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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

21 March – 27 March 2007

Of note this week

Five Palestinians, including three children, were killed and more than 35 injured when sand barriers of a wastewater collection pool collapsed flooding the nearby Bedouin Village and al Nasser area in the northern Gaza Strip with sewage water. Extensive property damage and destruction resulted and a temporary relief camp was sheltering approximately 1,450 people.

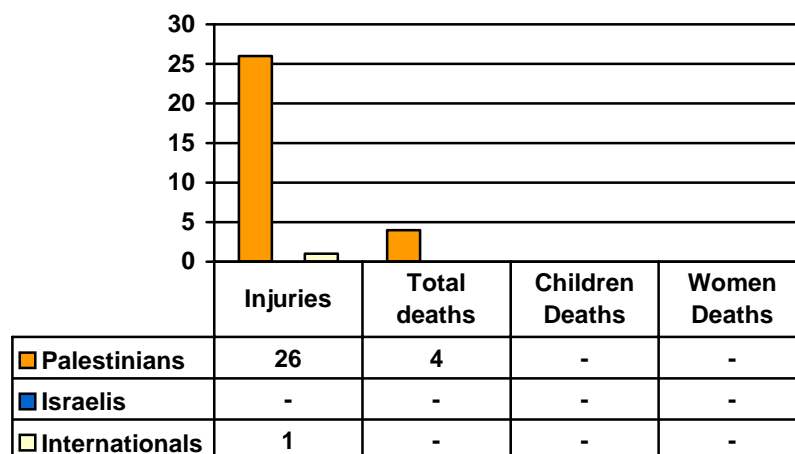
West Bank:

- The PA health sector strike continues for more than one month in the West Bank. Employees of the health sector staged a sit-in in front of Alia Governmental Hospital in Hebron to protest the government's inability to pay employees' salaries. In Bethlehem, all municipality workers went on a one-day strike to protest non-payment of their salaries over the past four months.
- Clashes at Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem) have occurred on a regular basis on Friday afternoons following the construction work by Israel at the Mughrabi gate in the Old City area. This week, Palestinians threw Molotov cocktails and stones at IDF soldiers who responded with live rounds injuring one Palestinian.

Gaza Strip

- 18 homemade rockets, three of which detonated in a Palestinian area, and a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) were fired at an IDF observation post east of Al Maghazi Camp. No injuries were reported.
- In five separate incidents, eight Palestinian men were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence opened fire and fired a tank shell. IDF gunboats also open fire in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to seashore, No injuries were reported.
- Seven Palestinians were killed including one child were killed during Palestinian internal violence, predominantly inter-factional fighting between Hamas and Fatah supporters. Abductions of rival factions' members were also reported.
- The BBC's Gaza based reporter has been kidnapped for more than two weeks and his whereabouts and motive behind the kidnapping remain unknown.
- The Salah Edin road Wadi Gaza Bridge was reopened following its destruction almost eight months ago by the IDF at the start of Operation 'Summer Rains'.

1. Physical Protection¹



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

West Bank:

- **18 March** (previously unreported): A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was physically assaulted and injured near Huwwara village (Nablus) by Border Police.
- **21 March:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was killed in 'Askar refugee camp (Nablus) during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian militants in the camp.
- **21 March:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man, a student at the Anajah University, was physically assaulted and injured at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus). The man had to be evacuated to a hospital in Nablus city.
- **21 March:** A 30 year-old Palestinian woman from Al 'Ubaidiya town (Bethlehem) was injured after being bitten several times by a dog used by the IDF. The incident took place when the IDF surrounded her house to arrest her husband who was not at home. The IDF withdrew from the area after seven hours. Damage to the house was also reported.
- **22 March:** At around 8:00 pm, an 18 year-old Palestinian man from 'Abud village was shot and killed by the IDF near his village. The IDF reported that the young man was in possession of a Molotov cocktail.
- **22 March:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man from Yatta (Hebron) was injured when a group of Israeli soldiers opened fire at him near Al Fawwar refugee camp. He was arrested along with three companions.
- **23 March:** At 4:00 pm at the Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem), Palestinians threw Molotov cocktails and stones at IDF soldiers. The IDF responded with live rounds and one Palestinian was reported injured.
- **23 March:** At 12:00 pm the IDF closed the Jaba' junction (Jerusalem) preventing Palestinian and international cyclists from reaching Jericho to participate in a YMCA sponsored rally against the construction of the Barrier. The IDF physically assaulted, injured and detained one Palestinian cyclist.
- **23 March:** Eight Palestinians and one international activist were injured when the IDF and the Border Police fired rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian, Israeli and international activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **24 March:** A 10 year-old boy and a 38 year-old Palestinian woman from Khirbat Salamah village, near Duar town (Hebron), were injured when a group of Israeli settlers from Negohot settlement attacked them in the village.
- **25 March:** Two Palestinian men, aged 25 and 27 years, from Al Jalama (Jenin) were physically assaulted and injured at Zatatara checkpoint (Nablus) by the IDF.
- **26 March:** A 52 year-old Palestinian shepherd from Aqraba (Nablus) was found stabbed to death near Itamar settlement. The Israeli Police are investigating the incident and the circumstances surrounding the incident remain unclear. This casualty has not been included in the weekly total.
- **27 March:** Two Palestinian men, aged 24 and 26 years, were killed in Nablus old city during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian militants.

Gaza:

- **21 March:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post north of Erez Industrial Zone opened fire in the direction of a group of people north east Beit Lahia.
- **21 March:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence opened fire at a group of people situated in the former Eli Sinai settlement north of Beit Lahia.
- **22 March:** A Palestinian boy was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence north of Beit Hanoun opened fire in the direction of a group of Palestinians situated nearby.
- **24 March:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post north of Erez Industrial Zone opened fire in the direction of a group of Palestinians situated nearby.
- **26 March:** Four Palestinian men were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence fired a tank shell targeting a truck owned by Gaza Municipality near Johr Ed-Dek area.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **25 March:** An RPG was fired at an IDF observation post near the border fence east of Al Maghazi Camp. No injuries were reported.
- **26 March:** IDF gunboats open fire for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to seashore. No injuries were reported.

- **27 March:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Al Maghazi opened fire for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian shepherds. No injuries were reported.
- **27 March:** PA National Security Forces detonated a tunnel located under the borderline between Egypt and Rafah opposite the Salam area in Rafah.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents²

Gaza Strip:

- **21 March:** Two PA Force 17 members were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in the direction of their base in Khan Younis.
- **21 March:** A 36 year-old Fatah member was killed and 17 others injured during armed clashes between the ESF and members of a Fatah-affiliated family in Beit Lahia housing project.
- **22 March:** A 45 year-old Palestinian man was killed during an exchange of gunfire between the ESF and a Fatah-affiliated family at Shejayeh neighbourhood in Gaza City.
- **22 March:** A 30 year-old Al Nasser Salah Ed-Din Brigades member was found shot dead east of Gaza City. Local sources state that the motive is due to factional violence.
- **22 March:** A Palestinian man was injured when an explosive device he was handling detonated prematurely in Bureij Camp.
- **22 March:** A PA Preventive Security member was injured when unknown gunmen open fire in the Ma'en area in Khan Younis. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **22, 23 March:** A 2 year-old child was killed and six others injured during armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah members.
- **23 March:** Three members of a Hamas-affiliated family were injured when gunmen from a Fatah-affiliated family open fire at their direction in the Beit Lahia project.
- **23 March:** A 45 year-old Palestinian man was found shot dead west of Beit Lahia. Local reports indicate it was due to alleged "immoral behaviour."
- **23 March:** A 45 year-old Fatah activist was reported dead on arrival at Shifa Hospital. Local reports indicate that Fatah holds Hamas members responsible for the killing.
- **24 March:** A PA Presidential Guard officer was injured when four masked gunmen opened fire at his direction in Nuseirat Camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **24 March:** Six people belonging to Fatah and Hamas factions were injured during armed clashes in the Abasan area of Khan Younis.
- **26 March:** A 38 year-old man was apparently shot and accidentally killed during training at a Hamas base west of Khan Younis.
- **26 March:** Five belonging to Fatah and Hamas factions were injured during armed clashes in the Tel Al-Sultan area in Rafah.
- **27 March:** Five Palestinians (a one, two and 17 year-old child and two woman aged 65 and 75 years) were killed and 35 injured when a wastewater collection pool sand barriers collapsed and flooded the nearby Bedouin Village and al Nasser village with sewage water in the northern Gaza Strip.
- **27 March:** A PA Interior Minister bodyguard was injured when unknown armed men opened fire at the convoy of the PA Interior Minister during his visit to the Bedouin Village affected by the sewage flooding.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **21 March:** Unknown gunmen abducted an Islamic University lecturer in Gaza City. The lecturer was released the following day.
- **22 March:** A UN Fiat-Punto vehicle was carjacked by three armed masked gunmen at the junction near the Gaza Training Centre adjacent to UNRWA HQ in Gaza City.
- **22 March:** A group of unknown Palestinians threw a homemade bomb at Al Sahar internet café in Rafah. The entrance to the café was damaged although no injuries were reported.
- **25 March:** Members of the Association of Journalists organised a sit-in in a tent at the Unknown Solider Square to protest the abduction of BBC journalist Alan Johnston.

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

- **26 March:** Hamas members fired an anti-tank missile and light arms at the Fatah-affiliated Beit Hanoun Sports Club. Hamas members then entered the premises and raised the Hamas flag.
- **27 March:** Local family gunmen attacked the Ministry of Agriculture to demand positions in the PA Security apparatus.
- **27 March:** Palestinian Red Crescent Society members staged a sit-in in front of the ICRC office to protest against non-payment of salaries.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
20 Mar	Al 'Ubeidiya, Bethlehem	-	1	-	-
27 Mar	Al Nasser, North Gaza	Unknown	Unknown	+1,450	-
Total		-	1	-	-

- **21 March:** The IDF handed a demolition order for a Palestinian house and two barracks, a chicken pen and a factory, for structures in Jit village (Qalqiliya). The owner reports that he has had a building permit since 1993.
- **21 March:** The IDF partially demolished a house in Al 'Ubeidiya (Bethlehem) after a siege that lasted 7 hours due to suspicion that a wanted Palestinian was hiding inside. The IDF withdrew without making any arrest.
- **27 March:** Hundreds of houses and sheds were fully and partially demolished and flooded with sewage water in the Bedouin Village and al Nasser area as a result of the collapse of a wastewater collection pool at Beit Lahia. Damage assessments are currently underway and further details will be provided as they become available.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

22 to 26 March: The IDF levelled land near the entrance of 'Ajja village beside Road 60 and installed concrete blocks establishing an observation point.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 19 March 2007: The IDF continue to level land in the evacuated settlement of Sanur.

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:

25 March: The IDF issued a requisition order (No. T/09/07) requisitioning 79.6 dunums of land in Jayyus and 'Azzun for the construction of the Barrier.

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

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:**Ongoing incidents:**

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue construction and land levelling north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**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 completed. 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 neighborhoods 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 meters 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 the city of Bethlehem).
- 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 leveling is on-going east of the Gush Etzion checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

22 March: IDF soldiers provided security for Israeli bulldozers levelling lands around an Israeli quarry near the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron). Tens of dunums of land was levelled over the two day period.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land leveling including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.

Gaza Strip:

25 March: Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 150 metres into the Palestinian area east of Al Maghazi Camp to conduct a levelling and excavation operation.

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

a) Curfew

No periods of curfew to report this week.

b) Access to education

21 – 27 March: During the reporting period, the IDF and Israeli Police generally arrived on time to escort Palestinian students 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.

21 March: Two UNRWA schools in Shejayeh area (Gaza Strip) were disrupted due to the armed clashes between local family and Hamas.

21 March: The morning shift of ten UNRWA schools in Jabalia & Beit Lahia were disrupted due to factional fighting between Hamas and Fatah supporters.

23 March: A "live" hand grenade was found inside the premises of the UNRWA Beit Lahia Elementary Girls School. It is believed the hand grenade was thrown during an armed factional clash. The hand grenade was safely removed and there were no injuries.

27 March: Schools in the Bedouin Village and al Nasser area (northern Gaza Strip) remain closed following flooding after sand barriers of a wastewater collection pool collapsed. This has affected hundreds of students.

c) Access to employment

Ongoing incidents:

- The general closure imposed on the Gaza Strip by Israeli authorities since 12 March 2006 remains in place.
- 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 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:

22 March: The IDF closed the dirt roads connecting Road 57 with 60 near Shave Shomron settlement. Palestinians used these roads to travel between Nablus and Jenin as they are not allowed to use Shave Shomron checkpoint.

24 March: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for several hours due to security alert.

24, 26 and 27 March: Long queues and delays at Huwwara, Beit Iba, Zaatara and Al Badhan checkpoints were reported.

26 March: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours after reportedly finding a suspicious object.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 10 March, the IDF continued to close Qusin checkpoint and divert commercial trucks to Beit Iba checkpoint.

Jenin Governorate:

26 and 27 March: The IDF closed Shave Shomron checkpoint and Road 60 up to Silat ad Dhahar to secure Israeli settlers who returned back to the evacuated settlement of Khomesh.

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:

22, 26 and 27 March: Long queues and delays at 'Anabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints were reported.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

21 March: At around 4pm, the Israeli Border Police deployed a flying checkpoint between Safa and Beit 'Ur at Tahta stopping all movements going west. Delays of 30 minutes were experienced.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

23 March: Israeli Security Forces were on high alert in and around the Old city of Jerusalem in anticipation of further demonstrations and clashes after the Friday Prayers in Al Aqsa mosque. Access to the old city of Jerusalem was limited to those who live in the old city; and Israeli ID holders over 50 years old.

During the reporting period: Palestinians experienced long delays at the pedestrian lane of Qalandia checkpoint.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: Delays up to one hour were experienced on daily basis at Tayasir checkpoint during morning and evening rush hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 9 January, 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 (traders 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'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

Gaza Strip

27 March: All streets and roads were inaccessible in the Bedouin Village and al Nasser area following the collapse of sand barriers around the wastewater collection pool in the area.

During the reporting period:

- Karni was open on all scheduled operating days during the reporting period. However, on 21 March the crossing did not open until 2:30 pm.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian 'senior' traders. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis). The crossing continues to be closed for Palestinian workers (since 12 March 2006).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on five out of the scheduled six opening days.
- Sufa crossing was closed all week except on 22 March. The Palestinian side reports that the crossing is closed due to Israeli demands of new security arrangements.
- Kerem Shalom was closed all the week.
- 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), Ijnisinya (1), Salim (1), Tanib factory (1)	11
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (2), Sanur (7), Kafr Dan (1), Al Mansura (1), Qabatiya (4), Al Kufeir (1), Jenin south entrance (1), Al Jalama (1), Fahma (1), 'Ajja (2)	28
Tubas	Al Fara'a village (1), Áqqaba (1)	2
Tulkarm	Ramin (2), Íllar (2), Balá (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Kafr Sur (3), Shuweika (1), Tulkarm entrance (2)	13
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), An Nabi Elyas (1), Jayyus (2), Kafr Thulth (3), Ázzun tunnel (7), Izbat at Tabib (3), Baqat al Hatab (1), Kafr Laqif (1)	39
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Deir Istiya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Bruqin (2)	5

Ramallah / Al Bireh	Saffa (1)	1
Jericho / Jordan Valley	-	0
Jerusalem	Al Ram (7)	7
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (4), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (5), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (5), Husan (2), Beit Fajjar (3)	34
Hebron	Yatta (3), Dura(3), Hebron city – H1(5), Halhul (3) , Al Arrub refugee camp (4), Sa'ir (3), Surif (2), Adh Dhahiriya (3), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya(1), Beit Ummar (3)	31
Total West Bank		171

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 (2), Askar camp (2), Camp No.1 (1), Huwwara village (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Beit Iba CP, Huwwara CP	14	11
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (3), Qabatiya (3), Az Zawiya (1), Al Araqa (1), Al Yamun (1), Az Zababida (1), Kafr Rai' (1), Kafr Dan (1), Fahma (1)	17	6
Tubas	Tubas (2)	2	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm refugee camp (1), Shuweika Kafriat Tunnel CP, 'Anabta CP.	4	5
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (3), Kafr Qaddum (4), Habla (4), DCO flying CP.	25	7
Salfit	Rafat (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Az Zawiya (1), Burqin (1), Haris (1)	5	6
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2)	2	9
Jericho Jordan Valley	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem (2), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (3), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	27	18
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (4), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1).	22	20
Total Week West Bank		118	85
Gaza Strip			
Rafah	Al-Shouka	-	6
Total Gaza Strip		-	6
Total oPt		118	91

Appendix: Checkpoints: 21 March – 27 March 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Delays and long queues reported this week.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Long delays and queues were reported. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Since 10 March, 120 commercial trucks using special permits to use Taybeh back to back CP were diverted to Beit Iba after closing Qusin CP. Delays and long queues reported this week. Since 10 March, 120 commercial trucks using special permits to use Taybeh back to back CP were diverted to Beit Iba after closing Qusin CP. On 26 March the checkpoint was closed for two hours. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron (Open) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Opened on 1 March 2007 for UN and humanitarian organisations. Remains closed for Palestinians. On 26 and 27 the checkpoint was closed.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Delays and long queues reported this week. Delays and long queues reported this week.

17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. On 24 March the checkpoint was closed for several hours. Delays and long queues reported this week.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the cp is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. 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.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley. Officially open between 5am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin. Officially open between 3am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays are being reported on a daily basis.
Bet El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Some delays were reported during morning and evening hours.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.

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

Main checkpoint off Road 1	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. 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. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays up to 40 minutes were reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem.	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
Khallet an Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. 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 border police. On 23 February the IDF began manning the Tunnel terminal.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open

At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	from 7am to 7pm.
Tarqumiya 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 permitted. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May 2006, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August 2006, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. 2
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel. A pre-existing tower in front of the checkpoint has been significantly increased in height.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. Next to the checkpoint construction work is taking place for the construction of a new terminal.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were reported as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Usually manned by the Israeli Border Police, however, during the reporting period, the IDF manned the checkpoint. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Harassment of commuters and long search process took place during the reporting period
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.

Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
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Ras Al Joura Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
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Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases.
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Since 12 September 2006, a limited number of Palestinian traders again able to enter Israel. The crossing point is only open to 'senior' traders i.e. over 35 years, married, with children. Erez was open all week for internationals, traders and medical cases with the following breakdown of Palestinian movement:

- 21 March: 417 merchants and 26 senior traders crossed
- 22 March: 426 merchants and 32 senior traders crossed
- 23 March: 335 merchants and 18 senior traders crossed
- 24 March: 35 merchants and 6 senior traders crossed
- 25 March: 414 merchants and 34 senior traders crossed
- 26 March: 466 merchants and 32 senior traders crossed
- 27 March: 446 merchants and 34 senior traders crossed

Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing point continues to fail to operate continuously: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 – 25 March: Rafah terminal was closed. • 21 March: Terminal was open in both directions from 9:00 – 16:30 (entries: 840 and departures: 1,005). • 22 March: Terminal was open in both directions from 9:00 - 15:30 (entries: 640, departures: 492). • 26 March: Terminal was open in both directions from 9:00 - 17:00 (entries: 830 and departures: 685). • 21 March: Terminal was open in both directions from 7:35 – 16:15 (entries: 829 and departures: 906).
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Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Qusin Checkpoint (NEW)	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.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back –to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Sufa was closed all week except on 22 March when it opened for the day.
Karni	Karni was open all the week – on 21 March the crossing did not open until 14:30.

Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed all the week.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	The pipelines were open all scheduled days except on 21 March.

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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.