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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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### Of note this week

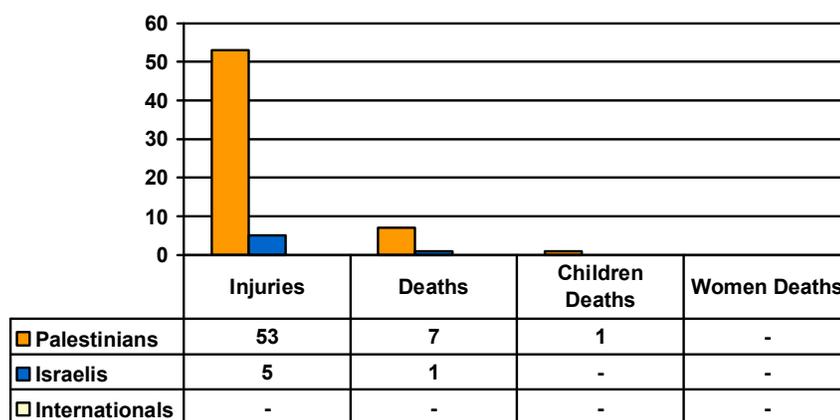
#### **Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed six Palestinians, including an eight year old Palestinian girl, and injured 16 others.
- Four Palestinians were killed and ten Palestinian police officers were injured during armed clashes between several suspected Palestinian drug dealers and Palestinian anti-narcotics police in Shejayeh Quarter.
- During an IDF military operation inside Khuzaa, the IDF levelled 45 dunums of agricultural land planted with olive trees and demolished a bird farm.
- A total of 17 rudimentary rockets and 50 mortars were fired by Palestinian militants at Israel, resulting in the death of one Israeli civilian and the injury of three others. In addition, 68 mortars were fired at the IDF in the Gaza Strip resulting in the injury of one IDF soldier and the inadvertent injury of one Palestinian man.

#### **West Bank:**

- The IDF killed a 22 year old Palestinian man during a family feud (Hebron) and injured another 38. 23 of the 38 Palestinians were injured in Nidin village, during demonstrations against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of approximately 2,500 dunams of Palestinian private agricultural land. (Ramallah)
- A 70 year old Palestinian man, his 68 year old wife, and a 32 year old relative from Khirbet Susiya were injured when a group of four settlers attacked them with iron pipes and sharp objects (Hebron).
- The IDF imposed closures on 8 and 9 June due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. As a result, Palestinians with West Bank IDs holding permits to enter Israel were prohibited from accessing East Jerusalem and Israel, with the exception of emergency cases and employees of international organizations.
- Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists held several peaceful demonstrations in Qaffin and Shufa villages, and near the Beit Iba checkpoint in Tulkarm in protest against the Barrier, the closures, and to remember the 1967 War.
- 73 flying checkpoints, 104 IDF search operations, and 44 arrests/detentions of Palestinians were reported this week.

#### **Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other indirect conflict related incidents.

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **5 June:** One Palestinian male (unarmed civilian) was injured when armed clashes involving Palestinian militants and the IDF erupted. The IDF unit included five tanks, three jeeps and two bulldozers, which entered 500 metres into Al Faraheen area. During the clashes, IDF soldiers assumed sniper positions on the rooftops of several tall buildings in the area. At 1130 hours the IDF troops withdrew to the border. (Khan Younis)
- **5 June:** According to Israeli media reports, one Israeli civilian was killed and two others were injured when three mortar shells struck a factory near Kibbutz Nir Oz in the western Negev. The shells were fired from east of Khuzaq towards the Western Negev. (Khan Younis)
- **5 June:** An eight year old Palestinian girl was killed when an IAF helicopter fired one missile targeting a group of Palestinian militants east of Khuzaq. The girl's mother was injured in the attack. (Khan Younis)
- **6 June:** Two Palestinian police officers (ages 27 and 30) and three children (ages one, six, and thirteen) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting the Palestinian Internal Security Building, located west of Beit Lahia. (North Gaza)
- **6 June:** A 27 year old Palestinian (unarmed civilian) was killed and two militants were injured when armed clashes erupted between Palestinian militants and the IDF, which entered Gaza north-west of the Nahal Oz Crossing. According to Israeli media reports, an IDF soldier was injured following Palestinian gunfire aimed at an army patrol on the border. (Gaza)
- **7 June:** A 21 year old Palestinian militant was killed and another was injured when IDF troops stationed on the border fired two tank shells at a group of Hamas militants on the Eastern Road, east of Gaza City. (Gaza)
- **7 June:** A 45 year old Palestinian farmer (unarmed civilian) was injured when IDF troops at an outpost on the eastern border opened fire at a Palestinian farmer fixing a water pipeline almost 500 metres away from the border line. (Gaza)
- **8 June:** A 16 year old Palestinian boy was injured by live ammunition when IDF moved nearly 1,200 meters into Abassan village, east of Khan Yunis, and al-Fukhari area to conduct a land levelling operation. (Khan Younis)
- **8 June:** A 23 year old Palestinian journalist was injured by live ammunition when IDF troops positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel, northeast of al-Bureij camp, opened fire at three Palestinian civilians who were nearly 700 metres away from the border. (Central Gaza)
- **8 June:** According to Israeli media reports, one Israeli agricultural worker was injured by a rocket targeting the Western Negev. The rocket was fired from east of Rafah. (Rafah)
- **10 June:** Three Palestinian militants (ages 20, 23 and 24) were killed and two other militants (ages 21 and 24) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting a mortar launching site used for launching attacks from east of Toufah Quarter towards the Nahal Oz military base. (Gaza)

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **4 June:** An IDF unit entered 200 metres into Gaza east of Al Bureij Camp. Hamas militants spotted the unit and fired five mortar rounds. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **6 June:** An IDF unit, accompanied by seven tanks, five jeeps and two bulldozers, entered 400 meters into Khuzaq area. Armed clashes erupted between Palestinian militants and the IDF. No injuries were reported. At 0600 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **10 June:** Islamic Jihad militants fired one rocket from east of Beit Lahiya towards Sderot. Following the rocket attack, the IDF fired one tank shell targeting the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).

### West Bank:

- **4 June:** Six Palestinian males from Nidjīn village, ranging in age from 17 to 37 years of age, were injured with rubber coated metal bullets. An eight year old child was hospitalized due to asphyxia from tear gas fired at all of them by the IDF in an attempt to prevent a demonstration by Palestinians, Israelis and international activists protesting against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of around 2,500 dunams of Palestinian private agricultural land. (Ramallah)
- **5 June:** A 14 year old Palestinian boy and two Palestinian women (ages 25 and 35) from the town of Beit Ummar were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at stone-throwing Palestinians during an incursion into the town. (Hebron)

- **5 June:** A 30 year old Palestinian man from the town of Beit Ummar was injured when a sound bomb thrown by IDF soldiers hit him in the leg during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian militants in the town. (Hebron)
- **5 June:** A 22 year old Palestinian man from the Jabal Johar region of the H2 area of the City of Hebron was killed by IDF soldiers, when the latter opened fire on Palestinians shooting at each other during a family feud. (Hebron)
- **6 June:** Two Palestinian male activists (ages 20 and 37) and a 50 year old Italian judge (Mr. Julio Tuscano), were injured with gas grenades fired by the IDF during weekly demonstrations held by Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists protesting the construction of the Barrier in Bilqin. Included among those reporting cases of asphyxia were the Deputy Speaker of the EU Parliament, Ms. Louisa Morgantini, and the Irish Nobel Laureate recipient and activist, Ms. Mairead Maguire. (Ramallah)
- **6 June:** Three Palestinian males (ages between 20 and 21) from Nidfin village were injured with rubber coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during demonstrations held against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of 2,500 dunams of private Palestinian agricultural land. (Ramallah)
- **08 June:** A 70 year old Palestinian man, his 68 year old wife, and 32 year old relative from Khirbet Susiya, located south of Yatta were injured, the wife seriously injured, when a group of four settlers attacked them with iron pipes and sharp objects. The Palestinians were grazing their sheep on Palestinian land rented out to them near the settlement when they were attacked. (Hebron)
- **08 June:** Five Palestinian men (ages 18(2), 19, and 21(2)) were injured in El Faraj Refugee Camp by rubber coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers, when the IDF was patrolling the camp (Tubas).
- **08 June:** Six Palestinian males from Nidfin village, ranging in age from 19 to 24, and a 35 year old Israeli photographer were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of Palestinian land. Three Palestinians were arrested. (Ramallah)
- **09 June:** Seven Palestinian males from Nidfin village, ranging in age from 21 to 50, were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier and the resulting isolation of Palestinian land. (Ramallah)
- **9 June:** A 17 year old Palestinian boy from the town of Beit Ummar was injured with a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers manning the military tower located at the entrance of the town opened fire at him when, according to Israeli sources, he was trying to throw a Molotov cocktail at the tower. The IDF prevented a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance from reaching him after he was injured. The boy had to wait approximately 30 minutes before an Israeli ambulance arrived and took him to an Israeli hospital. (Hebron)

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **6 June:** A group of Israeli settlers entered Nablus City and went to Joseph's Tomb near Balata refugee camp. The settlers were escorted by the IDF (Nablus).
- **6 June:** Israeli settlers from Hashmonim settlement fired live bullets at Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists demonstrating in Nidfin against the construction of the Barrier and resulting isolation of Palestinian land. No injuries were reported. (Ramallah)

## **2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>**

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **4 June:** One Palestinian male worker (unarmed civilian) was injured when Palestinian militants fired one mortar shell targeting Kibbutz Nahal Oz. The shell was fired from the east of Shejayeh quarter. It landed near the Nahal Oz Palestinian fuel depot. (Gaza)
- **6 June:** Four Palestinians (ages 26, 37, 38 and 50) were killed and ten police officers were injured during armed clashes between several suspected Palestinian drug dealers and Palestinian anti-narcotics police in Shejayeh Quarter. Three of the four Palestinians killed

<sup>2</sup> Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, 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 total in Section 1.

were suspected drug dealers belonging to the same family while the fourth Palestinian killed was a police officer. (Gaza)

- **7 June:** A four year old Palestinian boy was injured by a stray bullet while struck him as he sat in front of his house in Nuseirat Camp. (Central Gaza)
- **9 June:** A 27 year old Palestinian man was killed when a tunnel under the Egypt-Gaza border opposite Al Salam quarter collapsed. (Rafah)
- **9 June:** A 20 year old Palestinian man was killed when a tunnel in Block 4 of Rafah collapsed. The tunnel was undergoing construction. (Rafah)
- **10 June:** A 22 year old Palestinian man died from wounds sustained on 2 June when he was wounded and temporarily trapped in a collapsed tunnel. (Rafah)
- **10 June:** A Palestinian police officer was shot and injured by a colleague at Khan Younis police station. The incident pertained to a dispute over whether a detained relative of one of the men should be released. (Khan Younis)

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **5 June:** The Palestinian Medical Relief Services organized a march for disabled people to protest the siege imposed on Gaza. The group staged a sit-in demonstration at the main gate of UNRWA's Jabalia Distribution Centre. The march ended peacefully at 1045 hours. (North Gaza)
- **7 June:** Palestinian Police found an unexploded rocket east of Bureij Refugee Camp and safely detonated the explosive component. (Central Gaza)
- **7 June:** Palestinian militants driving a car exchanged gunfire with a Palestinian police officer driving a motorcycle in the Bani Suheila area, located east of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported. (Khan Younis)
- **8 June:** Approximately 100 Palestinians erected a sit-in tent in the Unknown Soldier Park to protest the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. At 1300 hours the sit-in tent was removed by the Palestinians. (Gaza)
- **9 June:** The Democracy & Law Association organized a sit-in demonstration in Rafah City to protest the siege imposed on Gaza. Approximately 150 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1130 hours. (Rafah)

**West Bank:**

- **4 June:** A 22 year old Palestinian woman was injured by live ammunition in Ras at Tira due to a family dispute (Qalqiliya).
- **4 June:** A 13 year old Palestinian boy from the neighbourhood of Jabal Johar, located in the H2 area of the City of Hebron, was killed when he was caught in the crossfire of ammunition fired between two families fighting in the area.
- **5 June:** Four Palestinian men were injured by clubs and stones during a fight in Iskaka. The fight was the result of a family dispute (Salfit).
- **6 June:** A 22 year old Palestinian man was shot and killed in Nazlat Isa. The attackers remain unidentified (Tulkarm).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

**Inter-factional violence**

**Gaza Strip:**

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **5 June:** An improvised explosive device exploded near the home of Said Siam, the Interior Minister in the Hamas de-facto government, in Gaza City. No injuries were reported. (Gaza)
- **5 June:** Palestinian police attempted to arrest a member of the Hamas Army of Islam in Nuseirat Camp. The man opened fire on the police and successfully fled the area. No injuries were reported. (Central Gaza)
- **7 June:** An improvised explosive device exploded in front of a home belonging to a former Fatah member now working for the police force in Khan Younis. No injuries were reported. (Khan Younis)
- **8 June:** In Nuseirat, Palestinian police cordoned-off two apartments owned by Sadi Al-Kronz, the Cabinet Secretary to Salam Fayyad's government. (Central)

**West Bank:**Other Incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

**3. Shelter and Property****Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers**

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
5 June 2008	Al Faraheen, Khan Younis	3	2	N/A	N/A
5 June 2008	Al Faraheen, Khan Younis	1	-	-	N/A
5 June 2008	Beit Ummar, Hebron	-	2	-	N/A
6 June 2008	Khuzaa, Khan Younis	1	-	-	N/A
6 June 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	-	1	-	N/A
6 June 2008	Beit Lahiya, North Gaza	-	1	-	N/A
6 June 2008	Al Daraj, Gaza	-	1	-	N/A
8 June 2008	Al Fokhari area, Khan Younis	2	-	-	N/A
10 June 2008	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	1	Electricity cables	-	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	-	<b>7</b>

- **5 June:** Three Palestinian houses were destroyed and one house and the building belonging to a social institute sustained damaged during an IDF military operation in Al Faraheen area (Khan Younis).
- **5 June:** During the military operation inside Al Faraheen area, the IDF levelled 6.5 dunums of agricultural land and destroyed a greenhouse. At 1130 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **5 June:** During the IDF incursion into Beit Ummar, IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers. Some bullets hit and damaged the windshield of a car. The IDF also forced residents out of a house overlooking the town's main mosque for a period of 10 hours. Extensive damage to the furniture of the house was reported (Hebron).
- **6 June:** During the IDF military operation inside Khuzaa east of Khan Yunis, the IDF levelled 45 dunums of agricultural land planted with olive trees and demolished a bird farm (Khan Younis).
- **6 June:** A group of Israeli settlers threw stones at a UN vehicle passing near Huwwara checkpoint. No injuries reported but the vehicle sustained some damage (Nablus).
- **6 June:** An IAF helicopter fired one missile at the Internal Security Building west of Beit Lahiya, causing damage to the building (North Gaza).
- **6 June:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile at a 300-square-meter workshop belonging to al-Masri Family in al-Daraj neighbourhood east of Gaza City. The workshop was damaged (Gaza).
- **8 June:** During the IDF military operation 1,200 meters inside Abassan village and al-Fukhari area, the IDF levelled 15 dunums of agricultural land and destroyed two greenhouses (Khan Younis).
- **10 June:** The Israeli Jerusalem municipality accompanied by the IDF, the Israeli police and a bulldozer, demolished a balcony/veranda in Beit Hanina belonging to a Palestinian family of seven (non-refugees), including four children. The family did not receive a warning prior to the demolition (Jerusalem).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

**4 June:** The IDF distributed four stop building orders in Rummana village against three houses and an animal pen due to the lack of building permits (Jenin).

**4 June:** The IDF distributed a stop building order in A Tayba village against a small quarry due to the lack of a building permit (Jenin).

**10 June:** Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Al Rajabi House took control of a piece of land in Wadi Al Hussein neighbourhood, located in the H2 area of Hebron City, and placed tents and chairs thereon (Hebron).

#### **Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:**

No incidents to report.

#### **4. Natural Resources**

##### **Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</sup>**

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **21 May 2008 to date:** Israeli settlers from Itamar continue to level land belonging to Palestinians from Beit Furik in order to open a road west of the settlement. Palestinians are unable to reach the site to assess the damage (Nablus).
- **14 April 2008 to date:** IDF bulldozers continue to level land on the northern side of Huwwara checkpoint.

#### **Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, and Qalqiliya Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Salfit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **16 May 2008 to date:** Israeli settlers continue land leveling west of Revava settlement. The land is about 200 dunums and belongs to Palestinian farmers from Deir Istiya (Salfit).

#### **Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**04 June:** The IDF uprooted 20 olive trees belonging to Nidjīn village for Barrier construction.

**06 June:** Two dunums of Bilānā agricultural land were on fire due to the firing of gas canisters by the IDF during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli, and international protestors to demonstrate against Barrier construction in the village. Barrier construction around Al Midya and Nidjīn resumed on 20 May 2008 after the Israeli High Court of Justice rejected an appeal submitted by Nidjīn village residents against the route of the Barrier.

#### **Jericho Governorate:**

**During the past five months,** 250 dunums of agricultural land were totally destroyed in Ein Elmiteh/Al Maleh area (Jordan Valley) due to IDF military camps and trainings in the area.

#### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- The Barrier between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. On **20 May**, the IDF closed with cement blocks the only route connecting these two neighbourhoods. Concurrently, the IDF opened a military gate through the Barrier at a nearby location; this route used to be the main road connecting the two neighbourhoods but it has been closed by the IDF since late February 2007. When the Barrier is complete, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be completely separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** Extensive land leveling took place in the vicinity of Har Homa settlement. About 480 duplex apartments are planned to be constructed in this area by 2012.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**8 June:** Israeli settlers cut down 4 trees (ages between 15 and 30) that were located in the Ibrahimi Mosque Garden in preparation for a wedding that was carried out on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

<sup>3</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

**10 June:** Land leveling began in Sansana settlement for further expansion in an area called Tur Al Nasrani that belongs to Ar Ramadin village.

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **4 June:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 100 meters into the area east of Khuzaa and carried out a levelling and excavation operation. At 1830 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **5 June:** During the military operation inside Al Faraheen area, the IDF levelled 6.5 dunums of agricultural land and destroyed a greenhouse. At 1130 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **6 June:** During the IDF military operation inside Khuzaa east of Khan Yunis, the IDF levelled 45 dunums of agricultural land planted with olive trees and demolished a bird farm (Khan Younis).
- **6 June:** Five IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered one kilometre into Al Amour area east of Rafah and carried out a levelling operation. At 1400 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Rafah).
- **7 June:** Two bulldozers accompanied by three IDF armoured vehicles entered 100 meters into Gaza northeast of Toufah Quarter and carried out a levelling operation. The IDF withdrew to the border at 1830 hours (Gaza).
- **8 June:** During the IDF military operation 1,200 meters inside Abassan village and al-Fukhari area, the IDF levelled 15 dunums of agricultural land and destroyed two greenhouses (Khan Younis).
- **8 June:** During the IDF military operation 1,000 meters inside Al-Shouka village, southeast of Rafah, the IDF levelled 31 dunums of agricultural land (Rafah).
- **10 June:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 500 meters into Al Amour area, northeast of Rafah. The IDF carried out a levelling operation, including the uprooting of ten dunums of olive trees (Rafah).

## **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

### **a) Incidents of curfews**

**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
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<b>Total Week</b>		

### **b) Access to education**

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 April to date:** Teachers and students are unable to report to their schools due to the fuel shortage. Student attendance in all universities in the Gaza Strip was disturbed for the same reason.

### **c) Access to employment**

**8 and 9 June:** Palestinian workers and traders holding valid working permits were prevented from accessing their work stations in East Jerusalem and Israel due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot.

### **d) Closures/movement restrictions**

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Tappuah checkpoints.

**8 June:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour and arrested a Palestinian for allegedly carrying an explosive device.

Ongoing incidents:

- **7 May to date:** The IDF continues to close a dirt road with an earth mound connecting Qusin with Road 60.

#### **Jenin, Tubas, Salfit, Ramallah, Jericho, Jerusalem and Bethlehem Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

#### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

**8 June:** Delays and long queues were reported at Enav checkpoint.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays and long queues were reported at Qalqiliya checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of the city (DCO).

**Hebron Governorate:**

**7 June:** The IDF used rocks and piles of sand to reinforce the closure on the road connecting Tuwani to Al Karmil, which was initially placed on 28 May 2008.

**Gaza Strip**

- Gaza fishermen continue to be permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

## Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on five days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements; however, national UN staff members continue to be denied entry to Israel, even with permits and prior co-ordination. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- **Rafah** crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June but it has operated since then on several occasions on an exceptional basis.
- **Karni** crossing: the conveyor belt/chute was open on three days this week to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. Since 12 June, however, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on three days this week; it was closed from 6 to 9 June. After being closed between 28 October and 22 December, Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities. Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June 2007.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing has been closed since the Palestinian suicide attack against the crossing's military base on 19 April 2008. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, Kerem Shalom was effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- **Nahal Oz energy pipelines** were open on five scheduled operating days this week.

## Ongoing incidents:

- **Buffer Zone:** 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. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian 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 of Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya 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.

**Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (1), Huwwara (1), An Nasariya (1), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (1)	4
Jenin	Al Kufeir (1), Zbuba (1)	2
Tubas	Tayasir (3), Tammun (1), Al Farq village (2)	6
Tulkarm	Farqin (1), Attil (1), Kafr Sur (3)	5
Qalqiliya	Azzun (3), Izbat at Tabib (2), Kafr Laqif (1), Habla (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), Jayyus (1), Kafr Tulth (1), Wadi Qana (2), Immatin (1), Ras Atiya (1)	16
Salfit	Salfit (1), Marda (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Bruqin (2), Kifl Hres (1), Deir Istiya (1), Iskaka (2)	9
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Entrance to Anata (1)	1
Bethlehem	Tuqu (1), Al Shawawreh (1), Al Nashash (2), Zaqtara (1), Janata (2), Between Zaqtara and Al Shawawreh (2), Bethlehem (2), Beit Sahur (3), Beit Jala (2), Artas (1)	17
Hebron	Wadi Al Quff (2), Halhul overpass (1), Al Rawwar RC (1), Bani Naeim (1), H1 area of the City of Hebron (4), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (2)	13
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>73</b>

## 6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

**Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)<sup>1</sup>**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (5), Balata RC (3), Camp No.1 (1) Beit Iba (1), An Nasariya (1), Sarra (1), Duma (1), Huwwara CP (1), Jenin City (4), Jenin RC (3), Al Yamun (3), Birqin (1), Qabatiya (1), Silat al Haritiya (1), Kafr Rad (1), Zbuba (1), Al Kufeir flying CP	13	10
Jenin	Al Farq village (1), Tubas (3), Tammun (2), Aqqaba (1), El Farq RC (2), Tayasir (2)	11	0
Tubas	Tulkarm City (4), Alar (1), Shuweika (1) Tulkarm RC (1), Qaffin (2), Faruq (1)	10	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (3), Azzun (3), Jit (1), Habla (2), Ras Atiya (1), Jayyus (2), Hajja (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Kafr Qaddum (3), Kafr Laqif (1), Immatin (1), Baqat al Hatab (1), flying CP at Azzun entrance	22	2
Salfit	Mas-ha (1), Bidhya (1), Marda (1), Bruqin (1), Kifl Hares (1)	5	0
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1), Silwad (1), Niqin	2	3
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Anata (1)	1	3
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (3), Beit Fajjar (1), Beit Sahur (1), Tuquuq (1), Obeidiya (1), Atras (1), Al Khader (2), Ash Shawawreh (1)	11	4
Hebron	H1 area of the City of Hebron (3), Arrub Refugee Camp (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Naeim (1), Beit Ummar (3), Dura (2)	14	9
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
Rafah	Al Shouka (1,1)	1	1
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>45</b>

<sup>1</sup> Figures exclude the number of West Bank Palestinians arrested in Israel due to the lack of work permits.

**Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus (1,2)	1	2
Jenin	Jenin (1,1)	1	1
Tubas	Tubas (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1,1)	1	1
Qalqiliya	Jayyus (1,1)	1	1
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
Central Gaza	An Nuseirat (3,3), Deir El Balah (2,8), Central Gaza (1,4)	6	15
Khan Younis	Khan Younis (1,4)	1	4
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>

\*Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 4 – 10 June 2008**

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm :</b>	
<b>Ephraim (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel. On 8 and 9 June, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jubara. Movement to Israel via the closed area behind the barrier is permitted only for Israelis and international organisations.
<b>Ar Ras/ Kafriat</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
<b>Jubara</b>	A Barrier gate manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Only allows Jubara community behind the Barrier to pass through.
<b>Enav</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. On 8 June, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras at Tira, Ad Dabq, Wadi ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances travelling from Qalqiliya City to these five villages need prior coordination with the DCL.
<b>Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City. On 8 and 9 June, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Ras 'atiya</b>	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours.
<b>'Azzun Atma</b>	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0430 to 2200 hours.
<b>Jit Junction, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Kasem On Road 5</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations, and Israelis. It allows them to enter Israel via the closed area behind the Barrier.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara Southern main entrance</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 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 cross between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 to 2300 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 cross. Only 63 trucks with special permits are allowed to use the checkpoint. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint</b>	Manned by the IDF. A major linkage between Nablus and the Jordan Valley area. Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours. Palestinians travelling out of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan must enter Nablus City through this checkpoint and then cross through other Nablus checkpoints to reach their destinations.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b>	Manned by the IDF. Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as

<i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was closed again.
<b>Tappuah</b> <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505. <i>During the week, delays and long queues were reported.</i>
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya</b> <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0500 to 2300, the IDF manning the checkpoint allows all traffic through during the opening hours. Random checks were reported.
<b>Yizhar, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan, Partial CP</b>	Manned by the IDF. Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
<b>Jenin :</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. A crossing for workers and traders to enter Israel. Operating between 0530 to 2000 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0530 to 1400 hours on Fridays. On 8 and 9 June, it was closed due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot.
<b>Reikhan/ Barta'a</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Manned by an Israeli private company. Operating between 0500 to 2200 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. 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.
<b>Salim DCO (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by the IDF. Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
<b>Mevo Dotan</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas :</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, 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. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 to 2200 hours. Only Palestinians who are residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to use this checkpoint.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, an Israeli permit is no longer required at this checkpoint. All Palestinians from the West Bank governorates are allowed to cross on foot through the pedestrian lane. Only residents of Jericho and the Jordan Valley are permitted to cross using public transportation or their private vehicles. <i>Long delays were reported for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic on a daily basis.</i>
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Since 20 August 2007 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 14 January 2008, a Border Police company now mans the checkpoint.
<b>'Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by the Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December 2007, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint are reported in both directions. <i>Delays of up to 60 minutes continue to be reported during the morning rush hours on daily basis.</i>
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open.
<b>At Tayba / Rimmonim</b> <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449</i> <b>Partial CP</b>	On 31 March 2008, some but not all installations were removed. Passage is permitted for all Palestinians and the checkpoint continues to operate on a random basis several times a week.
<b>Makkabim</b> <i>On Highway 443</i>	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 East Jerusalem and Israel.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and

	foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
<b>Rantis</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. As of 26 September 2007, all West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Palestinians from the north of the West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint and are hence forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint. All other West Bank ID-holders may exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint or Yitav to Ramallah. <i>On 5 and 6 June delays of up to 70 minutes were reported during the morning and evening rush hours.</i>
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho governorate. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are not Jordan Valley residents are prohibited from crossing northward to Al Auja through this checkpoint unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling between Jericho and Ramallah. <i>On 10 June commercial trucks were denied access into the Jordan Valley for several hours though drivers were registered as Jordan valley residents on their IDs.</i>
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle buses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Muqarrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008</b>	Located on Road 90 near the Dead Sea. Since 2 January 2008, operates as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles are denied access to the Dead Sea area whenever the IDF operates the checkpoint, which is at random during weekdays and 24 hours per day on Fridays and Saturdays. <i>During the reporting period the checkpoint was fully operational starting Friday 6 June at 0001 hrs until Monday 9 June at 2400 (midnight) due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot.</i>
<b>Jerusalem :</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers and their family members are allowed to cross while staying inside the vehicle. All other persons, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. <i>Long delays during rush hours continue to be reported on a daily basis at both the vehicular and pedestrian lanes.</i>
<b>Hizma</b> <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 IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
<b>Zayem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem. <i>During the reporting period long delays were reported during rush hours.</i>
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. Residents of the Palestinian village An Nabi Samwil are permitted to cross to access their village only.
<b>Ramot Allon</b> <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As of 25 March 2008, Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves are no longer allowed through the checkpoint and all movements are directed to the new fabric of life+sunken road and tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu under Road 436.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/</b>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and

<b>Anata Checkpoint</b>	international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shuḡat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container (“Wadi nar”)</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. <i>Some delays were experienced during the reporting period.</i>
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for 300 residents of the Abu Dis neighbourhood adjacent to the checkpoint who have Jerusalem IDs and have their names on a list held at the checkpoint.
<b>Sheikh Sa’d</b>	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for Jerusalem ID holders who are residents of Ash Sheikh Saḡ, which is located to the east of the Barrier. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are residents of Ash Sheikh Saḡ are allowed into Jerusalem through this checkpoint if they possess an Israeli permit.
<b>As Sawahira ash Sharqiya</b>	Manned by the IDF. Allows Jerusalem residents of As Sawahira ash Gharbiya who live adjacent to the barrier to access As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, which is located to the east of the Barrier.
<b>Rafat / Al Masyion</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	On the Fabric of Life+ road between Ramallah and Bir Nabala, near Rafat village. As of 5 March, the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. <i>Long delays continued to be reported on a daily basis.</i>
<b>Shu’fat – Ras Khamees</b>	Manned by the Border Police. Open for vehicular and pedestrian movements for Jerusalem ID holders. Palestinians with West bank IDs and possess permits to cross into Jerusalem are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint.
<b>Jaba’</b> <i>Between Jaba’ Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Open.
<b>Qawasmi</b> <i>Northern entrance at roundabout on road between Atarot and Qalandiya</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards or valid permits and internationals. Vehicle checks for those traveling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
<b>Al Jib</b> <i>A checkpoint and a gate</i>	Manned by Border Police. Allow 24/7 access for residents of Al Khalayleh neighbourhood (about 700 Palestinians caught between the barrier and Givat Ze’ev settlement). Palestinians with work permits to work in Givat Ze’ev settlement are allowed access according to the times stipulated on their permits. The checkpoint serves as a seasonal gate for farmers from Al Jib to access their land following prior coordination with the Israeli Civil administration.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel’s Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning. On 8 and 9 June, Palestinians (workers and otherwise) holding valid permits were prevented from accessing Israel through this checkpoint due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. Humanitarian cases and employees at international organizations were allowed to cross through the checkpoint.
<b>An Nu’mān</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khamlet an Nu’mān from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nuḡman and 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. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers from 0600 to 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
<b>Ein Yallow / Al Walaja</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP</b>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both

<i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
<b>Settler checkpoint: Mizpe Shalem – Efrata</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 hour for Palestinians with work permits to cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 3 March, the IDF and Israeli security personnel operating the checkpoint informed commercial trucks holding the appropriate papers to access Israel that they would not be allowed to go through the checkpoint anymore and that all commercial traffic will be re-directed to Tarqumiya crossing.
<b>Betar Illit</b> <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
<b>Mitzpe Shalem</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa, Partial CP</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. During the reporting period, long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal. On 6 April 2008, control of the checkpoint reverted to a private company. On 8 and 9 June, Palestinians (workers and otherwise) holding valid permits were prevented from accessing Israel through this checkpoint due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. Humanitarian cases and employees at international organizations were allowed to cross through the checkpoint.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. However, on 8 and 9 June, Palestinians (workers and otherwise) holding valid permits were prevented from accessing Israel through this checkpoint due to the general closure imposed on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. Humanitarian cases and employees at international organizations were allowed to cross through the checkpoint.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint have their names listed with the IDF to allow them passage. Friends and family members holding Palestinian IDs cannot visit their relatives in the area since their names are not on the list.

<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Ibrahimi Mosque. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP</b> <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 6 and 11 February, the IDF erected a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar Camp, east of Al Fawwar partial checkpoint.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP</b>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura, Partial CP</b>	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Erez was open on five days this week for Internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination only. On 7 June the crossing was closed for the weekend. On 9 June the crossing was closed due to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
<b>Rafah Passenger Crossing</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June but it was exceptionally opened on several occasions to allow medical and other cases to cross to Egypt or return to Gaza.  On 10 June: 17 injured Palestinians who had received medical treatment in Egypt returned to Gaza.  According to police officers at Rafah crossing, an estimated number of seven to ten thousand people need to leave Gaza for medical treatment, schooling, trading and other reasons.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh (Green Line CP)</b>	Manned by an Israeli private company. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays. Open between 0730 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0730 to 1300 hours on Fridays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.

<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Manned by the IDF. Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Between 9 January 2007 and 31 May 2008, the checkpoint was open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, from 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays, and was closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Since 1 June 2008, the checkpoint operates on Sundays and Wednesdays only, from 1000 to 1800 hours. Outside of these hours and days, the checkpoint will operate sporadically. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1630 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system). Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July 2007, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in place. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported. On 6 April, control of the checkpoint has been reverted to a private company.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on three day this week (4, 5 and 10 June) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. On 10 June the crossing was closed at 1330 hours due to mortar fire.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was open on three days this week; It was closed from 6 - 9 June. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom has been closed since the Palestinian suicide attack at the crossing's military base on 19 April. Kerem Shalom was open after being closed since 23 January, due to Israeli security concerns.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on four scheduled operating days this week. On 6, 7 and 9 June it was closed. Nahal Oz energy pipelines are scheduled to open six days a week.  On 4 June, Nahal Oz was closed due to mortar fire. On 5 June, Nahal Oz was open for one hour. On 10 June, Nahal Oz was open but closed at 1330 hours due to mortar fire.

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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 Organisation (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 Governor's offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.