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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

### 4 April – 10 April 2007

#### Of note this week

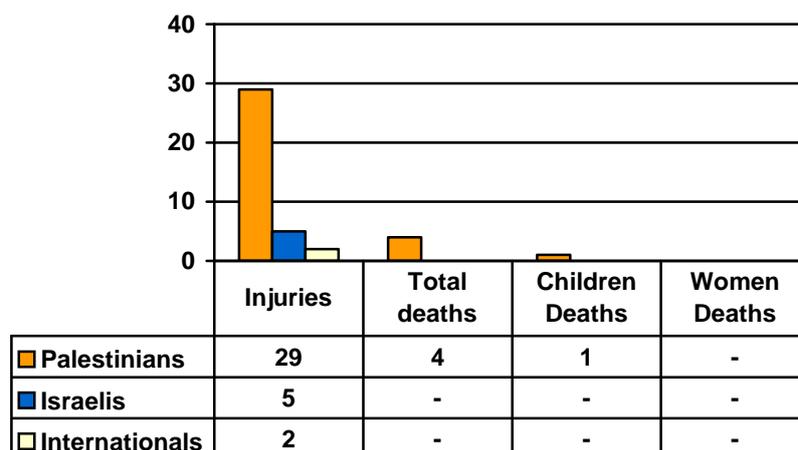
An exceptionally high number of random or 'flying' IDF checkpoints (237) were observed this week, in particular throughout the northern West Bank. In the Qalqilya governorate, flying checkpoints were observed at eight locations on a daily basis. In addition, since 8 April, Palestinians from the Jenin governorate were prevented from entering Nablus city or moving south to other parts of the West Bank.

#### **Gaza Strip**

- Two Palestinians were killed and two others injured by the IDF in the Gaza Strip this week. A further two Palestinians, including a 17 year-old girl, died of wounds sustained during previous IDF incursions.
- Five homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants towards Israel, one of which landed in a Palestinian area. No injuries were reported.
- IDF vessels opened fire with machineguns in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah on two separate occasions, although no injuries were reported. The IDF also fired a missile at a reported rocket launch site in the northern Gaza Strip.
- Internal violence in the form of armed clashes between rival factions continued with one dead and 24 Palestinians injured. In addition, five Palestinians were killed and three others injured during an armed family feud in the southern Gaza Strip. The BBC's Gaza correspondent, Alan Johnston, remains missing, presumed kidnapped, for the fourth consecutive week.

#### **West Bank:**

- A comprehensive external closure remains in place on the West Bank (since 2 April 2007) coinciding with the Jewish Passover Holiday.
- The strike of PA health care workers continues throughout the West Bank (since 16 February 2007) in protest at the non-payment of their salaries. Public primary health care centres remain closed and hospitals are only accepting emergency life threatening cases. In addition, teachers employed by the Directorate of Education in Hebron and Bethlehem governorates went on partial strike on 10 April which was set to continue the following day.
- Two Palestinian girls, aged 11 and 12 years, and a 10 year-old Palestinian boy from the hamlet of Tuba near Yatta (Hebron), were injured when a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on beat them and took their schoolbags while en route to their school, in nearby Twani. The IDF and police were present.



## 1. Physical Protection<sup>1</sup>

### West Bank:

- **4 April:** A 27 year-old Palestinian man was injured near 'Awarta commercial checkpoint (Nablus) by IDF live fire. The IDF opened fire at his vehicle while he was using a dirt road to avoid the checkpoint. The man was arrested.
- **4 April:** An IDF soldier was injured by live ammunition in Jenin city (Jenin) during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen.
- **6 April:** Two Palestinian men, aged 25 and 28 years, were injured in 'Azzun (Qalqiliya) by shrapnel during a confrontation with the IDF near the entrance to the village.
- **6 April:** Nine Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF and Israeli Border Police during the regular demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Many cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported among the residents of the houses close to the Barrier (not included in weekly totals). IDF soldiers took over the roofs of these houses as look-out points and one international activist was also detained.
- **6 April:** Two Palestinian children, aged 14 and 17 years, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a clash between the IDF and a group of children and youths near Qalandiya checkpoint (Ramallah).
- **6 April:** Six Palestinian men (ages unknown) and two international activists were injured in Umm Salamona village (Bethlehem) when IDF soldiers broke up the weekly demonstration in the village against the ongoing construction of the Barrier.
- **7 April:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Jenin camp (Jenin) by live ammunition during an exchange of fire between the IDF and the Palestinian gunmen in the camp.
- **8 April:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man, a driver of a Union of Health Care Committees' ambulance, was physically assaulted and injured at a flying checkpoint near 'Arraba junction (Jenin). The IDF delayed the ambulance for an hour and caused light damage to the vehicle.
- **8 April:** A 17 year-old Palestinian male from the H1 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured by live-ammunition when Israeli soldiers manning the Ibrahimi checkpoint opened fire at him after he stabbed two Israeli Border Police in the vicinity of the checkpoint. The two Israeli policemen sustained light to moderate injuries. The Palestinian man was later transported by an Israeli ambulance to an Israeli hospital and arrested.
- **8 April:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man with Down syndrome from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when a group of teenage Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tel Rumeida harassed and beat him.
- **8 April:** Two Palestinian girls, aged 11 and 12 years, and a 10 year-old Palestinian boy from the hamlet of Tuba near Yatta (Hebron), were injured when a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on beat them and took their schoolbags while en route to their school, with the IDF and police present, in nearby Twani.
- **9 April:** An Israeli settler was injured near 'Azzun (Qalqiliya) when Palestinians stoned his vehicle while passing on Road 55 near the village.
- **10 April:** An Israeli settler was injured near Jinsafut (Qalqiliya). The settler was injured by a bullet fired from a passing Palestinian vehicle while he was standing at a transport station.

### Gaza:

- **4 April:** A 22 year-old Palestinian was killed and two farmers were injured by gunfire when four IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from the border fence and entered 500 metres into the Palestinian area south of Beit Hanoun.
- **5 April:** A 17 year-old Palestinian girl died of wounds sustained during an IDF incursion in Jabalia Camp on 4 October 2004.
- **7 April:** A 20 year-old Palestinian (DFLP member) was killed when five IDF armoured vehicles moved from the border fence and entered 300 metres into the area between the Islamic Cemetery and the Abu Safiya area east of Jabalia. An IAF helicopter hovered overhead and fired five rockets at a group of Palestinians who had rushed to the area.
- **7 April:** A 26 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during an IDF incursion into Rafah on 22 April 2004.

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

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **4 April:** IDF vessels fired machineguns for fifteen minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to the shore. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **4 April:** IDF fired a missile at a reported rocket-launch site east of Beit Hanoun. No injuries were reported.
- **5 April:** IDF vessels fired machineguns for fifteen minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to the shore. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **10 April:** Palestinian gunmen opened fire at an IDF observation post near the border fence northeast of Beit Hanoun. The IDF responded with HMG fire for 10 minutes. No injuries were reported.
- **10 April:** IDF vessels opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats reportedly situated 4 nm from the shoreline. Three boats were reported damaged, one of which caught ablaze. There were no injuries reported.

**2.** Palestinian internal violence and other incidents<sup>2</sup>**Gaza Strip:**

- **4 April:** A Palestinian man was accidentally shot and injured during a celebration in Nuseirat Camp.
- **4 April:** Two Palestinian children were injured by shrapnel while they were playing with an UXO (anti-tank shell) that exploded in the Barazil area of Rafah.
- **6 April:** A Palestinian by-stander was injured during training at PRC military base in the Tal Az'etr area in Jabalia.
- **6 April:** Eleven Palestinians were injured during armed clashes erupted between Fatah and Hamas members in the Abasan area, Khan Younis.
- **6 April:** The Chairman of Palestinian Labourers Syndicate was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire and carjacked his vehicle, while he was travelling in Khan Younis. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **7 April:** One Palestinian was injured when a tunnel located under borderline between Egypt and Gaza opposite the Al Shouka area collapsed.
- **7 April:** Two members from Fateh and Hamas were injured during armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah in Beit Hanoun.
- **9 April:** A Palestinian women was shot and injured in the head in Beach Camp. Local sources state the motive behind the incident was due to a family dispute.
- **9 April:** A Palestinian man was injured by an old mine, a UXO, when he was farming his land on Mansoura Street in Gaza City.
- **9 April:** Five Palestinian men (aged 22, 27, 35, 37 and 51 years) were killed and three others injured when an internal armed dispute erupted between two local families in Khan Younis.
- **10 April:** A Fateh member was abducted and shot in his leg by unknown gunmen in Beit Hanoun. He was taken to hospital.
- **10 April:** A PA Police Officer was injured when he accidentally shot himself while handling his weapon in Nuseirat Camp.
- **10 April:** A 32 year-old PA Preventive Security member was shot and killed by unknown gunmen at Ma'en area in Khan Younis. The motive behind the incident is unknown.

**West Bank:**

- **9 April:** A 43 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Qalqiliya city by masked men. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **9 April:** Two Palestinian men were injured in Nablus during clashes between PA security forces and Palestinian militants.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):


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<sup>2</sup> 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.

- **5 April:** 100 journalists marched from the PLC to the PA President's Office in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) in protest at the abduction of BBC journalist Alan Johnston. The Presidential Guard prevented the journalists from entering the compound and opened fire into the air. No injuries were reported.
- **10 April:** Jabalia municipality employees (Gaza Strip) staged a sit-in in front of the municipality to protest at the non-payment of PA salaries. The sit-in ended peacefully.

### 3. Shelter and Property

No damage or demolitions to Palestinian structures to report.

**4 April:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tel Rumeida, located in the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) set fire to the car of a Palestinian resident who lives in the vicinity of the settlement. This is the third time such an incident has taken place without any observable investigation from the Israeli police.

**10 April:** The IDF handed a demolition order to a house belonging to a Palestinian from Immatin village (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without a permit in Area C. The house is 360m<sup>2</sup> and under construction.

### 4. Natural Resources

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

##### 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:** Construction work of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba villages 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. Road 465 will form part of the Barrier around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements

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

**During the reporting period:** Construction work on a road 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.

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.

### **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. Additional sections of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.

- 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:**

**8 April:** The IDF closed down Halhul Bridge for an hour and a half and exploded an unidentified suspicious object. Traffic flow into and out of Hebron city was denied for the duration of the operation.

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:**

- **4 April:** Four IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from the border fence and entered 500 metres into the Palestinian area south of Beit Hanoun under cover of gunfire to conduct land levelling operation.
- **5 April:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 500 metres into the Palestinian area east of Beit Hanoun.
- **5 April:** Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 300 metres into the Palestinian area east of Maghazi Camp to conduct a levelling and excavation operation.
- **6 April:** Four IDF tanks and four bulldozers moved from the border line and entered 500 metres into the Palestinian area south of Beit Hanoun to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. During the operation, an exchange of gunfire erupted for 30 minutes between a group of Palestinian gunmen and IDF soldiers. The Palestinian gunmen fired an RPG at the IDF tanks although no injuries were reported.

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

### **a) Curfew**

No periods of curfew to report this week.

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

**4 April – 10 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. On 8 April, two Palestinian girls, aged 11 and 12 years, and a 10 year-old Palestinian boy from the hamlet of Tuba, located near the hamlet of Twani, Yatta (Hebron), were injured when a group of Israeli settlers from Ma'on settlement beat them and took their schoolbags while en route to their school in At Tuwani, with the IDF and police present.

**9 April:** IDF soldiers manning Al Shuhada Street checkpoint (Hebron) prevented the headmistress of Qurduaba School from accessing the side gate of the checkpoint. She used an alternative route to get home.

**7 April:** A group of Palestinian gunmen broke into Beit Hanoun School (Gaza Strip) to take shooting positions on the rooftop during internal armed clashes before later vacating the premises.

### **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. The governmental hospitals and the MoH clinics are on strike in the West Bank except for the emergency departments at the hospitals. The health clinics will open once every two weeks for vaccination and to distribute medicine for chronic diseases.

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

##### **Nablus Governorate:**

**4 April to date:** Long queues and delays at Huwwara, Beit Iba, Zaatara and Al Badhan checkpoints.

**8 April to date:** The IDF prevented movement of Palestinian residents from Jenin governorate in and out of Nablus and south to other parts of the West Bank.

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:**

**4 April to date:** Long queues and delays at 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints.

##### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

##### **Salfit Governorates:**

**4 April to date:** Long queues and delays at Deir Ballut checkpoint.

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:** Qalandiya checkpoint remained problematic throughout the reporting period with continuing delays observed during morning and evening rush hours and reported incidents involving IDF harassment towards Palestinians travelling through the pedestrian lane of the checkpoint.

##### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

##### **Hebron Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

##### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** Commuters coming into Ramallah via Jaba' checkpoint experienced long delays during the morning and evening rush hours due to the regular and slow vehicle checks carried out by IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint.

### **Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

**5 April:** During the evening rush hour, the IDF soldiers manning Hamra checkpoint denied access to Palestinian commercial trucks after requesting Israeli permits for the goods onboard. The liaison officer of Jericho intervened and clarified that permits are essential to transport goods used for manufactures and production such as fertilizers but not commercial goods. The trucks were allowed through after one hour delay.

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 all scheduled opening days (Karni is scheduled to close on Saturdays). On 8 April the crossing was open for shorter hours.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases throughout the week:
  - o Open all week (shortened hours) for internationals (non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis)
  - o Closed for all Palestinians except critical medical cases/humanitarian cases throughout the week.
  - o The crossing remains closed since 12 March 2006 for Palestinian workers. The crossing was also closed for Palestinian traders throughout the reporting period.
- Rafah crossing was open on 4, 5, 6 and 10 April allowing a total of 3,261 people to exit and 3,379 people to enter the Gaza Strip.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open five out of six scheduled opening days (the pipelines are scheduled to be closed on Saturdays and also remained closed on 9 April). On 8 April the crossing was open shorter hours.
- Sufa crossing was closed all week due to Israeli security concerns.
- Kerem Shalom was open on 4, 5 and 8 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), Jammai'n (1), Huwwara (2), Ijnisiya (1), As Sawiya (1)	12
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (7), Sanur (7), Al Kufeir (7), Haifa St (7), Al Yamun (7), Kafr Dan (2), Qabatiya (3), Az Zawiya (3), Kafr Ra'i (1), Fahma (1), 'Ajja (1)	53
Tubas	Al Fara'a village (1), Áqqaba (1), Tubas (1)	3
Tulkarm	Beit Lid (2), Ramin (1), Balá (2), Deir al Ghusun (1), Kafr Sur (7), Kafr Jammal (3), Al Jarushiya (1), Shuweika (1)	18
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), An Nabi Elyas (7), Jayyus (7), Wadi Qana (7), Ázzun tunnel (7), Izbat at Tabib (7), Kafr Thulth (5), Baqat al Hatab (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), Ras 'Atiya (1), Al Funduq (3), 'Isla (1), Izbat Jal'ud (1), Jinsafut (1)	72
Salfit	Deir Istiya (7), Salfit (2), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Bruqin (1), Yasuf (1)	12
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 (9), Beit 'Ur at Tahta (1)	10
Jericho	Road 90 (1)	1
Jerusalem	Al Ram (3), Hizma (2), Qatanna (1)	6
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (3), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (4), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	25
Hebron	Yatta (3), Dura (3), Hebron city – H1(3), Halhul (3), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya(1), Beit Ummar (4)	25
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>237</b>

**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 (5), Áskar camp (2), Camp No.1 (2), Beit Furik (1), Burin (1), Huwwara village (1), Salim (1), Urif (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP	21	10
Jenin	Jenin city (7), Jenin RC (7), Qabatiya (1), Az Zababida (1), Ash Shuhada village (1), Silat al Harityiya (1), Al Hashimiya (1), Al Kufeir flying CP, Fahma flying CP	19	8
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (1)	2	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm RC (1), Far'un (1), 'Anabta (1), Seida (1), Kafriat Tunnel CP	7	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (7), Baqat al Hatab (1), Jit (1), Wadi ar Rasha (1), Habla (5), Ras 'Atiya (1), Jit CP	30	8
Salfit	Deir Istiya (2), Kafr ad Dik (1), Iskaka (1), Salfit (2), Bidhya (1), Bruqin (1), Marda (1)	9	1
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	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Ar Ram, Qalandiya checkpoint	-	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (4), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Dar Salah (3), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (3), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (3), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	37	17
Hebron	Hebron City (5), Al 'Arrub Camp (4), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (4), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (3), As Samu (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Halhul (3)	28	12
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>159</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
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<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		-	-
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>159</b>	<b>70</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 4 April – 10 April 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>'Anabta</b>	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> 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.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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.
<b>Al Tur</b> 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.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Open)</b> 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.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> 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.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.

<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. On 2 and 3 April closed for Palestinians from Jenin Governorate aged between 16 and 40 years and since 8 April to date, closed for all Palestinians from Jenin Governorate. Delays and long queues reported this week.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> 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. 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. 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.
<b>Tayasir</b> 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.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> 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.
<b>Hamra</b> 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. Some delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint reported.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	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.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open. Some delays reported.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

**Jerusalem:**

<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> 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).
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> 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.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> 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.
<b>Jaba'</b> 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:**

<b>DCO</b> 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, 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. 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> 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. On 29 March, the checkpoint was closed off for three hours due to the presence of a suspicious object. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast although Christians holding permits were allowed entry.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> 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.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. 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. On 23 February the IDF began manning the Tunnel terminal.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> 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. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	

<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were suspended as of 2 April due to the Jewish holiday of Passover. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast.
<b>Meitar</b> 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. <b>On 2 April to date:</b> closed due to the Passover feast.
<b>Shani</b> 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.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> 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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> 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.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b>	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.

Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.

### Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

<b>Erez crossing</b>	Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases throughout the week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open all week (shortened hours) for internationals (non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis)</li> <li>- Closed for all Palestinians except critical medical cases/humanitarian cases throughout the week.</li> <li>- The crossing remains closed since 12 March 2006 for Palestinian workers. The crossing was also closed for Palestinian traders throughout the reporting period.</li> </ul>
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing was open on 4, 5, 6 and 10 April with the following daily log of movement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4 April:</b> Rafah terminal was open from 09:00–16:00 in both directions (arrivals: 840, departures: 1,020).</li> <li>• <b>5 April:</b> Rafah terminal was open from 09:00–16:00 in both directions (arrivals: 970, departures: 850).</li> <li>• <b>6 April:</b> Rafah terminal was open from 09:00–17:00 in both directions (arrivals: 660, departures: 600).</li> <li>• <b>7-9 April:</b> Rafah terminal remained closed.</li> <li>• <b>10 April:</b> Rafah terminal was open from 08:00–17:30 in both directions (arrivals: 791, departures: 909).</li> </ul>

### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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.
<b>Qusin Checkpoint (NEW)</b>	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. On 10 March to date closed and commercial trucks diverted to Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was closed all week due to Israeli security concerns.
<b>Karni</b>	Karni was open on all scheduled opening days (Karni is scheduled to close on Saturdays). On 8 April the crossing was open for shorter hours.

<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom open on 4, 5 and 8 April.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz crossing was open on five out of the six scheduled opening days (the crossing is scheduled to close on Saturdays), The pipelines closed early on 8 April and remained closed on 9 April due to the Jewish Passover holiday.

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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.