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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

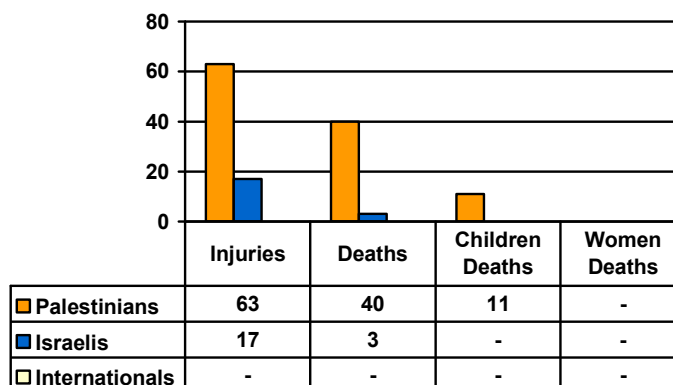
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed 37 Palestinians, of whom at least 16 were unarmed civilians (including 11 children), and injured 51 others (including 15 children). A Reuters cameraman was killed when flachette rounds fired by Israeli security forces struck a Reuters press vehicle.
- Three IDF soldiers were killed and 16 were injured in the Gaza Strip. Of those injured, 13 were injured in a Palestinian suicide attack at Kerem Shalom crossing.
- The IDF uprooted 200 dunums of olive trees northeast of Al Bureij Camp.
- On five occasions, IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea. These attacks coincide with the start of the sardine fishing season which will last until mid-June.
- Basic functions of daily life continue to be severely affected by the fuel crisis, including drinking water delivery, sewage water disposal, garbage collection, services provided by the health and education sectors and transportation, among others.
- A total of 65 rudimentary rockets and 51 mortars were fired towards Israel. As a result, a four-year-old Israeli boy was injured by a rocket that landed in the Western Negev.
- One hundred and eighty-four (184) mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip, the highest ever recorded weekly total of mortars fired inside Gaza.
- More than 2200 people (primarily women) participated in eight demonstrations to protest against the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip. Two rallies were held to commemorate Palestinian Prisoners' Day and one demonstration to protest against the killing of Reuters' cameraman Fadel Sha'na.

West Bank:

- The IDF killed three Palestinians and injured 11 others. Israeli settlers also injured one Palestinian in the H2 area of Hebron City.
- **18 - 22 April:** The IDF imposed a general closure on the West Bank due to the Jewish Passover holiday; the IDF prevented Palestinians holding valid permits from reaching East Jerusalem and Israel, except for Palestinians working with international organisations and emergency medical cases.
- Israeli settlers uprooted 200 olive trees on land belonging to residents of Deir Istiya (Salfit).
- **20 April:** A group of Israeli settlers physically attacked and pointed guns at a Palestinian family preparing a barbeque party near Al 'Auja. The IDF arrived at the scene and demanded that the Palestinian family leave the area (Jericho).
- **21-22 April:** The IDF increased its presence in the H2 area of Hebron City due to the influx of a large number of Israelis celebrating Passover; the IDF took control of and set observation posts at the rooftops of nine houses around the Old City and one house in the H1 area that overlooks Road 35.
- 79 IDF flying checkpoints, 118 IDF search and arrests operations and 99 arrests/detentions of Palestinians were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents.

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **16 April:** A Palestinian farmer was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border north of Beit Lahiya opened fire towards Palestinian farmers working in the area (North Gaza).
- **16 April:** A 35-year-old Palestinian man was killed and another one was injured (both farmers) when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting a vehicle north of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **16 April:** Four Palestinians (aged 20, 21, 28 and 35 years) were killed and four others were injured when ten IDF armoured vehicles entered approximately 500 meters into Gaza and engaged in armed clashes with Palestinian militants who fired approximately 60 mortar rounds and RPGs at the IDF. At 0600 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Gaza).
- **16 April:** Three IDF soldiers were killed and three others were injured during armed clashes with Palestinian militants in Johr Ed-Dik northeast of Al Bureij Camp. The clashes also resulted in the injury of two Palestinian militants. This took place after an IDF unit entered approximately 500 meters into Johr Ed-Dik area and was later reinforced by ten IDF armoured vehicles (Central Gaza).
- **16 April:** Seven Palestinian children and two adults (aged 12, 13, 14(2), 15(3), 42 and 46 years) were killed and 15 others (including 12 children) were injured by IAF missiles during the IDF military operation in Johr Ed-Dik area northeast of Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **16 April:** Four unarmed Palestinian civilians (aged 14, 17, 22 and 23 years; the 23-year-old Palestinian was a Reuters cameraman) were killed and seven others were injured (including three Reuters staff and two children) by flechette rounds which struck a Reuters press vehicle and other objects on Salah Ed-Din road. It remains unconfirmed, however, whether the flechette shells were fired from the air or an IDF tank or a combination thereof (Central Gaza).
- **17 April:** Two Palestinians were injured during armed clashes between Palestinians and the IDF when three Palestinian militants attacked Kerem Shalom crossing (Rafah).
- **17 April:** The body of a Palestinian man was retrieved from east of Jabaliya. According to local residents the man was killed by live ammunition fired by the IDF on the evening of **16 April** (North Gaza).
- **19 April:** Four Palestinian militants (aged 21, 23, 31 and 34 years; Hamas members) were killed and one was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of armed Hamas members east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **19 April:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man (Hamas member) was killed and two others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of armed Hamas members east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **19 April:** A 21-year-old Palestinian militant was killed and three others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of Palestinian militants east of Shuja'iyeh. This took place during armed clashes between the IDF and Palestinian militants after an IDF unit entered the area accompanied by ten armoured vehicles and bulldozers (Gaza).
- **19 April:** Three Palestinian militants (aged 23(2) and 24 years) died when they detonated their vehicles in Kerem Shalom crossing. Al Qassam brigades claimed responsibility for the suicide attack, which resulted in the injury of 13 IDF soldiers (Rafah).
- **19 April:** A 35-year-old Palestinian man was killed and four others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a jeep west of Rafah (Rafah).
- **20 April:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of Hamas members east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **20 April:** A 22-year-old Palestinian militant was killed and two others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at armed Hamas members east of Zaitoun quarter (Gaza).
- **20 April:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy died of wounds sustained (by IAF missiles) during the IDF incursion into Johr Ed-Dik on 16 April (Central Gaza).
- **20 April:** A 15-year-old Palestinian died of wounds sustained (by IAF missiles) during the IDF incursion east of Johr Ed-Dik on 16 April (Central Gaza).
- **20 April:** A 27-year-old Palestinian was killed and three others, including a child, were injured (all unarmed civilians) inside their home by two IAF missiles (Rafah).
- **21 April:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man was killed in armed clashes between the IDF and armed Hamas members, after ten IDF armoured vehicles entered 1.5 kilometres into Gaza northeast of Beit Hanun. At 0600 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (North Gaza).

- **21 April:** Three Palestinian militants (aged 19, 20 and 22 years) were killed by IAF missiles during clashes between IDF soldiers and Palestinian militants following a Palestinian armed attack against an Israeli military base near the evacuated Dugit settlement north of Beit Lahiya. Al Aqsa Brigades (Fatah-affiliated) and Al Quds Brigades (Islamic Jihad-affiliated) jointly claimed responsibility for the attack (Israel).
- **21 April:** According to Israeli media reports, one rocket landed in a Kibbutz in the Western Negev and injuring a four-year-old boy (Gaza).
- **22 April:** Two Palestinian militants were injured when an IAF aircraft fired one missile targeting a jeep carrying Hamas members travelling east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **16 April:** Armed Hamas members fired seven mortar shells at an IDF unit that had entered Gaza north of Beit Lahiya. Armed clashes erupted between the two sides. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **19 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **20 April:** Six IDF armoured vehicles entered approximately 800 meters into Gaza east of Khouza'a. Armed clashes erupted between the IDF and Palestinian militants. On 21 April at 0600 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).
- **20 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **22 April:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Maghazi opened fire at Palestinian farmers working in the vicinity. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **22 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **22 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Deir El Balah, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **22 April:** Palestinian militants detonated an explosive device under an IDF jeep patrolling the border east of Al Qarara. The IDF responded with HMG fire. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **22 April:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **16 April:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man was injured in El Far'a refugee camp by live ammunition fired by the IDF at Palestinian stone throwers (Tubas).
- **16 April:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man from Habla town was physically assaulted by the IDF at 'Azzun 'Atma checkpoint (Qalqiliya).
- **17 April:** Two Palestinian men (aged 19 and 27 years) were killed in Qabatiya town during an exchange of fire with the IDF when the IDF surrounded a house under construction where the two men were hiding (Jenin).
- **18 April:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was killed by live ammunition fired by the IDF in Balata refugee camp when an IDF undercover unit entered the camp, surrounded a house, and arrested two Palestinians (Nablus).
- **18 April:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted by a group of Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba settlement in the H2 area of Hebron City. The attack took place near his house, which is located near the settlement (Hebron).
- **18 April:** A 28-year-old Palestinian male journalist working for Reuters was injured when he was shot with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists protesting Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **19 April:** A nine-year-old Palestinian boy from Al 'Eizariya was physically assaulted by IDF soldiers for carrying a toy water gun (Jerusalem).
- **20 April:** Two Palestinian men (aged 19 and 20 years) were injured in 'Azzun village by rubber-coated metal bullets during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers (Qalqiliya).
- **22 April:** Five Palestinian males (aged 13, 15, 16, and 18(2) years) were injured with live ammunition fired by the IDF towards Palestinians who were throwing stones at IDF patrol jeeps passing in front of Ad Duhaisha Camp (Bethlehem).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

Previous Reporting Period

- **15 April:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli house in Abu Tor area near the East Talpiyyot settlement. Some damage to the house was reported (Jerusalem).

Current Reporting Period

- **16 April:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near Ni'lin village. Some damage to the vehicle was reported (Ramallah).
- **17 April:** Palestinians held a sit-in in front of ICRC offices in Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners on Palestinian Prisoners' day.
- **17 March:** Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling near Al Lubban village. One car sustained some damage (Ramallah).
- **20 April:** A group of Israeli settlers physically attacked and pointed guns at a Palestinian family preparing a barbeque party near Al 'Auja. The IDF arrived at the scene and demanded that the Palestinian family leave the area (Jericho).

2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **16 April:** Two Palestinian civilians (adults) were injured when a rocket fired by Palestinian militants from east of Jabaliya exploded prematurely (North Gaza).
- **17 April:** Two Palestinians (aged 20 and 25 years; Hamas members) died of wounds sustained when an explosive device exploded prematurely in their house in Jabaliya on 13 April (North Gaza).
- **17 April:** Three Palestinians were injured when a rocket fired by Palestinian militants towards the Green Line landed in Gaza (Khan Younis).
- **17 April:** Three Palestinians (adults; one is an Islamic Jihad member) were injured in an explosion at a house in Rafah. Local reports indicate that an Islamic Jihad member was preparing an explosive device, which exploded prematurely (Rafah).
- **18 April:** Two Palestinians, including a five-year-old girl, were injured when a rocket fired from east of Sheikh Zayed City hit a house northeast of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **19 April:** A 34-year-old Palestinian (Islamic Jihad member) died of wounds sustained in an internal explosion at a house in Rafah on 17 April (Rafah).
- **19 April:** A Palestinian man was injured in an internal explosion at a house in Rafah. Local reports indicate that an Islamic Jihad member was preparing an explosive device, which exploded prematurely (Rafah).
- **20 April:** Two armed Hamas members were injured while they were preparing an explosive device that exploded prematurely in Shuja'iyyeh quarter (Gaza).
- **20 April:** An UNRWA student (child) was injured in the school yard by a stray bullet fired during a passing funeral procession (Central Gaza).
- **21 April:** A 24-year-old Palestinian civilian was injured when a rocket fired by Palestinian militants from east of Sheikh Zayed City landed near a Palestinian house (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **16 April:** A demonstration was organised by Abu Khatab family in Deir El Balah to protest against the killing of their son (PA Intelligence officer) on 15 April. Approximately 200 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **17 April:** Municipality Mayors and workers from all over the Gaza Strip gathered at the main gate of UNRWA Headquarters to protest against the lack of fuel and the siege imposed on Gaza. The protestors handed over a letter addressed to the Director of UNRWA Operations (Gaza).
- **17 April:** Approximately 1,000 Palestinians from Wa'ed Prisoners Association organised a demonstration to commemorate Palestinian Prisoners' Day. The demonstration proceeded from the ICRC office to Shawa Cultural centre (Gaza).
- **19 April:** Approximately 60 women gathered at Erez customs area to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. The Hamas-organised demonstration ended peacefully at 1200 hours (North Gaza).
- **20 April:** Approximately 200 labourers demonstrated in front of the UNDP office to protest against the closure of the crossings and the siege imposed on Gaza. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UNDP head of office. At 1200 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **20 April:** Approximately 300 women affiliated with Hamas organised a sit-in on Salah A-Din road to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza (Gaza).

² 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.

- **21 April:** Approximately 200 school students organised a bicycle rally through the main streets of Gaza City to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. The rally ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **21 April:** The Association of Charities for Orphans organised a demonstration in front of the PLC building to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza. Approximately 500 women and children participated in the demonstration. The protesters proceeded to the UNSCO office and handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1240 hours (Gaza).
- **22 April:** PLC members erected a sit-in tent in front of the PLC building and began a hunger strike to protest against the siege imposed on Gaza (Gaza).
- **22 April:** Approximately 150 members of the Palestinian Journalists' Block organised a demonstration that proceeded from Omar Al Mukhtar Street to the Unknown Soldier Park and finally to the UNCSO. The participants demonstrated against the killing of Reuter's cameraman Fadel Shana. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1230 hours (Gaza).
- **22 April:** Hamas organised a demonstration at Karni Industrial Zone to protest against the closure of the crossings and the siege imposed on Gaza. Approximately 1,000 women participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1320 hours (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **16 April:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy from Beit Furik was found dead near Hamra settlement. The case is under investigation by the Israeli Police (Nablus).
- **19 April:** An eight-year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 area of Hebron City had his arm broken when he fell while running away from a group of Israeli settlers from Al Rajabi House who were chasing him (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **18 April:** Fatah organised a rally in Rafah in support of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. Approximately 5,000 people attended the rally. Ten police vehicles disrupted the rally and arrested 15 people, including three journalists (Rafah).
- **19 April:** Armed men affiliated with Fatah opened fire at a house owned by a police officer who was involved in disrupting the Fatah rally on 18 April. The gunmen fled the scene before the arrival of the police, who quickly brought the situation under control. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

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
16 April 2008	Qabatiya, Jenin	0	1	0	N/A
16 April 2008	Johr ad Dik, Central Gaza	2	5	N/A	N/A
20 April 2008	Al Sharafa neighbourhood, Ramallah	0	2+	N/A	N/A
Total		2	8+	N/A	N/A

- **16 April:** The IDF damaged a house under construction in Qabatiya town in an IDF military operation during which two Palestinians were killed (Jenin).
- **16 April:** During the IDF incursion in Johr Ed-Dik area northeast of Al Bureij Camp, 200 dunums of olive trees were uprooted, two houses were demolished and five houses sustained damage. At 2130 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **20 April:** The IDF broke into Al Shurafa neighbourhood's club in Al Bireh City and broke some of the furniture inside. The IDF left without confiscating any property (Ramallah).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **16 April:** The IDF handed over a demolition order against a Palestinian house under construction in Jalbun village due to the lack of building permit (Jenin).
- **19 April:** IDF soldiers entered Al Huda market in the H1 area of Hebron City and informed the employees working there that they have two more days before the IDF closes them down and confiscate their contents. As of 22 April, no execution of the verbal order was carried out. The Suq was ordered shut down in late February 2008 due to its ownership by the Islamic Charitable Society.

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **16 April:** An explosive device was detonated in front of a family home in Gaza City. The house sustained some damage. The motive behind the attack is unknown (Gaza).
- **21 April:** An explosion took place approximately ten meters from the southern boundary wall of Al Deira hotel. The hotel sustained some minor damage. No one claimed responsibility for the explosion (Gaza).

4. Natural Resources**Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³****Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 April 2008 to date:** Israeli army bulldozers continue to level land north of Huwwara checkpoint.

Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, and Qalqiliya Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Salfit Governorate:

20 April: Israeli settlers uprooted 200 newly-planted olive trees on land belonging to residents of Deir Istiya.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.
 - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
 - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has stopped pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmona'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction of four “fabric of life” roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to road obstacles, the route of the Barrier, and the route of roads which Palestinians are restricted from using:
 - Construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to Roads 465 and 446, has almost been completed, except for the final 50 meter section to connect it back to Road 465. The road is open for access between Shuqba and 465 via an underpass at the intersection of 446 and 465.
 - Construction of a road between Beit Liqiya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The Israeli DCL reports that the underpass will be completed during the summer of 2008.
 - Construction has begun on a new road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya. A total of 588 dunums of land were requisitioned and some

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

land levelling at Beit 'Ur al Fauqa has begun. The Israeli DCL reports that the construction of the road will take approximately ten months.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a "fabric of life" sunken road and a tunnel for use by Palestinians travelling between Al Jib and Biddu villages is complete. The sunken road is located under Road 436 which connects the settlements of Ramot Allon and Givat Ze'ev and is primarily for Israeli use and use by Palestinians from An Nabi Samwil village to access Beit Ikksa via Ramot checkpoint. The "fabric of life" road replaces the dirt track between Beit Hanina al Balad and Beit Ikksa through Ramot checkpoint, which was closed with cement blocks by the IDF when the sunken road was opened.
- 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 has been stopped along a 3-km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
 - The Barrier between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. One detour route for pedestrian and vehicular traffic continues to connect these two neighbourhoods, but when the Barrier is completed, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
 - Since **26 November 2007**, Barrier construction has been halted between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages due to budget constraints.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is mostly complete. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Construction of a road leading to the police station was completed and the road is currently being widened.
- A new "fabric of life" road between Anata and Az Za'ayem (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Az Za'ayem without using the entrance lane off Road 1 near Zayem checkpoint.
- Construction of a "fabric of life" road around Ma'ale Adummim settlement bloc has not begun. The road is planned to connect the southern and central West Bank such that Palestinians will no longer need to travel on Road 1 through the Ma'ale Adummim settlement bloc. A military order number T/19/07 had been issued to confiscate 1,128 dunums to construct this road.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction of the patrol road along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint continues.
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).
 - The Barrier contractor suspended land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
 - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was suspended in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was suspended around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was suspended during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for new crossing continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man crossing is ongoing.

- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, El'azar, Allon Shevut and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings continued west of Tarqumiya checkpoint.
- Construction of new buildings continued in Karmel, Susyia, Kiryat Arba' and Shani settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road – parallel to Road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Metar checkpoint – is ongoing.

Gaza Strip:

- **16 April:** During the IDF military operation in Johr Ed-Dik area northeast of Al Bureij Camp, 200 dunums of olive trees were uprooted (Central Gaza).
- **18 April:** Two IDF bulldozers accompanied by two tanks entered approximately 500 meters into Johr Ed-dik and carried out levelling operations (Central Gaza).
- **20 April:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 250 meters into Gaza southeast of Al Maghazi Camp and carried out a levelling and excavation operation (Central Gaza).

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

a) *Incidents of curfews*

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
20—21 April 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	8 hours
22 April 2008	Marda, Salfit	8 hours
Total Week		16 hours

20 - 21 April: The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village from 2100 on 20 April to 0500 on 21 April following confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers (Qalqiliya).

22 April: The IDF imposed curfew on Marda village from 0300 to 1100 hours (8 hours) during a search and arrest campaign. The IDF occupied a house and converted it into an interrogation place.

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (northeast of Beit Hanun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahiya) continue to maintain a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

b) *Access to education*

- **16 April:** Attendance at several UNRWA schools was affected due to the ongoing IDF incursion in Johr Ed-Dik area, north-east of Bureij Camp. At Bureij Boys A school and Nuseirat Boys C school attendance was 60 per cent and 40 per cent. (Central Gaza)
- **16 April:** Attendance at schools in Gaza City was also affected, it was: 58 per cent at Beach Elem A Boys, 47 per cent at N/Gaza B Boys, 67 per cent at N/Gaza Elem A Boys, 28 per cent at N/Gaza A Boys, and 16 per cent at Rimal A Boys. (Gaza)
- **17 April:** Attendance at Bureij Prep Boys A and Nuseirat Boys A and C was 0 per cent; for the Bureij area overall the attendance was 30 per cent and in the Nuseirat area it was 50 per cent due to IDF incursion in Johr Ed-Dik area, north-east of Bureij Camp. (Central Gaza)
- **22 April:** All schools were closed in Marda village due to the curfew imposed on the village (Salfit).

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani—the escort has been provided since 2004 to protect students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement—continue to leave school children half-way through. The children thus have to walk the remaining distance alone, including passing immediately near the outpost of Havat Ma'on. Moreover, while the IDF escort includes soldiers walking beside the children, the soldiers usually stay in the IDF jeep while the students walk in front of the jeep (Hebron).

c) Access to employment

- **18-22 April:** Palestinian workers and traders were denied access to East Jerusalem and Israel due to the Passover Holiday and the resultant closure imposed on the West Bank.
Ongoing incidents:
 - **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.

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

During the reporting period: Palestinians removed earth mounds and opened all the closed roads leading to Beita village (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

- **29 October 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'in village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **29 October 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including access to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **29 August 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).
- **28 March 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF prohibits the free movement of all commercial trucks to the Barta'a enclave surrounded by the Barrier. Forty trucks, registered with the IDF at the checkpoint with a freight load of under two tonnes are allowed to transport food products. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **15 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Shuweika to Iktaba village with an earth mound.
- **8 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close four roads connecting Bal'a with Road 57, 'Anabta, Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba with earth mounds.
- **12 December 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **4 March to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun village with an earth mound.
- **2 March to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Hajja with Baqat al Hatab.
- **9 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the northern entrance of 'Azzun with concrete blocks and an earth mound. The IDF also continues to close with an earth mound a dirt road connecting 'Azzun with Kafr Laqif, after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 en route to Israeli settlements.
- **13 July 2007 to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City with vehicles.

Salfit Governorate:

20 April: The IDF closed a dirt road leading to an agricultural land belonging to Palestinians from Deir Istiya.

Ongoing incidents:

- **27 November 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the entrance of Kifl Haris with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July 2007 to date** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis are permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

18 April 2008 to date: The Dead Sea checkpoint operated daily during daylight hours and is scheduled to continue to operate until the end of the day on 26 April due to Passover holiday. All Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except employees at international organisations, were prohibited from crossing the checkpoint when it was operating.

Ongoing incidents:

- **2 January 2008 to date:** The Dead Sea checkpoint functions as a partial checkpoint. Palestinians with West Bank IDs and Palestinian-plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area when the checkpoint is not staffed. When the checkpoint is staffed, however, the Israeli Border Police denies passage to all Palestinians and their vehicles. The checkpoint is staffed on weekends, Jewish holidays, and randomly during the week.
- **26 September 2007 to date:** All West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO and Yitav checkpoints. For exiting Jericho city, only Palestinians from the northern West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to use the DCO checkpoint and are forced to use Yitav checkpoint north of Jericho City.
- **26 April 2007 to date:** Movement of Palestinians who are not Jordan Valley residents into areas north of Yitav checkpoint continues to be controlled through four checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley north of Yitav checkpoint but non-Jordan Valley residents no longer require a permit to enter the Jordan Valley using public transportation through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints. All Palestinians have access to Jericho City with their personal vehicles.
- **26 April 2007 to date:** Movement to the Jordan Valley continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Jerusalem Governorate:

18 - 22 April: The IDF imposed a general closure on the West Bank due to the Jewish Passover holiday; the IDF denied access to all Palestinians holding valid permits (preventing them from reaching East Jerusalem and Israel), except for Palestinians working international organisations and emergency medical cases.

Ongoing incidents:

- **25 March 2008 to date:** The road between Beit Hanina al Balad and Ramot checkpoint is closed. Travel for all Palestinians between the Bir Nabala and Biddu areas is via the new sunken road/tunnel between Al Jib and Biddu. Ramot checkpoint continues to operate only for Jerusalem ID holders and residents of An Nebi Samwil, which is located within the seam zone near Har Smuel settlement, and provides access in the direction of Beit Ikhsa only.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

20-22 April: The IDF prevented Muslim worshippers from entering Al Ibrahim Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City but opened it for Jewish worshippers celebrating the Passover holiday.

21-22 April: The IDF increased its presence in the H2 area of Hebron City due to the influx of a large number of Israelis celebrating Passover; the IDF took control of and set observation posts at the rooftops of nine houses around the Old City and one house in the H1 area that overlooks Road 35.

Ongoing incidents:

- **2 April to date:** The IDF continues to reinforce the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to areas inside Israel.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on four days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. 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 was operated since then on a few occasions on an exceptional basis.
- **Karni** crossing: the conveyor belt/chute was closed this week. Since 12 June, the crossing was operated to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza but remained closed for other imports and all exports.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on two days this week; it was closed from 17 to 21 April. After being closed between 28 October and 22 December, Sufa crossing was reopened 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.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing was open on three days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. 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 two scheduled operating days this week.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be 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. 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 Hanun 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	Talluza (1), Bizzariya (1), Al Badhan (1), Beita (1), Sabastiya (1), Huwwara (1)	6
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Kafr Ra'i (1), Ya'bad (1), Fahma (1), Silat adh Dhar (1)	6
Tubas	Al Far'a village (1)	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1), Zeita (2), 'Attil (1), Beit Lid (1), 'Illar (1), Kafr Sur (2)	8
Qalqiliya	'Izbat at Tabib (4), Jayyus (2), Ras 'Attiya (1), Habla (3), Kafr Laqif (3), Kafr Qaddum (3), Immatin (2)	18
Salfit	Salfit (1), Iskaka (1), Kaf Haris (1), Marda (3), Az Zawiya (1), Deir Istiya (1)	8
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Al Shawawreh (3), Tuqu' (5), Ush Al Ghurab in Beit Sahur (1), Al Nashash (1), Beit Sahur (1), Bethlehem (2), Dar Salah (1), Zatarra (1), Artas (1), Askara (1)	17
Hebron	Halhul Overpass (5), Al Fawwar (1), Yatta (1), Idna (1), Beit Kahil (2), the H1 area of the City of Hebron (5)	15
Total West Bank		79

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

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

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), Burqa (3), Beita (1), Balata RC (2), 'Asira ash Shamaliya (1)	12	25
Jenin	Jenin RC (2), Qabatya (1), Jenin City (3), Al Yamun (1), 'Arraba (1), Ya'bad (1), Zububa (2), Fahma (2), Kafr Ra'i (1), Silat al Harithiya (1), Ash Shuhada (1)	16	8
Tubas	Tubas City (3), Tammun (1), Al Far'a RC (1)	5	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1), Nur Shams RC (1), Tulkarm RC (1), Zeita (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), 'Attil (3), Ar Ras/Kafriat CP	8	12
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (4), Kafr Qaddum(3), 'Azzun Atma (1), Jayyus (3), 'Azzun(4), Jit (1), Kafr Laqif (1), Habla (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Hajja (3), Immatin (2), Ras 'Atiya (1)	27	7
Salfit	Marda (3), Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (1)	5	9
Ramallah	Ramallah City (3), Deir Qaddis (1), 'Atara CP, Al Bireh (1), Kharbatha al Misbah (1), Betuniya (1)	7	8
Jericho	Jericho City (2), 'Aqabat Jaber Camp (1), 'Ein as Sultan Camp (1)	4	5
Jerusalem	Jerusalem City (1), Qalandiya RC (1), Qalandiya (1)	3	3
Bethlehem	Obaidia (1), Ayda RC, Bethlehem (4), Al Khader (4), Beit Fajjar (3)	12	8
Hebron	H1 area of the City of Hebron (4), Surif (1), Al Fawwar (2), Bani Naeem(1), Beit Ummar (3), Yatta (1), Halhul, Beit Ula (1), Surif (1), H2 area of the City of Hebron (2), Dura (3)	19	14
Total West Bank		118	99
North Gaza	Beit Hanun (1, 22)	1	22
Rafah	Al Shouka (1, 3+)	1	3+
Total Gaza Strip		2	25+
Total oPt		120	124

¹ 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 City (1,2)	1	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (3,3)	3	3
Qalqiliya	Hajja (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (2,2)	2	2
Bethlehem	Za'tara	0	1
Total Week West Bank		7	9
Gaza Strip*			
Gaza	Al Zaitoun quarter (1, 2+)—family dispute	1	2+
Central Gaza	Al Maghazi (1,1)—Al Maghazi Youth Activity Centre	1	1
Rafah	Rafah (0,15)—Fatah-organised rally	0	15
Total Gaza Strip		2	18+
Total oPt		9	27

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

Appendix: Checkpoints: 16 – 22 April 2008

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green Line CP)	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. Closed from 18 to 22 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
Kafriat	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 organizations. Closed from 18 to 22 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	Manned by the IDF. Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
Jubara	A Barrier gate manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Only allows Jubara community behind the Barrier to pass through.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	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 Dab'a, 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. Closed from 18 to 22 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)	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. Closed from 18 to 22 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
Qalqiliya DCO	Manned by the IDF. Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Ras 'atiya	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0600 to 1800 hours.
'Azzun Atma	Manned by the IDF. Barrier Checkpoint. Open from 0430 to 2200 hours.
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem On Road 5	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours for UN, international organizations, Israelis and allows them to enter Israel via the closed area behind the Barrier.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	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.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0500 to 2100 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. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	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.
Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint	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.
Shave Shomeron <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	Manned by the IDF. Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as 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 re-closed.
Tappuah <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	Manned by the IDF. As of 29 August 2007, the IDF closed the checkpoint for Palestinians as well as ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Manned by the IDF. Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	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. Closed from 18 to 22 April due to Jewish Passover holiday.
Reikhan/ Barta'a <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.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Manned by the IDF. Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Manned by the IDF. Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	
Bisan <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.
Tayasir <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.
Maale Efrayim <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.
Hamra <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. Long delays were reported for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic on a daily basis.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	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.
'Atara Bridge	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. Delays of up to one hour were experienced by commuters into Birzeit during the morning rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually Open.
At Tayba / Rimmonim <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449</i>	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.

Partial CP	
Makkabim <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.
Ni'lin	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.
Rantis	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.
Jericho:	
DCO <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. During the reporting period, delays of up to 90 minutes were reported during the morning and evening rush hours.
Al Auja (Yitav) <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.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008	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 the weekends. Between 18 and 22 April, the checkpoint operated on a daily basis due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	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. Between 18 and 22 April, access to Jerusalem was prohibited for all West Bank-ID holders with permits due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal 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.
Zayem <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.
Ar Ram <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.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <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.
Ramot Allon <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.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and 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 Shu'fat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint. Between 18 and 22 April, access to Jerusalem was prohibited for all West Bank-ID holders with permits due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Manned by the Border Police. Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. Delays continue to be reported on a daily basis.
Az Zaytoun (olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	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. Between 18 and 22 April, access to Jerusalem was prohibited for all West Bank-ID holders with permits due to the Jewish Passover holiday.
Lazarus	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.
Sheikh Sa'd	Manned by the IDF. Permits access to Jerusalem for Jerusalem ID holders who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa'd, which is located to the east of the Barrier. Palestinians with West Bank IDs who are residents of Ash Sheikh Sa'd are allowed into Jerusalem through this checkpoint if they possess an Israeli permit.
As Sawahira ash Sharqiya	Manned by the IDF. Allows Jerusalem residents of As Sawahira al Gharbiya who live adjacent to the barrier to access As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, which is located to the east of the Barrier.
Rafat / Al Masyion On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	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. Delays of up to one hour and verbal insults by the Border Police soldiers were reported on a daily basis.
Shu'fat – Ras Khamees	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.
Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP	Open. During the reporting period, delays during the morning and evening rush hours were reported on a daily basis by Palestinians traveling to Ramallah.
Qawasmi Northern entrance at roundabout on road between Atarot and Qalandiya	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.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem	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. Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule. Between 18 and 22 April Palestinians holding valid entry permits (for work and otherwise) were denied access to Israel due to the Passover holiday.
An Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu'man 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.
Ein Yallow / Al Walaja Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both

<i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <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.
Settler checkpoint: Mizpe Shalem – Efrata	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <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.
Betar Illit <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.
Mitzpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa, Partial CP <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. Employees for MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) reported experiencing thorough checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarqumiya <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, a private company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overall supervision responsibilities. Between 18 and 22 April Palestinians holding valid entry permits (for work and otherwise) were denied access to Israel due to the Passover holiday.
Meitar <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. This week, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work places inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported. Between 18 and 22 April Palestinians holding valid entry and work permits were denied access to Israel due to the Passover holiday.
Shani <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.
Beit Yatir <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. Between 2 and 8 April 2008, the IDF reinforced the closures beyond the Beit Yatir checkpoint by placing cement blocks on agricultural roads connecting Palestinian villages to

	areas inside Israel.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond 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.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <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.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <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.
Al Kasaba, H2 <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.
Abu Rish, H2 <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.
Ar Ramadin <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.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <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.
Tarquimiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was open on two days this week for internationals and Palestinians with special co-ordination only. On 21 and 22 April it was only open for internationals and between 18 and 20 April it was closed. The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing continues to be closed since 9 June but it was opened on several occasions on an exceptional basis (e.g. pilgrimages; medical cases).
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green Line CP)	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.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <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.
Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP) <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.
Tubas	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

	Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <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.
Hebron	
Tarqumiya <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 2008, a private company took control of the checkpoint while the IDF retained overall supervision responsibilities.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt was closed this week. Since 12 June, Karni was open for the transfer of grains and animal feed but remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on two days this week; it was closed between 17 and 21 April. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on three days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. It was closed between 19 and 22 April. Kerem Shalom has been open since 4 March, when it re-opened following its closure on 23 January.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on two scheduled operating days this week (16 and 17 April) and were closed between 18 and 22 April. The pipelines are generally scheduled to open six days a week.

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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 Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.