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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

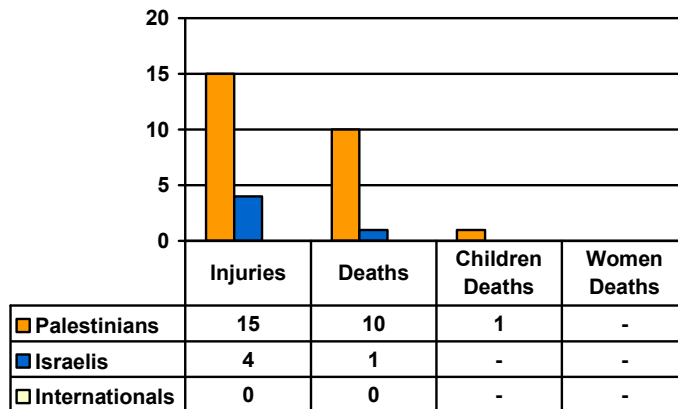
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed five Palestinians, including a 50-year-old farmer along the border in the North Gaza governorate.
- 23 January: Thousands of Gaza residents poured through to Rafah and Al Arish in Sinai. Crowds from all over the Gaza strip rushed to buy food, medicine and fuel supplies in Egypt. The Egyptian border guards took no action to prevent people from crossing the border. As of 29 January, the border remained open (Rafah).
- The conveyor belt/chute at Karni crossing did not operate this week. Sufa crossing was only open on 24 January exclusively for the entry of 11 trucks of basic commodities donated by Jordan. Kerem Shalom crossing was only open on 23 January for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods.
- 23 January: IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated agricultural land northeast of Beit Hanun, uprooting 350 dunums of olive and citrus trees.
- On 24 January, the IDF arrested 25 Palestinians during a military operation northeast of Rafah (Rafah).
- Eleven rockets and 15 mortar shells were fired towards Israel.

West Bank:

- The IDF killed three Palestinians in the West Bank, including a 17-year-old boy from Al Duheisha Refugee Camp who was killed with live ammunition during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Wad Mi'alla neighbourhood in Bethlehem City.
- Two Palestinian men from the town of Beit Ummar were killed by Israeli settlers after they infiltrated into Gush Etzion settlement and stabbed and injured two Israeli settlers (Hebron). On the same day, one Israeli Border Police officer was killed and another was injured at Shufat refugee camp checkpoint after been shot with live bullets by an unknown gunman from Shu'fat camp (Jerusalem). Following the shooting, the IDF imposed closure around Jerusalem for one day.
- The IDF issued six demolition orders in Huwwara village against five houses and a storage room for agricultural equipment due to the lack of building permits (Nablus).
- 26—28 January: The PA announced three days mourning in the West Bank after the death of George Habash, the previous secretary general of PFLP.
- 55 flying checkpoints, 98 search operations and 64 arrests were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **23 January:** A 50-year-old Palestinian farmer was killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the border north of Beit Lahiya opened fire at Palestinian farmers working in the area (North Gaza).
- **25 January:** Two Palestinians (aged 21 and 23 years; Hamas members) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a vehicle belonging to National Security Forces affiliated with Hamas west of Salah Ed-Din main gate in Rafah (Rafah).
- **25 January:** Two armed Palestinians (aged 34 and 35 years; Hamas members) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a vehicle carrying armed Hamas members travelling in the Shabourah area of Rafah (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **23 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting an open area east of Jabaliya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **23 January:** A 23-year-old Palestinian (Hamas member) died of wounds sustained due to IDF shelling on Gaza City on 17 January (Gaza).
- **23 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Khan Younis opened fire targeting an open area east of Al Qarrara. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **24 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Khan Younis opened fire targeting open areas east of Al Qarrara. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **27 January:** Two IAF helicopters fired two missiles targeting two Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs that belonged to the Presidential guards) at a Hamas military base in the former Morag settlement in Rafah. Hamas members responded with heavy gunfire towards the helicopters, forcing them to withdraw to the eastern border. The two APCs were destroyed but no injuries were reported. Subsequent reports indicated that the IDF air strikes damaged 26 shelters, affecting 174 refugees (Rafah).
- **28 January:** Armed Hamas members fired two RPGs at an IDF jeep east of Al Bureij Camp near the border. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **23 January:** A 33-year-old Palestinian man died in an Israeli hospital from injuries sustained on 4 January when the IDF opened fire at him while he was heading to the mosque for the Friday afternoon prayer during the IDF military operation in Nablus City (Nablus).
- **24 January:** Two Palestinian men (aged 20 and 21 years) from the town of Beit Ummar were killed by Israeli settlers after they infiltrated into Gush Etzion settlement and stabbed and injured two Israeli settlers (mid 30s) (Hebron).
- **24 January:** One Israeli Border Police officer was killed and another was injured at Shufat refugee camp checkpoint after been shot with live bullets by an unknown gunman from Shu'fat camp (Jerusalem).
- **25 January:** An 18-year-old Palestinian male from the town of Beit Ummar was killed when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian protestors and stone throwers during an Israeli incursion into the town. The clashes took place when the IDF was surrounding the houses of the two Beit Ummar men killed the day before in Gush Etzion settlement (Hebron).
- **25 January:** Four Palestinians were injured (a 30-year-old man and a 14-year-old boy were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets in the head; and two others Palestinians aged 19 and 22 years were injured with shrapnel) in the town of Beit Ummar when the IDF opened fire at participants in the funeral of the 18-year-old Palestinian killed by the IDF in the town earlier in the day (Hebron).
- **25 January:** Two Palestinian boys (aged 11 and 13 years) from the town of Al Khader were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian and international protestors (including stone throwers) during the weekly demonstration against the Barrier in Al Kahder in which more than 1,000 protestors participated (Bethlehem).
- **25 January:** Three Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by IDF soldiers during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors in Bil'in against the construction of the Barrier on the village's land (Ramallah).
- **26 January:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man from the H1 area of Hebron City was physically assaulted by IDF soldiers manning a flying checkpoint in Beer Haram Al Rama neighbourhood in the H1 area Hebron City (Hebron).

- **26 January:** A Palestinian man stabbed and injured an Israeli Border Police officer at Atarot checkpoint. The Palestinian man was subsequently shot and injured by another Border Police officer (Jerusalem).
- **28 January:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy from Al Duheisha Refugee Camp was killed with live ammunition and four men (aged 18, 20, 21 and 24 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Wad Mi'alla neighbourhood in Bethlehem City. Clashes took place while the IDF was surrounding a house in the city (Bethlehem).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **24 January:** Palestinians held demonstrations and candle light vigils in protest against the siege on the Gaza Strip (Jenin, Nablus and Tulkarm).

2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **23 January:** A Palestinian man was injured when one of two rockets fired by armed Palestinians from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot exploded at the launch site (North Gaza).
- **25 January:** Forty Egyptian soldiers were injured by stones thrown by Palestinians when they were deployed along the border with Gaza to minimize the number of people crossing in both directions. Palestinian youth hurled stones at the Egyptian soldiers, who responded with heavy gunfire into the air to disperse the crowds. At 1600 hours the Egyptian police withdrew to about 150 metres from the border and the Palestinians once again opened the border by bulldozing portions of the fence to create a road for small cars and mini trucks to cross in both directions (Egypt and Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **23 January:** 150 members of the High Justice Council demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the closure of the crossings and the siege on Gaza. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. At 1400 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **23 January:** Armed Palestinians set off several explosive devices along the concrete wall separating Gaza from Egypt. Thousands of Gaza residents poured through to Al Arish in the Sinai. The Egyptian border guards took no action to prevent people from crossing the border. Crowds from all over the Gaza strip rushed to buy food and fuel supplies in Egypt (Rafah).
- **23 January:** Thousands of Palestinians continued to flow through the wrecked border fence into Egypt and vice versa without any obstructions. The Gaza police set up checkpoints on the Palestinian side of Rafah to search suspects bringing in illicit goods such as weapons and drugs. On **24 January** at 1330 hours the Ministry of Health received three trucks of medicine from the Egyptian Red Crescent Society (Rafah).
- **24 January:** Thousands of Palestinians continued to flow through the destroyed border fence between Egypt and Gaza (Rafah).
- **24 January:** UNRWA staff from the field office and HQ staged a sit-in protesting the siege imposed on the Gaza strip. At 1100 hours the sit-in ended (Gaza).
- **24 January:** PFLP organised a parade in Al Bureij Camp in support of Ahmad Sa'adat, Secretary General of PFLP who is imprisoned by the Israeli authorities, and to commemorate the 6th anniversary of the death of Ismail Al-sa'id. Approximately 50 militants participated in the commemorative parade. The parade moved throughout Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **25 January:** Unknown gunmen broke into Al Maghazi Developmental Service Association in Al Maghazi Camp, broke some external windows and fled the scene. The motive behind the incident is unknown (Central Gaza).
- **27 January:** Hamas movement organised a demonstration in front of Salah Ed-Din gate in Rafah to thank Egyptian Security Forces for facilitating the movement of Palestinians into Egypt. Approximately 2,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1300 hours (Rafah).

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

- **27 January:** The border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip remained open and thousands of people continued to cross to Egypt and back with their purchases. At 1730 hours Egyptian Security Forces established a checkpoint in Al Masoura, ten kilometres from Rafah Sinai, to prevent Palestinian vehicles from passing into Sinai. At 1400 hours on **28 January**, Egyptian Security Forces and Hamas militants strung barbed wire across one of the three gaps in the breached border fence (Rafah).
- **27 January:** The border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip remained open. The number of Gazans crossing the border to buy basic supplies began to dwindle. Rafah-Sinai has run out of goods while Al-Arish and Sheikh Zuwaid have been closed to Palestinians by Egyptian Security Forces. Heavy rain and cold weather also played a role in the lower number of Palestinians crossing the border. At 1230 hours the Gaza police damaged approximately 20 Palestinian vehicles that were attempting to cross into Egypt (Rafah).
- **27 January:** The border between Egypt and Rafah was still open, with access for Egyptian cars to travel into Gaza and for Gazan cars to travel to Egypt. Egyptian cars were spotted in Rafah, Khan Younis and the middle areas. The Gaza police were deployed along the border in order to facilitate the movement of people who are still travelling through the boundary wall on foot and in vehicles, and also searching the belongings of those suspected of importing illicit goods, such as weapons and drugs, into Gaza. The police began to prevent private vehicles from entering Egypt due to traffic jams in Sinai (Rafah).
- **29 January:** Approximately 500 Hamas supporters demonstrated in front of Rafah crossing to urge the Egyptian Government to open Rafah crossing. At 1330 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **29 January:** The border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip remained open. Egyptian Security Forces and Hamas continue to work together to coordinate the crossing process. Al Barazil opening is dedicated to those departing Rafah-Sinai for Rafah-Gaza. Salah Ed-Din Gate is dedicated to those leaving Rafah-Gaza for the Sinai on foot. According to Haaretz, five Palestinians carrying belts of explosives and reportedly planning a attacks against Israel were apprehended by Egyptian authorities in the southern Sinai area (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **25 January:** Two Palestinian men (aged 20 and 27 years) from the town of Beit Ummar were hit by an Israeli settler vehicle and injured following their participation in the funeral of the 18-year-old Palestinian killed by the IDF earlier in the day (Hebron).
- **25 January:** Seven Palestinian men were injured by stones and clubs in Urif village due to a family dispute. The PA security forces intervened and arrested seven persons (Nablus).
- **26 January:** Two Palestinian men were injured by live ammunition in Ras at Tira due to a family dispute (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **During the reporting period:** Four demonstrations were held by Palestinians in Ramallah in support of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and in protest against the Israeli siege on Gaza. Confrontations between demonstrators and Palestinian Security Forces were reported with no injuries (Ramallah).
- **During the reporting period,** a general strike took place throughout the West Bank to protest against a decision by the Palestinian Prime Minister stipulating that a Palestinian should obtain a clearance letter from the Palestinian water and electricity providers stating that she/he is free of debt before this person is entitled to be issued any official document, including passports, birth certificates and IDs, from PA departments. The strike included public schools and driving training schools and involved the staging of several demonstrations.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **25 January:** A road side bomb exploded near the southern gate of the police headquarters in Gaza City. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

West Bank:

No incidents to report.

3. Shelter and Property

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
25 January 2008	Al Bureij Camp, Central Gaza	-	2	-	2 families
26 January 2008	Wadi Qana road, Qalqiliya	-	1	-	1
27 January 2008	Rafah	-	26	-	174
28 January 2008	Bethlehem, Bethlehem	-	1	-	6
Total		-	30	-	181 persons + 2 families

- **25 January:** IDF soldiers stationed along the border east of Al Bureij Camp opened fire in various directions. As a result, houses belonging to Al Nabaheen and Awwawda families sustained damage. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **26 January:** Israeli settlers threw stones at Palestinian vehicles passing on Wadi Qana road causing damage to one public transportation vehicle (Qalqiliya).
- **27 January:** Two Israeli helicopters fired two missiles targeting two APC's at the Hamas military base in the former Morag settlement in Rafah. Armed Hamas members responded with heavy gunfire towards the helicopters, forcing them to withdraw to the eastern border. The two APC's were destroyed but no injuries were reported. Late reports indicate that the IDF air strike damaged 26 shelters, affecting 174 refugees (Rafah).
- **28 January:** While the IDF was surrounding a house in Wadi Mi'allah neighborhood in Bethlehem City, IDF bulldozers knocked down a wall surrounding the house and damaged its kitchen in an attempt to force a wanted man out of the house (Bethlehem).

Late Report:

- **3 January:** IDF vehicles arrived at Fasayil and demolished twelve residential tents and twelve barracks belonging to a Bedouin community (80 people, all are registered refugees). According to the Israeli eviction order handed to the community in 2007, the community lies outside the Fasayil village master plan, does not possess building permits and is located in Area C (Jericho).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **23 January:** The IDF issued six demolition orders in Huwwara village against five houses and a storage room for agricultural equipment due to the lack of building permits. The structures are in area B according to Huwwara Municipality but the Israeli authorities stated that they are in Area C according to their maps. The orders were issued on 13 January (Nablus).
- **23 January:** The IDF raided Al Ihasn hospital in Bethlehem City and confiscated three computers in addition to a machine used to test for osteoporosis by measuring bone thinness. The IDF also arrested one person (Bethlehem).
- **24 January:** The IDF occupied a house in Deir Istiya for 24 hours and converted it into an observation tower. The IDF forced the residents (six members) to stay in one room (Salfit).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

No incidents to report.

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

No incidents to report.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

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

23 January: The IDF returned 200 olive trees to a farmer from Qaryut. Israeli settlers had stolen 300 olive trees from the farmer in June 2007 and the IDF returned some trees after a few days and promised to return the remaining trees.

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 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 due to budget constraints.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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 of the Barrier between the neighborhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. One detour route for pedestrian and vehicular traffic continues to connect these two neighbourhoods, but when the Barrier is completed, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank. The iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remained closed during the week for all pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The gate is planned to be used only by Israeli security patrol vehicles.
 - 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 Dahiyat Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyat 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.

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 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:

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 Metar checkpoint – continued during the reporting period.

Gaza Strip:

- **23 January:** IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated agricultural land northeast of Beit Hanun, uprooting 350 dunums of olive and citrus trees. On 24 January, the IDF troops to the border (North Gaza).

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

a) *Incidents of curfews*

No incidents to report.

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

- **26 January:** The vast majority of PA schools were closed after the teachers held a strike in protest against a decision by the Palestinian Prime Minister stipulating that a Palestinian should obtain a clearance letter from the Palestinian water and electricity providers stating that she/he is free of debt before this person is entitled to be issued any official document, including passports, birth certificates and IDs, from PA departments.

c) Access to employment

- **During the reporting period:** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were present in the early morning 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 were present in the early morning hours at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel on schedule (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**Nablus Governorate:**

23 January: IDF soldiers positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint delayed the passage of a Palestinian patient because they did not believe he was ill. The patient fell unconscious and the IDF called the Palestinian DCO to send an ambulance. The ambulance arrived and the patient was evacuated immediately (Nablus).

27 and 28 January: Delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- **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).

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.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

23 January: The northern entrance of Jinsafut—which had been closed with an earth mound since 23 November 2007—was opened by Palestinians.

Ongoing incidents:

- **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.

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.

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.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

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'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **26 April 2007 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.
- **As of 2 January:** The Dead Sea checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. Palestinians and Palestinian plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area. However, all Palestinians and their vehicles have been denied access by the Israeli Border Police whenever the checkpoint is manned, particularly during the weekends.

Jerusalem Governorate:

25 January: Following the shooting at Shufat RC checkpoint on 24 January (Jerusalem) which resulted in the killing of one Israeli Border Police officer and the injury of another, a tight closure was imposed around Jerusalem. All Palestinians with West Bank ID cards and permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel were denied access except staff employed by international organizations. The closure lasted for one day and was removed at midnight on 25 January.

Ongoing incidents:

- **As of 10 January:** Additional installations were added to Ramot checkpoint and the Israeli Border Police presently checks all vehicles and IDs of Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves.

Bethlehem Governorate:

25 January: IDF soldiers obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles through the southern entrance to Bethlehem City (Al Nashash) due to the weekly anti-barrier demonstration held in Al Khader town.

Hebron Governorate:

25 January: IDF soldiers closed Al Fawwar gate for one hour.

26 January: IDF soldiers closed the gate leading to the town of Bani Na'im for four and a half hours.

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.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute did not operate this week. Since 12 June, the crossing has remained closed for all exports and imports other than wheat grain and animal feed.
- Sufa crossing was closed this week but was open on 24 January exclusively for the entry of 11 trucks of basic commodities donated by Jordan. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities. Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on one day this week (23 January) for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, Kerem Shalom was effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days this week. On 26 January, they were closed for the weekend.
- 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	Bizariya (1)	1
Jenin	'Arraba (1), Qabatiya (1), Kafr Ra'l (1), Al Yamun (4), Birqin (1), Al Kufeir (1), Sanur (1)	10
Tubas	Tammun (1)	1
Tulkarm	Shuweika (1)	1
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (3), 'Azzun Tunnel (1), Wadi Qana (3), Izbat at Tabib (3), Jayyus (2), Kafr Laqif (2)	14
Salfit	Haris (1), Kifl Haris (2), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Yasuf (1)	5
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (2), Tuqu' (2), Beit Jala (2), Deir Salah (1)	7
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Halhul (3), Beit Kahil (3), Beit Einoon (2), Al Fawwar RC (2), Zif (2)	16
Total West Bank		55

6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (5), Balata RC (1), 'Askar RC (1), Sarra (1), Qusin (1), Beita (1), Usarin (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Kafr Qalil (1)	13	9
Jenin	Jenin RC (3), Jenin City (4), Qabatiya (2), Zbuba (2), Ya'bad (1), Al 'Araqa (3), 'Anin (1), Silat adh Dhahr (1), Ti'innk (1), Rummana (1), Silat al Harithiya (2)	21	15
Tubas	Tubas (3), Al Far'a (1)	4	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), Nur Shama RC (1), Far'un (1), Qaffin (1), Ar Ras CP, Enav CP	5	5
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (3), 'Azzun (4), Jayyus (3), Kafr Qaddum (3), Ras Tira (2), Jit (2), Habla (2), Immatin (2), Ras 'Atiya (2), Kafr Thulth (1)	24	2
Salfit	Deir Istiya (2), Deir Ballut (1)	3	2
Ramallah	Ramallah City (3), 'Atara CP, Beit Sira (1)	4	15
Jericho	Jericho City (1), Dead Sea CP	1	1
Jerusalem	Shufat RC (1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (2), Beit Jala City (1), Dar Salah (2), Ubeidiya (2)	7	5
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), Arrub RC (3), Beit Ummar (3), Tarqumiya (2), Dura (2), Taffuh (2)	15	10
Total Week West Bank		98	64
Rafah ²	Northeast of Rafah	1	25
Total Gaza Strip		1	25
Total oPt		99	89

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

² On 24 January, IDF soldiers arrested 25 Palestinians during a military operation northeast of Rafah. An IDF foot patrol had entered approximately 1000 metres into the Gaza Strip and conducted house and tunnel search operations under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. At 0330 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Rafah).

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (4,6), Urif (1,7)—family dispute	5	13
Jenin	Jenin City (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1,1)	1	1
Qalqiliya	Jayyus (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Salfit City (2,2), Marda (1,1)	3	3
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1,2)	1	2
Total Week West Bank		11	21
Gaza Strip			
Rafah	Egypt-Gaza border (1,8)—persons carrying bags of weapons and drugs	1	8
Total Gaza Strip		1	8
Total oPt		12	29

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

Appendix: Checkpoints: 23 – 29 January 2008

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green Line CP)	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.
Kafriat	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.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
Jubara	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	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.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)	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.
Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP	Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Ras 'atiya	Barrier Checkpoint.
'Azzun Atme	Barrier Checkpoint.
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem On Road 5	Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	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. On 27 and 28 January, delays and long queues were reported.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours for humanitarian organizations 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. On 27 and 28 January, delays and long queues were reported.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint	A major linkage between Nablus and the Jordan Valley area. Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours. Palestinians travelling out of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan must enter Nablus City through this checkpoint and then cross through other Nablus checkpoints to reach their destinations.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Tappuah South, main road to Ramallah	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages	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.

Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP	Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	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.
Reikhan/ Barta'a <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.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, 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.
Maale Efrayim <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.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April, 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 of up to 30 minutes were reported during the evening rush hours.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	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. As of 14 January, a Border Police company is in charge of manning the checkpoint.
'Atara Bridge	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.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually Open.
At Tayba <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arajat 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.
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.
Ni'lin	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Rantis	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Jericho:	
DCO	Operating 24 hours/day. No permits are required for Jericho residents,

Main checkpoint off Road 1	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.
Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	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.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008	Located on Road 90 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. During the reporting period, Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles were denied access to the Dead Sea area during the week days when the IDF was randomly manning the checkpoint and during the weekend when the checkpoint is in operation for 24 hours/day.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers and their family members are allowed to cross while staying inside the vehicle. All other persons, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. Delays facing pedestrians continue to be reported on a daily basis.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction</i> <i>Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev</i> <i>settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders. On 26 January, delays of up to 45 minutes were reported.
Az Za'ayem <i>North eastern entrance, on</i> <i>Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated terminals into Jerusalem.
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated terminals into Jerusalem.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road</i> <i>404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	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.
Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on</i> <i>Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with East 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 cards. As of 10 January, additional installations were added to the checkpoint. The Israeli Border Police now checks all vehicles and IDs of Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial

	trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shu'fat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") <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.
Az Zaytoun (olive) <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.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion <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.
Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP	Random checks by IDF soldiers. During the reporting period, delays were reported on a daily basis.
Atarot junction <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.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <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.
An Nu'man <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.
Al Walaja <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.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
Mizpe Shalem – Efrata	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 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.
Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
Mitzpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa, Partial CP <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks. Employees for MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) reported experiencing thorough checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. 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.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. 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.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for 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.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Ibrahimi Mosque. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at

<i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of senior Palestinian traders as well as diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. It was closed on 26 January. 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. The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green Line CP)	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.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <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.
Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Tubas	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 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.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <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.
Hebron	
Tarqumiya <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in place. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt did not operate this week. Since 12 June, Karni has remained closed for all exports and imports other than wheat grain and animal feed.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was closed this week. On 24 January, it was open exclusively for the entry of 11 trucks of basic commodities donated by Jordan. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on one day this week (23 January) for the entry of humanitarian goods only.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days this week. On 26 January, they were closed for the weekend.

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.