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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 05 – 11 March 2008

### Of note this week

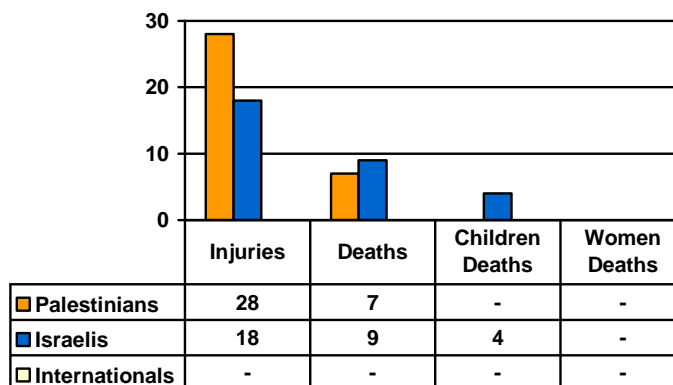
#### **Gaza Strip:**

- 6 Palestinians were killed and 5 others were injured by the IDF in the Gaza Strip.
- An IDF soldier was killed and 3 others were injured when Islamic Jihad members detonated a roadside bomb under an IDF jeep patrolling the eastern border of the Gaza Strip.
- Following the attack on a *Yeshiva* (Jewish seminary) in West Jerusalem, armed Palestinians throughout the Gaza Strip took to the streets and opened fire in the air. Throughout these rallies, four injuries from stray bullets were reported.
- Two demonstrations were organised to protest the IDF military operation in the Gaza Strip. A further demonstration took place protesting against the Israeli siege of Gaza.
- 28 home-made rockets and 35 mortar rounds were fired out of the Gaza Strip at Israel. According to Israeli media reports, one Israeli civilian was injured when a home-made rocket fired from north of Beit Hanoun, hit a building in Sderot. The IAF conducted 1 air-strike during the reporting period.

#### **West Bank:**

- 1 Palestinian was killed and 23 others were injured in direct conflict incidents in the West Bank.
- 8 Israelis were killed and 9 others were injured when a Palestinian gunman from East Jerusalem open fire in a *Yeshiva* in West Jerusalem. A further 3 were injured by Palestinians in other incidents in the West Bank. Additionally, an Israeli woman was injured when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian, Israeli and international demonstrators at Bil'in village, Ramallah.
- 65 curfew hours were imposed on Palestinians living in the Nablus, Qalqiliya, Salfit and Bethlehem governorates. The majority (42 curfew hours) were imposed on 'Azzun village, Qalqiliya, affecting 8,262 Palestinians.
- 29 Palestinian structures were demolished and a further 4 were damaged, resulting in the displacement of 73 Palestinians. This includes the IDF demolition of a two-storey building in Bethlehem (area A) housing the family of a wanted person.
- The IDF erected 86 flying checkpoints in the West Bank during the reporting period, of which the majority (25) were in the Qalqiliya and 18 were in the Hebron governorates.
- The IDF conducted 128 search operations, resulting in 153 arrests during the reporting period. A further 7 search operations resulting in 10 arrests were conducted by the Palestinian security forces.
- At about 0100 hours on 7 March, the Israeli authorities imposed total closure on the West Bank following the shooting of Israeli students at a *Yeshiva* (Jewish seminary) in West Jerusalem. This closure lasted 3 days from 7 – 9 March.

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



<sup>1</sup> Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **6 March:** One Palestinian was killed and another injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at a group of armed Palestinians east of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **6 March:** An Israeli soldier was killed and three others were injured when armed Islamic Jihad members detonated a roadside bomb under an IDF jeep patrolling the eastern border. Hamas and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack (Khan Younis).
- **6 March:** According to Israeli media reports, one Israeli was injured when a rocket fired from north of Beit Hanun hit a building in Sderot (North Gaza).
- **6 March:** Three Palestinians (aged 19(2) and 20 years; Islamic Jihad members) were killed when IDF tanks stationed near Kissufim military base fired several tank shells at a group of armed Islamic Jihad members east of Al Qarrara village (Khan Younis).
- **7 March:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man was found dead west of Beit Lahiya. The military wing of Fatah reported that he was killed by the IDF during the military operation the preceding week (North Gaza).
- **7 March:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the eastern border fired a surface-to-surface missile at a mortar launching site east of Al Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City. The attack was in response to the firing of three mortar shells towards the Green Line.
- **7 March:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Al Bureij Camp opened fire towards Palestinian houses in the area (Central Gaza).
- **8 March:** A mentally-handicapped Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed northeast of Beit Lahiya opened fire in his direction when he was approaching the border fence (North Gaza).
- **9 March:** A Palestinian man was injured when armed Hamas members opened fire at IDF soldiers stationed at the border south of Kissufim military base. The IDF responded with Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire and one tank shell targeting the source of fire (Khan Younis).
- **11 March:** A 26-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during an IAF attack on Rafah on 1 March (Rafah).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **5 March:** Several IDF armoured vehicles entered approximately 700 metres northeast of Beit Hanun and withdrew to the border at 2200 hours (North Gaza).
- **5 March:** Two rockets were fired from east of Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line, one of which exploded prematurely at the launch site. Following the attack, the IAF fired a missile at the rocket-launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **5 March:** Islamic Jihad members claimed responsibility for the firing of one rocket from east of Gaza City towards Nahal Oz Kibbutz. In response, an IAF helicopter hovered over Gaza City and opened HMG fire towards open areas. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **6 March:** IDF patrol boats fired five shells and HMG fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **6 March:** IDF tanks at the border fired several shells towards Abu Al Ajeen southeast of Deir El Balah. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **7 March:** IDF patrol boats fired one shell and HMG fire towards areas west of An Nuseirat Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **8 March:** IDF tanks stationed at the border south of Kissufim military base opened fire at areas east of Al Qarara village. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **9 March:** Clashes erupted between armed Hamas members and IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Abu Al Ajeen. At 1130 hours two helicopters hovered over Abu Al Ajeen area. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **11 March:** According to Israeli media reports, a rocket was fired from north of Beit Lahiya and landed in south Ashqelon following a visit by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to the city. PFLP claimed responsibility for firing a rocket towards Ashqelon (North Gaza).
- **11 March:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing the boats to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **11 March:** The IDF called a member of the Palestinian Resistance Committees (PRC) and demanded that he evacuate his home in Jabaliya prior to a planned air strike. He did not evacuate the house and a group of family members and neighbours formed a “human shield” around the house. No further action was taken by the IDF (North Gaza).

### West Bank:

*Previous Reporting Period:*

- **4 March:** Two Palestinian males were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a search operation in Qalandiya refugee camp (Jerusalem).

*Current Reporting Period:*

- **5 March:** A 34-year-old Palestinian taxi driver was injured in the neck when IDF soldiers in an IDF jeep travelling on the same road as him fired rubber-coated metal bullets at him while he was travelling near Rantis village (Ramallah).
- **5 March:** An 18-year-old Palestinian male (student) was injured by live ammunition fired by the IDF while he was attempting to hang a Palestinian flag on the fence in Bil'in village during a demonstration organised by villagers near the Barrier to protest against the IDF operation in Gaza. Cases of Asphyxia among the demonstrators were also reported (Ramallah).
- **5 March:** Palestinians threw stones at Israeli private security guards located at a site of Barrier construction near Kharayib Umm al Lahim. One security guard was injured (Ramallah).
- **5 March:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man from Jurat ash Sham'a was injured by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers protesting against the military operation in Gaza (Bethlehem).
- **5 March:** Five Palestinians (two boys aged 12 and 16 years and three men age 18(2) and 20 years) were injured in Idhna by rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign in the town after a shooting of an Israeli plated truck near Idhna / Tarqumiya junction (Hebron).
- **5 March:** A confrontation took place near 'Azzun 'Atma Barrier check point between the IDF and Palestinians using the check point after the IDF physically assaulted three Palestinians (Qalqiliya).
- **6 March:** A 3-year-old Palestinian boy from Bethlehem City was hospitalised upon suffering from tear gas inhalation inside his house when the IDF fired gas canisters at Palestinian stone throwers in the area of Wadi Ma'ali who were protesting the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip (Bethlehem).
- **6 March:** One Palestinian male was injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF soldiers during clashes between Palestinians and the IDF at Al Am'ari refugee camp. Three Palestinians were arrested in the incident (Ramallah).
- **6 March:** a 25-year-old Palestinian male from East Jerusalem opened fire at a *Yeshiva* in West Jerusalem. Eight Israelis (aged 15 (2), 16 (2), 18 (2), 19 and 26 years) were killed by live ammunition in the attack and another nine were injured. The 25-year-old Palestinian was also shot and killed (Jerusalem).
- **7 March:** A 58-year-old Palestinian woman (PLC member from Tulkarm City) was injured by a stone when Israeli settlers attacked her vehicle near Yitzhar settlement on Road 60 and damaged the wind shield (Nablus).
- **7 March:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured near the Barrier gate in Qaffin by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a demonstration held near the Gate. This took place after the IDF denied access to farmers seeking to reach their lands behind the Barrier (Tulkarm).
- **7 March:** A 25-year-old Palestinian male and a 27-year-old Israeli woman were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists in Bil'in village protesting against the construction of the Barrier on the village land and the Israeli military operation in Gaza. Cases of Asphyxia among the demonstrators were also reported (Ramallah).
- **7 March:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near Shu'fat refugee camp. Four Israelis were reportedly injured as a result (Jerusalem).
- **7 March:** Four Palestinians (a 16-year-old boy) and three men (aged 18, 19 and 21 years) were injured by live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign in Beit Fajjar (Bethlehem).
- **7 March:** Two Palestinian men (aged 18 and 19 years) from Duheisha refugee camp were injured during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers (Bethlehem).
- **7 March:** Settlers threw stones at a Palestinian taxi on Road 60 near Yitzhar settlement, damaging the wind shield and injuring a Palestinian woman (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **4 March:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at IDF soldiers stationed near Qalandiya refugee camp. No injuries or damage were reported (Jerusalem).
- **4 March:** Palestinians held a demonstration in Jericho City to protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries or arrests were reported (Jericho).

- **5 March:** A group of Israeli settlers threw stones at Palestinian vehicles near Jit junction. No injuries or damage were reported (Qalqiliya).
- **7 March:** Israeli settlers threw stones at a Palestinian vehicle travelling near Jericho. No injuries or damage were reported (Jericho).
- **8 March:** Palestinians held a demonstration near Damascus Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem to protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries or arrests were reported (Jerusalem).
- **10 March:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli settler vehicle travelling near At Tira village. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).
- **10 March:** Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling near Al Judeira village. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained some damage.
- **11 March:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle travelling near Hizmah village. No injuries were reported but the car sustained some damage (Jerusalem).

## **2.** [Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>](#)

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **5 March:** A 70-year-old Palestinian woman was killed following the accidental discharge of a weapon belonging to one of the guards of the deposed Palestinian PM (Gaza).
- **6 March:** An Islamic Jihad member was injured when a rocket he was attempting to fire from east of Jabaliya exploded at the launch site (North Gaza).
- **8 March:** Following the attack on the *Yeshiva* in West Jerusalem, armed Palestinians throughout the Gaza Strip took to the streets and opened fire into the air. Throughout these rallies, four injuries by from stray bullets were reported (Gaza).
- **11 March:** Two Palestinians were killed and eight others injured when an armed dispute erupted between members of a local family in Shuja'iyah quarter in Gaza City (Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **5 March:** The Ministry of Youth and Sport organised a demonstration in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 200 children participated in the demonstration. The children handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1130 hours (Gaza).
- **5 March:** Approximately 50 lawyers from the Palestinian Bar demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1230 hours (Gaza).
- **5 March:** A tunnel collapsed underneath the border between Egypt and Rafah opposite block "J". No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **6 March:** A Palestinian delegation, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad members, crossed to Egypt through Rafah crossing to discuss arrangements for opening the crossing (Rafah).
- **8 March:** Approximately 150 women participated in a demonstration that proceeded from the Unknown Soldier Park to the UNSCO compound to celebrate International Women's Day. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1120 hours.
- **8 March:** The Egyptian Authorities discovered and destroyed six tunnels under the border between Gaza and Egypt (Rafah).
- **9 March:** 500 female members of Palestinian Non-Governmental Organisations' Network (PNGO) organised a demonstration in Gaza City to mark International Women's Day. The demonstration proceeded from the Unknown Soldier Park to the UNSCO compound, where the protestors handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. At 1130 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **9 March:** Approximately 30 Palestinian women placed a sit-in tent at the Unknown Soldier Park to protest against the cessation in issuing Palestinian ID cards. At 1300 hours the sit-in tent was removed (Gaza).
- **9 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Rafah to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 100 students from PA schools participated in the demonstration which ended peacefully at 1300 hours (Rafah).

<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.

- **11 March:** Community activists and lawyers organised a demonstration in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the shortage in animal feed. Approximately 50 farmers, accompanied by their animals (camels, horses, and sheep) participated in the demonstration. The protesters handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. At 1230 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).

#### West Bank:

- **5 March:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man was killed and an Israeli citizen was injured when unknown persons opened fire at an Israeli plated truck near Idhna / Tarqumiya junction and then fled towards Idhina (Hebron).
- **6 March:** A 72-year-old Palestinian woman from Balata refugee camp died of a heart attack when IDF soldiers stormed her house and arrested her nephew (Nablus).
- **10 March:** A 45-year-old Palestinian man was killed and another (aged 40 years) was injured by live ammunition in Silat al Harithiya due to a family dispute (Jenin).
- **11 March:** A 21-year-old Palestinian was injured by live ammunition in the H2 area of Hebron City due to a family dispute (Hebron).

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

No incidents to report.

#### Inter-factional violence

#### West Bank:

No incidents to report.

#### Gaza Strip:

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

- **6 March:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government took control of a section of the Popular Committee's office building in Jabaliya. No arrests or injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **11 March:** Approximately 200 PLO members organised a sit-in in front of the Popular Committee's office building in Jabaliya to protest against the police seizure of a portion of the building on 6 March (North Gaza).

### 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
6 March 2008	Bethlehem city, Bethlehem	1	1	10	-
7 March 2008	Road 60, Nablus	-	1	-	1
7 March 2008	Izbat at Tabib, Qalqiliya	1	-	2	-
7 March 2008	Arab ar Ramadin ash Shamali, Qalqiliya	1	-	11	-
7 March 2008	Qalqiliya city, Qalqiliya	1	-	-	N/A
7 March 2008	Jenin, Jenin	-	1	-	N/A
10 March 2008	Marda, Salfit	-	1	-	N/A
11 March 2008	Al Hadidiya, Jordan Valley	12	-	34	-
11 March 2008	Furush Beit Dajan, Jordan Valley	13	-	16	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1+</b>

**6 March:** The IDF demolished a two-storey building and damage a nearby empty house in Bethlehem, after they surrounded the building to arrest the owner who is considered a wanted person by the IDF. The man was not at home but the IDF demolished the house. Ten people were displaced, including eight children (Bethlehem).

**7 March:** Settlers threw stones at a Palestinian taxi on Road 60 near Yitzhar settlement, damaging the wind shield and injuring a Palestinian woman (Nablus).

**7 March:** The IDF demolished a zinc-roofed house in Izbat at Tabib due to the lack of building permit in Area C. Two women were displaced as a result (Qalqiliya).

**7 March:** The IDF demolished a residential structure in Arab ar Ramadin ash Shamali due to the lack of building permit in Area C. Eleven people, including 9 children, were displaced (Qalqiliya).

**7 March:** The IDF demolished a caravan in Qalqiliya City due to the lack of building permit in Area C (Qalqiliya).

**7 March:** The IDF forcibly entered Al Majd local TV station and As Salam Press, damaged furniture and confiscated computers. The IDF also pinned a notice on the door of the TV station announcing its closure for two years (Jenin).

**10 March:** The IDF damaged the electricity transformer in Marda and left the village without electricity for eight hours, as Israeli company technicians were prevented from doing repairs due to an IDF curfew imposed on the village (Salfit).

**11 March:** The IDF, the Israeli Civil Administration and an Israeli demolition contractor entered Al Hadidiya in the northern Jordan Valley and demolished twelve structures (4 residential tents and 8 animal barracks) belonging to four families due to the lack of building permit. The structures are located in Area C. Thirty-four Palestinians, including 26 children, were displaced as a result. The IDF brought a special machine that folded the structures after the demolition and took them away. The families experienced an earlier demolition on 6 February 2008, when the same structures were demolished and rebuilt. They are trying to find another location to relocate to (Tubas).

**11 March:** The IDF, Israeli Civil Administration and an Israeli demolition contractor entered Furush Beit Dajan in the Jordan Valley and demolished twelve structures (5 residential tents, 4 animal barracks, 2 kitchens and 1 shack belonging to two families due to the lack of building permit in Area C. Sixteen Palestinians including 12 children were displaced as a result. Another two tents were provided by ICRC after the demolition of their residents earlier in December 2007. (Jericho).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **6 March:** The IDF forcibly entered the Islamic Charitable Society stores and confiscated all materials inside at an estimated value of 125,000 NIS (Hebron).
- **10 – 11 March:** The IDF occupied a three-storey building in Marda for 44 hours and converted it into an observation post. Five residents including three children were held on the first floor and were prevented from leaving the house from 1700 until 0600 the next day (Salfit).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **10 March:** Armed Palestinians attempted to fire one rocket from east of Sheik Zayed City towards the Western Negev. The rocket landed at the entrance to Beit Hanoun, damaging electricity cables and causing a power outage (North 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 finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.
  - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
  - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has stopped pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmona'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction of four “fabric of life” roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to road

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

obstacles, the route of the Barrier, and the route of roads which Palestinians are restricted from using:

- Construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to Roads 465 and 446, has almost been completed, except for the final 50 meter section to connect it back to Road 465. The road is open for access between Shuqba and 465 via an underpass at the intersection of 446 and 465.
- Construction of a road between Beit 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 Israeli DCL reports that the underpass will be completed during the summer of 2008.
- Construction has begun on a new road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya. A total of 587.99 dunums of land were requisitioned and some land levelling at Beit 'Ur al Fauqa has begun. The Israeli DCL reports that the construction of the road will take approximately ten months.

#### **Jericho Governorate:**

**11 March:** IDF jeeps, members of the Israeli Civil Administration and a bulldozer entered Al Jitftlik in the Jordan Valley and bulldozed 15 dunums of planted agricultural land that had been rented and cultivated by three Palestinian farmers as their sole livelihood source. According to the Israeli authorities, the reason for bulldozing the land was that it is deemed to be Israeli "state land". One of the affected farmers had his residential tents demolished on 6 February 2008.

#### **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 neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. One detour route for pedestrian and vehicular traffic continues to connect these two neighbourhoods, but when the Barrier is completed, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank. The 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.
  - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
  - Since **26 November 2007**, Barrier construction has been halted between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages due to budget constraints.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1, 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.
- A new "fabric of life" road between Anata and Az Za'ayim (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Az Za'ayim without using the entrance lane off Road 1 near Za'ayim checkpoint.
- Construction of a "fabric of life" sunken road and tunnel is nearing completion between Al Jib and Biddu villages under Road 436. Road 436 connects the settlements of Ramot Allon and Givat Ze'ev and is primarily for Israeli use.

#### **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 but building of the patrol road along this section was started.

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

- **8 March:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 200 metres into Gaza east of Al Maghazi Camp and conducted levelling and excavation operations. At 2300 hours the IDF withdrew to the Green Line (Central Gaza).
- **6 March:** Five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 1,200 metres east of Al Qarrara. The bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations under the cover of heavy gunfire. At 1440 hours the IDF withdrew to the IDF Kissufim military base (Khan Younis).

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

### **a) Incidents of curfews**

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
5 March 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	9 hours
5 March 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	12 hours
5 March 2008	Husan, Bethlehem	7 hours
7 March 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	3 hours
10 – 11 March 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	30 hours
11 March 2008	Marda, Salfit	4 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>65 hours</b>

**5 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village for nine hours (2400 – 0900) after Palestinians allegedly opened fire at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 60 from and to Israeli settlements. The curfew began at 1000 hours on 02 March (Nablus).

**5 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village for 12 hours (0100 – 1200) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 55 from and to Israeli settlements. The curfew began at 2300 hours on 02 March (Qalqiliya).

**5 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Husan after a fire bomb was thrown at an Israeli settler vehicle (Bethlehem).

**7 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara for three hours (1500 – 1800) after Palestinians allegedly threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 60 from and to Israeli settlements (Nablus).



**10 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun for 30 hours (1800 on 10 March to 2400 on 11 March) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 55 from and to Israeli settlements (Qalqiliya).

**11 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Marda for 30 hours (0700 – 11:00) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 505 from and to Israeli settlements (Salfit).

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**

- **Previous Reporting Period:** Israeli settlers erected a new gate on the road from Tuba to At-Tuwani that students use to reach their school. The gate is interfering with the military escort of children to and from their school.
- **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 escort the children from and to the school in At Tuwani. **However**, the IDF and Israeli Police have been leaving school children before the chicken barn and, thus, the children have to walk the remaining distance alone, including passing immediately near the outpost of Havat Ma'on. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. The IDF escort includes soldiers walking beside the children. The soldiers, however, usually stay in the jeep while the students walk in front of the IDF jeep (Hebron).
- **5 March:** Three schools in Huwwara were closed due to the curfew imposed on the village by the IDF (Nablus).
- **5 and 11 March:** All schools in 'Azzun were closed due to the curfew imposed on the village by the IDF (Qalqiliya).
- **11 March:** All schools in Marda were closed due to the curfew imposed on the village by the IDF (Salfit).

#### **c) Access to employment**

- **7 and 9 March:** Workers and traders from Hebron and Bethlehem governorates were denied access through all the checkpoints leading into Israel following the attack on the *Yeshiva* in West Jerusalem.
- **7 and 9 March:** Workers and traders from the northern West Bank were denied access through all the checkpoints leading into Israel following the attack on the *Yeshiva* in West Jerusalem.
- **During the reporting period:** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel arrived 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 staffed by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits arrived 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**

**7- 9 March:** The IDF imposed a general closure on the West Bank after the attack on the *Yeshiva* in West Jerusalem, preventing permit holders from crossing the West Bank into Jerusalem or Israel. All Palestinians with West Bank IDs were prohibited from entering into

East Jerusalem and Israel regardless their possession of Israeli permits; however, emergency medical cases and members of international organisations (both local and international) were allowed to pass. The closure was lifted at 1200 on 9 March (see Appendix for information related to specific checkpoints).

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**During the week:** delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Tappuah checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- **29 October 2007 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 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including access to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **29 August 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).
- **28 March 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).

#### **Jenin Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

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

#### **Tubas Governorate:**

**8 March:** Palestinians removed the earth mound closing the main road connecting Tubas with Jenin. The closure had been place along the road segment between 'Aqqaba and Al Kufeir.

#### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

**10 March:** Palestinians removed the earth mounds closing four roads connecting Bal'a with Road 57, 'Anabta, Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba.

Ongoing incidents:

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

#### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**7 March:** Palestinians removed obstacles on the roads connecting 'Azzun with 'Asla and the road connecting 'Azzun with Jayyus.

**7 and 9 March:** The IDF denied access to Palestinian farmers seeking to reach their lands behind the Barrier through Zufin gate.

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**5 March:** Long delays of up to 50 minutes were experienced at 'Atara checkpoint. Four UN staff members in their UN vehicle were stopped by the Border Police manning the checkpoint for more than 36 minutes and were allowed to pass following intervention by the DCL in Beit El.

**6 March:** Long delays of up to 60 minutes were experienced by Palestinians travelling from Ramallah to Bir Nabala via Al Masyoun—Rafat checkpoint after Border Police members stopped checking vehicles. No one was allowed through the checkpoint before OCHA contacted the Israeli DCL regarding the situation.

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July 2007 to date** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis 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 Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.
- **2 January 2008 to date:** 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:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **As of 10 January 2008:** 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:**

**6 and 7 March:** IDF soldiers obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles at the southern entrance to Bethlehem City (a.k.a. Al Nashash) following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.

**Hebron Governorate:**

**6 March:** The IDF closed some dirt roads near Imneizl village with earth mounds after the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.

**Gaza Strip**

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats as well as internationals and Palestinians with special coordination arrangements. National UN staff members continue to be denied entry to Israel, even with permits and prior coordination. (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 operated on four days this week 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 six days this week; it was closed on 8 March. 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 (4 March) 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.
- 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	Bizzariya (1), Huwwara (2), Deir Sharaf (1), An Naqura (1)	5
Jenin	'Arraba (3), Ash Shuhada (2), Ti'nnik (2), Al 'Araqa (2), Al Yamun (1), 'Anin (1), Sanur (1), Az Zababida (1), Zbuba (2)	15
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (1)	2
Tulkarm	Deir al Ghusun (1), Al Jarushiya (2), Kafr Sur (3), Qaffin (1)	7
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (6), Ras 'Atiya (1), Wadi Qana (3), Izbat at Tabib (3), Kafr Laqif (5), Immatin (1), Habla tunnel (4), Jinsafut (2)	25
Salfit	Marda (3), Haris (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	6
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bypass road 60 (1)	1
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (4), Tuqu' (1), Za'atara (2)	7
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (6), Halhul Bridge (2), Al Fawwar RC (2), Dura (1), As Samu' (1), Ar Ramadin (1), Al Arrub RC (3), Beit Ummar (2)	18
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>86</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 (5), Balata RC (5), 'Askar RC (2), Camp No.1 (4), Beita (1), Zawata (1), Deir Sharaf (1), Qusin (1), Yitma (1), Huwwara (2)	23	33
Jenin	Jenin RC (1), Jenin City (4), Qabatiya (1), 'Anin (1), Kafr Ra'i (1), Al 'Araqa (1), Silat al Harithiya (3), Kufeir (1)	13	19
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (1), El Far'a RC (2), Tayasir (1), Al Far'a (1)	6	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), Tulkarm RC (1), Qaffin (1), Zeita (2), Zeita (1), Seida (1), 'Attil (1), Deir al Ghusun (1)	10	10
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (4), 'Azzun (5), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (3), Hajja (2), Jit (2), Habla (2), Kafr Laqif (1), Kafr	23	6

	Thulth (2), Jit CP		
Salfit	Marda (3), Salfit City (1), Bruqin (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	6	4
Ramallah	Ramallah City (4), Al Am'ari RC, Beituniya (1), Al Mazra'a al Qibilya (1), Beit Liqya (1), Um Alsharayet (1)	8	19
Jericho	Jericho City (2), Al 'Auja (3), DCO CP	5	8
Jerusalem	Jerusalem (2), Jabal al Mukabbir (4), Qalandiya RC (2)	8	27
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (3), Husan (1), Khader (1), Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (1)	8	9
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Hebron H2 (2), Beit Ummar (2), Surif (1), Yatta (1), Dura (3), Al Arrub RC (2), Idhna (1), Khursa (1)	18	17
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>128</b>	<b>153</b>
Khan Younis	Al Amour area (1)	1	0
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>153</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**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus (1,1), Jamma'in (1,2), Zawata (1,1)	3	4
Tubas	Tubas (1,2)	1	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1,2)	1	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Salfit (1,1)	1	1
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
Khan Younis	Al Amal housing project (1)	1	2
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 5 – 11 March 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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<b>Ar Ras/ Kafriat</b>	Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
<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. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.
<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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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 organizations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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. During the week, delays and long queues were reported.

<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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. On 26 February, the age restriction on males from Jenin who are between 16 and 35 years of age was lifted. However, access for people in this category continues to be difficult.
<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. Some delays were reported during the reporting period. On 26 February, the age restriction on males from Jenin who are between 16 and 35 years of age was lifted. However, access for people in this category continues to be difficult. and delays were reported on daily basis.
<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. As of 14 January 2008, a Border Police company is in charge of 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. Delays were reported on a daily basis.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open. On 2 March the checkpoint was in operation, delays of up to 30 minutes were reported.
<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>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. As of 26 September 2007, all West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Palestinians from the north of the West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint and are hence forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint. All other West Bank ID-holders may exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint or Yitav.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <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.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008</b>	Located on Road 90 near the Dead Sea. Was a permanent checkpoint between 1 July 2007 and 01 January 2008. As of 31 October 2007, it is manned by the Border Police and until 2 January 2008 operated on a daily basis 24 hours/day allowing passage only to Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. As of 2 January 2008, the checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles are denied access to the Dead Sea area whenever the IDF is present, at random during weekdays and 24 hours per day on the weekends.
<b>Jerusalem :</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem.
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> <i>North western entrance on 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. Since 14 January 2008, delays of up to 20 minutes have been reported on a daily basis by Palestinians crossing the checkpoint westwards to reach Beit Iksa village.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<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>Rafat / Al Masyion</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	As of <b>5 March 2008</b> , it was moved to the road between Ramallah and Rafat village. It is currently manned by the Border Police. Delays were experienced during the reporting period.
<b>Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</b>	Random checks by IDF soldiers. During the reporting period, delays were reported on a daily basis.
<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. 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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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>Ein Yallow / 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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<b>Settler checkpoint: 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.
<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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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 hour for Palestinians with work permits to cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 3 March, the IDF and Israeli security personnel operating the checkpoint informed commercial trucks holding the appropriate papers to access Israel that they would not be allowed to go through the checkpoint anymore and that all commercial traffic will be re-directed to Tarqumiya crossing.
<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. It was closed between 7 and 9 March following the attack on a Yeshiva in West Jerusalem.
<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 Ibrahim 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.
<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.
<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.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 6 and 11 February, the IDF erected a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar Camp, east of Al Fawwar partial checkpoint.
<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 5 March for the movement of diplomats as well as internationals and Palestinians with special coordination arrangements. On 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 March it was open exclusively for internationals. It was closed 8 March.  The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed but it was opened briefly to allow medical cases to pass through to Egypt. It was last open on 9 June. On 25 and 26 February, Rafah was open for the return of Palestinians from Egypt.  Following an agreement between Hamas and the Egyptian Authorities: 10 patients crossed to Egypt via Rafah on 5 March to receive medical treatment; 50 crossed on 8 March; 65 on 10 March; and 25 on 11 March.
<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/AI 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, long delays of commercial trucks were reported.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on four days this week (5, 6, 10 and 11 March) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, Karni remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was open on six days this week; it was closed on 8 March. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open on six days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. It was closed on 8 March. Kerem Shalom has been open since 4 March, when it re-opened following its closure on 23 January.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days this week. On 8 March, 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.