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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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## Of note this week

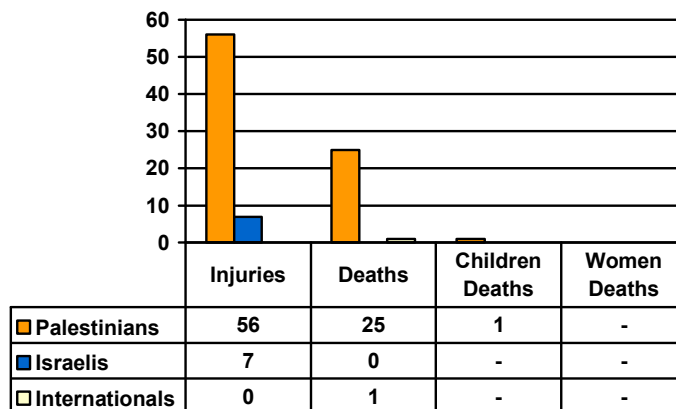
### Gaza Strip:

- 25 Palestinians were killed and 46 were injured in the Gaza strip. The majority of casualties (18 deaths and 30 injuries) occurred in Gaza City during an IDF military operation.
- Two Palestinians were injured in inter-factional violence.
- Two demonstrations were organised this week to protest against the visit of US President George W. Bush to Israel and the oPt.
- 68 Qassam rockets and 85 mortars shells were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel, resulting in the injury of six Israelis. In addition, one IDF soldier was injured by gunfire near the border in Rafah and an Ecuadorian national was killed by Palestinian gunfire when he was working near the border fence in Israel.
- The American School north of Beit Lahiya was attacked by unidentified gunmen, resulting in property damage but no injuries. According to the school's director, the incident was in protest against the visit of the U.S President to Israel and the oPt.

### West Bank:

- Ten Palestinians were injured this week, including five by Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arab and Al Rajabi House in the H2 area of Hebron City.
- Nine Palestinians were injured in a family dispute in Haris village (Salfit).
- More than 25 Palestinians were injured by Palestinian security forces while they were demonstrating in Ramallah City against the US President's visit to Ramallah and what they deemed to be his support for Israel's occupation policies.
- Between 9 and 12 January, a general closure was imposed by the IDF around Jerusalem and Israel due to US President's visit to Israel and the oPt.
- On 9 January, IDF soldiers destroyed six water cisterns as well as uprooted 3,200 trees spreading over 80 dunums of land in Al Jamroura area of the town of Beit Ula due to their proximity to the Wall (Hebron).
- In Hebron, the IDF issued demolition orders against nine cisterns located in Al Hathaleen, south of the town of Yatta. In Nablus, the IDF distributed 15 stop-building orders against houses, a water cistern and the electricity grid in Khirbet At Tawayel near 'Aqraba town due to the lack of building permits. Khirbet At Tawayel is located in Area C.
- 56 curfew hours, 53 flying checkpoints, 81 IDF search operations and 58 arrests were reported.
- Eleven search operations and 63 arrests by Palestinian security forces were reported

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



<sup>1</sup> Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **9 January:** A 22-year-old armed Palestinian was killed and four others were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Lahiya fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group affiliated with the Palestinian Resistance Committees (PRC) attempting to launch Qassam rockets at Israel (North Gaza).
- **9 January:** A Palestinian farmer (adult) was injured when IDF soldiers guarding the border north of Beit Lahiya opened fire at Palestinian farmers, forcing them to leave the area (North Gaza).
- **9 January:** Two Palestinians (aged 16 and 50 years) were killed and four others were injured when the IDF fired one surface-to-surface missile targeting a rocket-launching crew north of Beit Hanun in response to the firing of two Qassam rockets by PRC members (North Gaza).
- **12 January:** Two Palestinians (aged 20 and 21 years) were killed and another one was injured when an IAF aircraft fired three missiles targeting a Hamas military base located in Ma'an area east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **13 January:** Two Palestinian men were killed and another one was injured when an IAF aircraft fired one missile targeting a jeep carrying armed Palestinians travelling along the coastal road in Beach refugee camp (Gaza).
- **14 January:** Armed Hamas members announced that they hit with sniper gunfire an IDF soldier driving along the border east of Al Nahdha quarter. The incident was not confirmed by the Israeli media (Rafah).
- **15 January:** 18 Palestinians (aged 19, 20(4), 21, 22, 23(3), 25(2), 27(2), 30, 35, 50 and 65 years; including five civilians) were killed and more than 30 Palestinians were injured during and following armed clashes between the IDF and Palestinians after IDF armoured vehicles, supported by IAF helicopters, moved from the border line into Gaza east of Shuja'iyah and Zaitoun neighbourhoods of Gaza City. IDF troops were deployed north of Karni crossing and in Karni Industrial Zone. Armed Palestinians fired RPGs at the IDF. At 1215 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Gaza).
- **15 January:** According to Israeli media reports, an Ecuadorian national working at a farm was killed when armed Palestinians opened fire at a group of Israeli engineers working near the border east of Khan Younis (Israel).
- **15 January:** Four Palestinians were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border north of Beit Hanun fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of Fatah Al Mujahideen Brigades near the agricultural school east of Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **15 January:** According to Israeli media reports, a 19-year-old Israeli male was injured when a Qassam rocket landed in Sderot. This took place after two Qassam rockets were fired from east of Beit Lahiya towards Sderot, one of which exploded at the launch site (North Gaza).
- **15 January:** Armed Hamas members fired two Qassam rockets from east of Shuja'iyah targeting Nahal Oz crossing. According to Israeli media reports, a barrage of rockets hit Sderot, lightly injuring five Israelis (Gaza).
- **15 January:** A Palestinian man (civilian) was injured in Al Qarara east of Khan Younis when an IAF helicopter hovered over the area and opened gunfire towards open fields during an IDF military operation. Armed Hamas members returned HMG fire, targeting the helicopter. At 1720 hours, the IDF withdrew from the area (Khan Younis).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **9 January:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **9 January:** IDF tanks stationed at the border fired one shell at a group of armed Palestinians east of Al Maghazi Camp. The shell missed the target and landed in an open area. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **9 January:** Four homemade rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanoun towards Sderot. According to Israeli media report, armed Palestinians fired six Qassams at the Western Negev. One of the rockets struck a house in Sderot, causing extensive damage to the building. A woman and her two-year-old son were in the house at the time of the attack (North Gaza).
- **10 January:** Armed Hamas members fired three mortar shells from east of Rafah towards Kerem Shalom crossing. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **10 January:** Armed Hamas members opened fire towards IDF patrol boats at sea. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

- **10 January:** Armed Palestinians fired one Qassam rocket from north of Beit Hanun towards the western Negev. The IDF responded with one surface-to-surface missile targeting the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **11 January:** An IAF aircraft fired one missile at Palestinian fishing boats west of Khan Younis. The rocket missed the target. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **11 January:** An IAF aircraft fired one missile at Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. No injuries were reported but one boat was destroyed (Rafah).
- **14 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Bureij Camp fired two surface-to-surface missiles at a Hamas marine base west of An Nuseirat Camp. The missiles missed the target. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **15 January:** Armed Palestinians fired five mortar shells from east of Al Qarara towards the IDF Kissufim military base. IDF tanks responded with HMGs targeting open areas east of Al Qarara. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **15 January:** Seven mortar shells were fired from east of Khan Younis towards the IDF Kissufim military base. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **15 January:** Seven IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered approximately 300 metres into Al Qarara east of Khan Younis and were deployed in the area (Khan Younis).
- **15 January:** Armed Hamas members fired three mortar shells from east of Rafah towards Kerem Shalom crossing. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire targeting the mortar launching site. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **15 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Bureij Camp fired one surface-to-surface missile targeting a group affiliated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). The missile missed the target and no injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **15 January:** Islamic Jihad members detonated a road side bomb southeast of Al Maghazi Camp targeting an IDF Special Forces unit attempting to enter the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

#### West Bank:

- **11 January:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man from Jayyus was injured by plastic-coated metal bullets during an IDF search and arrest operation (Qalqiliya).
- **11 January:** Three Palestinian men were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during the weekly demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors against Barrier construction in Bil'in village. A few cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported (Ramallah).
- **12 January:** Three Palestinian men (aged 35, 36 and 38 years) and two Palestinian females (aged 19 and 32 years) from the H2 area of Hebron City were physically assaulted and injured by Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Al Rajabi House who attacked them while they were inside their homes (including throwing stones towards their houses). The Israeli Police subsequently arrested the Palestinian men for questioning and then released them (Hebron).
- **14 January:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy from the town of Surif was injured with a rubber-coated metal bullet when the Israeli Border Police opened fire at stone throwing Palestinians during an IDF military operation in the town (Hebron).

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **12 January:** Israeli settlers from the outpost of Havot Ma'on, located near the Palestinian hamlet of At Tuwani south of Yatta, fired at least six shots towards Palestinian shepherds from the nearby hamlet of Tuba and internationals affiliated with the Christian Peacemaker Team and Operation Dove. No injuries were reported (Hebron).

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

#### Gaza Strip:

- **12 January:** A Palestinian man (adult) was killed in an armed family feud between two local families in Um al Nassr village north of Beit Lahiya. The police intervened, made several arrests, and brought the situation under control (North Gaza).

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

- **12 January:** A police force discovered a body in the former Nitzrim settlement. The deceased had previously worked as a PA policeman. No one claimed responsibility for the death (Gaza).
- **13 January:** Three Palestinians were injured in a dispute between cousins from a local family in Al Maghazi Camp. Knives and sticks were used during the dispute (Central Gaza).
- **15 January:** A Palestinian man (adult) from Al Maghazi Camp died of wounds sustained while attempting to escape from prison one month ago (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **9 January:** 300 members of the Prisoners Committee of National and Islamic forces demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the US President's visit to Israel and against Israeli policies. The demonstrators distributed a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **9 January:** A demonstration was organised by Hamas in protest against the US President's visit to Israel and the oPt. Approximately 10,000 Hamas supporters participated in the demonstration. It ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **13 January:** Approximately 100 students of the American School and 50 NGO members organised a sit-in at the school to protest against the attack that targeted the American school. The sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **13 January:** An explosive device was detonated in a garbage container in Rafah. The explosion damaged the container, but no injuries were reported. The motive behind the incident is unknown (Rafah).
- **14 January:** Egyptian security forces discovered a tunnel underneath the border between Rafah and Egypt. It was reported that four artillery shells and 20 explosive devices were found inside the tunnel (Rafah).
- **14 January:** Two tunnels opposite Al Salam quarter, underneath Rafah-Egypt border, collapsed. One of the tunnels was active while the other was under construction. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

**West Bank:**

- **13 January:** Nine Palestinians were physically assaulted and injured during a family dispute in Haris village. PA security forces intervened and arrested 22 persons from both families (Salfit).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

No incidents to report.

**Inter-factional violence**

**Gaza Strip:**

- **11 January:** Two Palestinian policemen were injured when an Improvised Explosive Device was detonated near a police jeep on Salah Ed-Din road in front of the main entrance of Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **12 January:** Hamas organised a festival in Palestine stadium in Gaza city in honour of the Gaza pilgrims. The festival was attended by Hamas PLC members and political leaders, including Ismail Haniya. The police arrested a person carrying an explosive device. Thousands of people attended the festival which ended peacefully at 1500 hours (Gaza).

**West Bank:**

- **10 January:** More than 25 Palestinians were physically assaulted and injured in a demonstration organized by Palestinians to protest against what they deemed to be US President George W. Bush's support for Israel's occupation policies. The Palestinian police and the presidential guards used clubs and fired tear gas to disperse the demonstrators. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported (Ramallah).

### 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
9 January 2008	Beit Ula, Hebron	6	-	-	N/A
13 January 2008	Nablus Old City, Nablus	-	4	-	4
15 January 2008	H2 area of the City of Hebron	-	1	-	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12+</b>

- **9 January:** IDF soldiers destroyed six water cisterns as well as uprooted 3,200 trees spreading over 80 dunums of land in Al Jamroua area of the town of Beit Ula due to their proximity to the Wall (Hebron).
- **13 January:** Four small stores were burnt in the old city of Nablus during a search and arrest campaign when the IDF fired sound grenades inside the stores (Nablus).
- **15 January:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassa, located on Al Shuhada Street in the H2 area of Hebron City, threw a Molotov cocktail at the kitchen of a Palestinian family living next to the settlement. The kitchen caught fire which was later extinguished by the family (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **9 January:** The IDF distributed 15 stop-building orders against houses, a water cistern and the electricity grid in Khirbet At Tawayel near 'Aqraba town due to the lack of building permits. The Khirbet is located in Area C (Nablus).
- **9 January:** The IDF left a building they had occupied in Huwwara since 25 April 2007. The building was used as observation post (Nablus).
- **13 January:** The IDF issued demolition orders against nine cisterns located in Al Hathaleen, south of the town of Yatta (Hebron).
- **14 January:** The IDF occupied a three-storey building in Nablus city and converted it into an observation post. The IDF prevented the three families residing in the building from leaving for eight hours (Nablus).
- **During the reporting period:** Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Al Rajabi House continued to occupy a piece of land belonging to Palestinians in Abu Al Hussein neighbourhood in the H2 area of Hebron City. Frequent attacks by settlers on nearby houses and Palestinians passing by were reported (Hebron).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

No incidents to report.

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

- **12 January:** A group of unidentified, armed men broke into the American School northwest of Beit Lahiya and burnt six minibuses and a tractor. The assailants also stole a number of computers and damaged other property inside the building. A leaflet was found at the site, in which the so-called Army of Believers claimed responsibility for the damage (Gaza).

### 4. Natural Resources

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

**Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Qalqiliya, and Salfit Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has totally 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

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

- 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 Hashmon’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 closures and Barrier construction:
- Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
  - Construction of a road between Beit Liqya 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 road is in its final stage but work to complete it has been frozen temporarily due to budget constraints.
  - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya. Work to complete the road has been frozen temporarily reportedly due to budget constraints.

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#### Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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#### 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 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.
  - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank. The gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyet Al Bareed neighbourhood. Additional construction and infrastructure continues to be carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
  - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za’ayem.
  - **26 November to date:** Barrier construction was stopped between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma’ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.
- The road between Anata and Al ‘Eizariya (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Al ‘Eizariya without using the entrance lane near Al Za’ayim checkpoint. 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 and is part of the “fabric of life” roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

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#### Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:

- The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint.
  - 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 a new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
  - Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
  - Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, Elizar, Allon Shevut and Efrat settlements.

### Hebron Governorate:

**9 January:** IDF soldiers uprooted 3,200 trees spreading over 80 dunums of land in Al Jamroua area of the town of Beit Ula.

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 Karmil, Susyia, Kiryat Arb'a and Shani settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road – parallel to Road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Meitar checkpoint – continued during the reporting period.

### Gaza Strip:

- **13 January:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from Kissufim military base and entered about 200 metres into Gaza, east of Al Maghazi Camp, to conduct a leveling and excavation operation. At 1440 hours the IDF opened gunfire on farmers in the area. No injuries were reported. IDF tanks and bulldozers subsequently withdrew to the border line (Central Gaza).
- **14 January:** Several IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers entered the former Erez Industrial Zone area under the cover of heavy gunfire. The bulldozers carried out a leveling and excavation operation. IDF tanks and bulldozers subsequently withdrew to the border line (North Gaza).
- **15 January:** Several IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers entered the former Erez Industrial Zone area under the cover of heavy gunfire. The bulldozers carried out a leveling and excavation operations. IDF armoured vehicles subsequently withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **15 January:** During the IDF operation in Shuja'iyah and Zaitoun neighbourhoods east of Gaza City, an unspecified area of Palestinian land was bulldozed. At 1215 hours the IDF withdrew to the border fence (Gaza).

## 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

### a) Incidents of curfews

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
11 & 12 January 2008	Marda, Salfit	12 hours
12 January 2008	'Aqraba, Nablus	7 hours
13 January 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	6 hours
14 & 15 January 2008	Deir Istiya, Salfit	10 hours
15 January 2008	Deir Istiya, Salfit	7 hours
15 January 2008	Sarra, Nablus	6 hours
15 January 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	8 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>56 hours</b>

**11 and 12 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on Marda village for 12 hours (1700 – 0500) during a search and arrest campaign (Salfit).

**12 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Aqraba for 7 hours (0100 – 0800) during a search and arrest campaign (Nablus).

**13 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village for 6 hours (1000 – 1600) after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 60 that passes through the village (Nablus).

**14 and 15 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on Deir Istiya village for 10 hours (1900 – 0500) during a search and arrest campaign (Salfit).

**15 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on Deir Istiya village for 7 hours (1700 – 2400) during a search and arrest campaign. The curfew is ongoing (Salfit).

**15 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on Sarra village for 6 hours (0400 – 1000) during a search and arrest campaign in the village (Nablus).

**15 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village for 8 hours (1600 – 2400) after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 60 that passes through the village. The curfew is ongoing (Nablus).

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**

- 10 January: Three unidentified gunmen fired an RPG at the second floor of the American School north of Beit Lahiya. The shell damaged the north-eastern corner of the building. No one claimed responsibility but according to the school's director, the incident was an act of protest against the visit of the U.S President (Gaza).
- **During the reporting period:** The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid came on schedule to meet the students. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. However, while the escort decision stipulates that the soldiers walk with the children, the soldiers usually stay in the jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF jeep (Hebron).

**c) Access to employment**

- **During the reporting period:** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel arrive at around 0300 hours in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their work places inside Israel on time. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits start queuing at 0300 hours in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel (Hebron and Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply to the Palestinian 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 of age, married with at least one child, and with no security file.

**d) Closures/movement restrictions**

**9 -12 January:** A general closure was imposed by the IDF around Jerusalem and Israel due to US President's visit to Israel and the oPt. All Palestinians holding valid permits (including traders and workers) were denied access to Jerusalem and Israel, except for employees of international organizations. In addition, the Palestinian security apparatus imposed movement restrictions during President George W. Bush's visit to Ramallah and Bethlehem cities.

**Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **8 December to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Qaryut village with an earth mound. The road connects the village to Road 60.



Palestinians travelling southwards have to take a long detour route to reach their destinations.

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

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#### Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have continued to allow 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products into Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

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#### Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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#### Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 December to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

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#### Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **23 November to date:** The IDF continues to close the northern entrance of Jinsafut with an earth mound preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.
- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun village with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the partial checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City.

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#### Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **18 December to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Haris to Kifl Haris with an earth mound.
- **27 November 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.

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#### Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July 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 were permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

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#### Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

**During the reporting period:** Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves using the only road (dirt track) available and crossing through Ramot Alon checkpoint experienced long delays of up to 30 minutes due to prolonged ID checks by the Israeli Border Police.

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF has announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or to 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.

- **26 April to date:** Movement from the West Bank 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 Hamara 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.

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#### Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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#### Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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#### Hebron Governorate:

**11 January:** IDF soldiers and Israeli settlers from the Havot Ma'on outpost, located south of Yatta, forced Palestinian shepherds and internationals accompanying them out of their land in the vicinity of the outpost.

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#### Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. 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. However, it was most recently opened on 2 January 2008 on an exceptional basis to allow for the passage of pilgrims.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on two days (9 and 14 January) to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing was open on four days this week. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities (it had been closed since 28 October). Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on six days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods (including medicine) and the export of flowers. 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 six scheduled operating days.
- 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	Burqa (1)	1
Jenin	'Arraba (1), 'Anza (1), Al Mansura (1), Al Yamun (1), Al Kufeir (1), Rummana (1)	6
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	Bal'a (2), 'Illar (2), Zeita (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Kafr Sur (3)	9
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (3), Wadi Qana (2), Hajja (1), Izbat at Tabib (2), Kafr Laqif (2), Immatin (2)	12
Salfit	Marda (1), Deir Istiya (2), Bruqin (1)	4
Ramallah/AI Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Entrance to Hizma (2)	2
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Road 60 (2), Tuqu' (2), Beit Jala (1)	5
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Beit Ummar (3), Al 'Aroub RC (2), Halhul (2), Yatta (2)	14
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>53</b>

## 6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (7), Balata RC (1), Camp No.1 (2), 'Awarta (1), 'Aqraba (1), Sarra (1), Rujeib (1), Huwwara (1), Beit Furik (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Huwwara CP, Tapouh CP, Beit Furik CP	17	18
Jenin	Jenin RC (4), Jenin City (3), Sanur (1), Rummana (1), Ya'bad (1), Misiliya (1), At Tayba (1), Birqin (1), Al Yamun (1), Kufeir (1)	15	9
Tubas	Tubas (1), Al 'Aqaba (1)	2	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1), Tulkarm RC (1), Shuweika (1), Bal'a (1), Kafriat CP, Bal'a flying CP	4	8
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (3), 'Azzun (3), Jayyus (3), Kafr Qaddum (2), Hajja (1), Jit (2), Habla (2), Immatin (1), Ras Tira (2), Izbt at Tabib (1)	20	1
Salfit	Marda (2), Deir Istiya (2), Az Zawiya (1)	5	0
Ramallah	Al Bireh (1), Bir Zeit (1), Kafr Malik (1), Deir abu Mash'al	3	4
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	East Jerusalem	0	2
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (2), Ad Duheisha RC (1), Beit Jala (1)	4	4
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Yatta (3), Halhul (1), Dura (1), Sa'ir (1)	11	12
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>58</b>

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

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

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information</b>	<b>Total # of Searches</b>	<b>Total # of Arrested/ Detained</b>
Nablus	Nablus (2,4), 'Azmut (1,3), Jamma'in (1,1), 'Asira ash Shamaliya (1,1)	5	9
Jenin	Qabatiya (1,2), Jaba'a (1,2)	2	4
Tubas	-	0	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1,1)	1	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Marda (1,1), Haris (1, 22)	2	23
Ramallah	Ramallah City (0,25)	0	25
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Gaza Strip*</b>			
North Gaza	Umm an Nasser (1, 2+)—following an armed family feud	1	2
Gaza	Gaza City (1, 1)—person carrying an explosive device during a festival to honour the Gaza pilgrims; Gaza City (1, 1)—former commander of the Palestinian National Security Forces	2	2
Khan Younis	Al Amal quarter (1, 1)—Fatah activist	1	1
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>68</b>

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

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 09 – 15 January 2008**

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm :</b>	
<b>Ephraim (Green Line CP)</b>	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 between 9 and 12 January due to President Bush's visit to Israel and the West Bank.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>Ar Ras/ Kafriat</b>	Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
<b>Jubara</b>	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier.
<b>Enav</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)</b>	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 between 9 and 12 January due to President Bush's visit to Israel and the West Bank.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP</b>	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP</b>	Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Ras 'atiya</b>	Barrier Checkpoint.
<b>'Azzun Atme</b>	Barrier Checkpoint.
<b>Jit Junction, Partial CP</b>	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Kasem On Road 5</b>	Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara Southern main entrance</b>	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.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	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.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint</b>	A major linkage between Nablus and the Jordan Valley area. Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours. Palestinians travelling out of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan must enter Nablus City through this checkpoint and then cross through other Nablus checkpoints to reach their destinations.
<b>Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin</b>	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.
<b>Tappuah South, main road to Ramallah</b>	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</b>	As of 29 August 2007, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases. Since 29 October 2007, the IDF has closed a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing all access through the checkpoint including to ambulances with emergency cases.

<b>Yizhar, Partial CP</b>	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP</b>	Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan, Partial CP</b>	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
<b>Jenin :</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b>	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 between 9 and 12 January due to President Bush's visit to Israeli and the West Bank.
<b>Reikhan/ Barta'a</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Operating between 0500 to 2200 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Salim DCO (Green Line CP)</b>	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
<b>Mevo Dotan</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas :</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, this checkpoint is open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates using public transportation as well as commercial trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 to 2200 hours. Only Palestinians with a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or possess an Israeli permit that allows them to be present in the Jordan Valley area are permitted to cross. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians using public transportation and commercial trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays were reported during the reporting period.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Since 20 August 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. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers but as of 14 January, a Border Police company will be responsible for manning the checkpoint.
<b>'Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open.
<b>At Tayba</b> <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that links Road 90 to Road 458)</i>	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
<b>Rantis</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jericho:</b>	

<p><b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i></p>	<p>Operating 24 hours/day. No permits are required for Jericho residents, holders of foreign passports, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders who do not belong to the above categories need permits to cross. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to cross unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.</p>
<p><b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i></p>	<p>Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians who are non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs travelling northward to Al Auja and the northern Jordan Valley area are prohibited from crossing unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling from and to Ramallah.</p>
<p><b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i></p>	<p>Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.</p>
<p><b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <i>North Jericho</i></p>	<p>Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.</p>
<p><b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became a partial checkpoint</b> <b>as of 2 January 2008</b></p>	<p>Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. Was a permanent checkpoint between 1 July 2007 and 01 January 2008. It is manned by the Border Police as of 31 October 2007. Operating 24 hours/day for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. As of 2 January 2008, the checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. IDF soldiers conduct random checking during the weekends. Palestinians with West Bank IDs and Palestinian-plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area.</p>
<p><b>Jerusalem :</b></p>	
<p><b>Qalandiya</b></p>	<p>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. Delays facing pedestrians continue to be reported on a daily basis.</p>
<p><b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction</i> <i>Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev</i> <i>settlement</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Az Za'ayem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on</i> <i>Road 1</i></p>	<p>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 since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated terminals into Jerusalem.</p>
<p><b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i></p>	<p>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 terminals into Jerusalem.</p>
<p><b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road</i> <i>404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i></p>	<p>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 IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID cards.</p>
<p><b>Ramot Alon</b> <i>North western entrance on</i> <i>Road 436</i></p>	<p>Open for Israelis, Palestinians with East 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. During the reporting period, delays of up to 30 minutes were reported on a daily basis by Palestinians crossing the checkpoint westwards to reach Beit Iksha village.</p>
<p><b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/</b> <b>Anata Checkpoint</b></p>	<p>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.</p>

<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Abu Dis</b> <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Was moved northward to the new Israeli-built Rafat road and has become closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion.
<b>Jaba'</b> <i>Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by IDF soldiers. On 15 January, long delays of up to 40 minutes were reported throughout the day.
<b>Atarot junction</b> <i>At roundabout leading to bypass Road 45</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Vehicle checks for those travelling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning. During the reporting period, 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.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	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.
<b>Al Walaja</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel. On 4 January, the Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint demanded to search a UN vehicle. The driver refused to allow the border police to search the vehicle and he was delayed for 1 ½ hours before being allowed to access Jerusalem without having the vehicle searched.
<b>Mizpe Shalem – Efrata</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass. On 31 December, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint physically assaulted a 26-year-old Palestinian taxi driver and detained him for over three hours.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.



<b>Al Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 hours. Palestinians with worker permits can cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Betar Illit</b> <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
<b>Mitzpe Shalem</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa, Partial CP</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks. 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.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Family visits coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were cancelled between 7 and 9 January and are expected to resume on 10 January. 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.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. During the reporting period, 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.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint have their names listed with the IDF to allow them passage. Friends and family members holding Palestinian IDs cannot visit their relatives in the area since their names are not on the list.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector. On 7 January, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed for 25 minutes a Palestinian man and his pregnant wife who were going to hospital. The wife gave birth to a baby boy at 0320 hours at the checkpoint, after which she was allowed to be transferred to a Palestinian ambulance waiting for her beyond the checkpoint.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes. On 28 December, the IDF and Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint delayed Muslims heading to perform Friday Prayers at Al Ibrahimi Mosque through increased ID checks and prolonged detentions.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of

	anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Ibrahimi Mosque. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP</b> <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 28 December, IDF soldiers closed the checkpoint for more than an hour to allow the funeral of two killed Israelis to proceed to Jerusalem.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP</b>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura, Partial CP</b>	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of Palestinian traders as well as diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. 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:  <b>13 January:</b> approximately 180 Palestinians, including students and those holding residency permits in Arab countries, exited Gaza en route to Egypt via via Erez and Netzana.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh (Green Line CP)</b>	A private Israeli company controls traffic movement. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 0600 to 1200 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.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 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, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in place. During the reporting period, drivers of commercial trucks reported delays of more than an hour before being able to enter the

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crossing for unloading.

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<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on two days this week (9 and 14 January) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was open on four days this week (9, 10, 13 and 14 January). The crossing was re-opened on 23 December for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open on six days this week for the entry of humanitarian goods, food commodities and medicine and for the export of flowers. On 12 January, the crossing was closed.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 12 January, they were closed for the weekend.

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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.