli security considerations in addition to its scheduled closure day on Saturdays).
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases throughout the week:
 - o Open all week for internationals (non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis)
 - o The crossing was also closed for Palestinian traders between 11 – 14 April.
 - o The crossing remains closed since 12 March 2006 for Palestinian workers.
- Rafah crossing was open on 12, 16, and 17 April allowing a total of 2,903 people to exit and 2,986 people to enter the Gaza Strip.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open all six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was closed all week due to Israeli security concerns.
- Kerem Shalom was open on 11 and 16 April.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (7), Huwwara (3), Al Áqrabaniya (1)	11
Jenin	'Arraba (7), American University (7), Az Zababida (4), Sanur (7), Al Kufeir (7), Arab as Suweitat (2), Jalbun (1), Ash Shuhada (2), Siris (1), Anza (1), 'Ajja (2)	41
Tubas	Al Fara'a village (1), El Fará camp (1), Tubas (1)	3
Tulkarm	Ramin (1), Balá (3), Kafr Sur (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Shuweika (1)	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), Jinsafut (7), An Nabi Elyas (1), Ázzun tunnel (4), Izbat at Tabib (5), Kafr Thulth (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), 'Isla (1)	41
Salfit	Deir Istiya (2), Salfit (2), Haris (2)	6
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Shuqba (2), Ras Karkar (3), Al Janiya (9), Beitillu (2), Kharbatha Bani Harith (2), Deir Qaddis (1)	19
Jericho	Road 90 (7) reported on page 10	7
Jerusalem	Where?	7
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (4), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	21
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1(2), Halhul (1), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (3)	19
Total West Bank		182

6. Additional Protection Issues**Searches/Arrests/Detentions**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (7), Balata refugee camp (3), Áskar camp (1), Camp No.1 (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Burqa (1), Al Badhan village (1), Sabastiya (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, Al Badhan CP	17	23
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin RC (5), Qabatiya (1), Az Zababida (3), Ash Shuhada village (3), Ya'bad (1), Al Yamun (1), Al Kufeir flying CP, Sanur flying CP, American University flying CP, and Arab as Suweitat flying CP	19	13
Tubas	Tubas (1), Al Fará village (1), El Fará camp (1)	3	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Tulkarm RC (1), Far'un (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Shuweika (1), 'Anabta (1), Balá (2) Anabta CP	11	7
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (1), Izbat at Tabib (1) Habla (2), Kafr Qaddum (2)	20	7
Salfit	Yasuf (1), Haris (1), Marda (1)	3	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Qadora refugee camp (1) Ramallah (2), Al Bireh (1), Beit Liqya (1), Kafr 'Ein (1), Road 60	6	9
Jericho Jordan Valley	-	-	-
Jerusalem	Qalandia (3)	-	3
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	23	2
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (3), As Samu (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (2)	24	25
Total Week West Bank		126	89
Gaza Strip			
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Total Gaza Strip		-	-

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Appendix: Checkpoints: 11 April – 17 April 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Delays and long queues reported this week.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Long delays and queues were reported. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron (Open) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians and since 28 March 2007 closed for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations after previously opening earlier in the month for these types of vehicles.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Delays and long queues reported this week. Delays and long queues reported this week.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.

Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the cp is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint. Was opened for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. However since 17 April, the liaison officer in Jericho reported that a temporary decision was made by the sector commander to stop Palestinians from bringing agricultural products from other West Bank governorates into Israel via Bisan Checkpoint.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Officially open between 5am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin. Officially open between 3am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays were experienced.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays during the morning and evening rush hours reported in the pedestrian lane.
Bet El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Some delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

Jerusalem:

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

Jericho:

DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. (Except for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As
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	Sawahira village, Bethlehem and Hebron are also allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint starting from 10 February 2007. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays up to 40 minutes were reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem.	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
Khallet an Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations and since 23 February 2007 manned by the IDF. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. UN staff are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm. Security at the checkpoint is now jointly managed by a private security firm and the boarder police.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 29 March the checkpoint was shutdown for half an hour due to the presence of a suspicious object.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
Tarqumiya	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 5pm. The back-to-

Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were suspended as of 2 April due to the Jewish holiday of Passover.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May 2006, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August 2006, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel. A pre-existing tower in front of the checkpoint has been significantly increased in height.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. Next to the checkpoint construction work is taking place for the construction of a new terminal.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were reported as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Usually manned by the Israeli Border Police, however, during the reporting period, the IDF manned the checkpoint. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Harassment of commuters and long search process took place during the reporting period
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.

Near the junction between
Road 35 and Road 60

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing	Erez was partially open for Palestinians merchants, senior traders, internationals, Palestinian medical cases and Palestinians working at UN organisations this week. However no Palestinian merchants or senior traders crossed to Israel from 11 - 14 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 April: 413 merchants and 29 senior traders crossed. - 16 April: 432 merchants and 33 senior traders crossed. - 17 April: 413 merchants and 31 senior traders crossed.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was open on 12, 16, and 17 April with the following daily log of movement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 April: Rafah terminal was open from 9:15–17:30 in both directions (entries: 823, departures: 1,110). • 16 April: Rafah terminal was open from 9:00–18:00 in both directions (arrivals: 1,040, departures: 870). • 17 April: Rafah terminal was open from 9:10– 17:00 in both directions (arrivals: 1,040, departures: 1,006).

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Qusin Checkpoint (closed)	Open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus. Since 10 March 2007 to date closed and commercial trucks diverted to Beit Iba checkpoint.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back –to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Sufa was closed all week.
Karni	Karni was open on five out of six scheduled operating days (closed on 13 April due to the Israeli security considerations in addition to its scheduled closure day on Saturdays).
Kerem Shalom	11 and 16 April; Kerem Shalom was open. From 12 - 15 and 17 was Closed.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open all six scheduled operating days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays).

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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.