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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

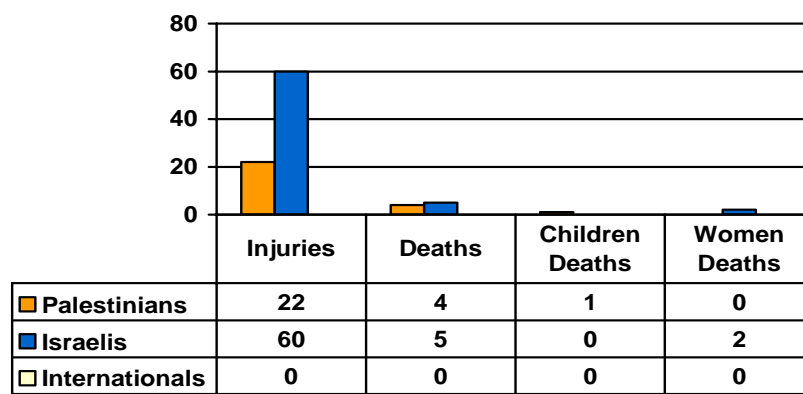
30 November – 6 December 2005

Of note this week

- **A Palestinian suicide bomber killed five and injured more than 50 Israelis at the entrance of a shopping mall in Netanya. A general closure was imposed on the oPt on 6 December. Barrier construction has started around Ma'ale Adumim settlement.**

1. Physical Protection ¹

Casualties



- **30 November:** One Palestinian minor aged 12 years old was injured in Jenin camp (Jenin) during and IDF search in the family's house.
- **30 November:** Palestinians threw stones at the IDF who surrounded a house in Nablus city (Nablus). The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets, injuring eight Palestinians.
- **1 December:** The IDF shot and injured one 23-year-old Palestinian during clashes with stone throwing Palestinians in Balata refugee camp (Nablus).
- **2 December:** Five Palestinians and one Israeli activist were injured by the IDF during a demonstration organized by Palestinians, international and Israeli activists against Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **2 December:** Palestinians, international and Israeli activists demonstrated against the construction of the "special security arrangements" around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements (Ramallah). One Palestinians and one Israeli activist were injured by the IDF during the demonstration.
- **2 December:** The IDF shot and killed one 16-year-old Palestinian minor and injured two when they were spotted trying to infiltrate Israel through the border security fence east of Abassan in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **3 December:** The IDF shot and killed one 22-year-old Palestinian fisherman on a Palestinian fishing boat west of Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **4 December:** Two Palestinians were injured from in an IAF helicopter attack on a building in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **5 December:** Five Israelis, among them two women, were killed and 58 injured in a Palestinian suicide attack at the entrance of Hasharom Mall in Netanya. The 21-year-old suicide bomber was from Illar (Tulkarm).
- **5 December:** IDF fired rubber coated metal bullets and injured two male Palestinians during a search campaign in 'Ayda Camp (Bethlehem).
- **6 December:** One 22-year-old Palestinian from Jenin city (Jenin) died in a hospital in Jordan due to injuries sustained from IDF fire near Al Jalama checkpoint at 2 October 2000.

¹ Two Israeli injuries were sustained in clashes between Israeli Barrier activists and the IDF.

2. Shelter and Property:

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
30 Nov	Jurat ash Sham'a, Bethlehem	1	0	0
4 Dec	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	0	1	0
Total Week		1	1	0

- **30 November:** The IDF demolished a house under construction (not inhabited) in Jurat Ash Sham'a.
- **4 December:** One building was damaged when an IAF helicopter fired a missile towards it in Gaza City.

3. Natural Resources:

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

3 December: The IDF issued land requisition order (T/204/05) for 2.6 dunums in Burin village for the construction of an IDF training area.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land along side Road No. 505 near Jamma'in village to install a security fence.

Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling around Avnei Khefets and Enav settlements continues for the construction of a new fence around the settlements.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

5 and 6 December: The IDF prevented Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Qalqiliya after the suicide attack in Netanya.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.
- Israeli contractors continue levelling land from Jayyus in the seam zone area to expand Zfim settlement.

Salfit Governorate:

1 December: The IDF issued land requisition order (T/205/05) for 1.67 dunums in Deir Ballut village to expand an IDF military post.

4 December: The IDF issued land requisition order (T/209/05) for 6.8 dunums in Deir Istiya village for the construction of the Barrier near Imanu'el.

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli contractors continue levelling land north of Salfit city, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages for the construction of the Barrier.
- The IDF continues levelling land and the installation of a security fence alongside Road No. 505 near Marda, Kifl Haris and Haris villages.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The Barrier between Budrus to south of Al Midya is in the final stages. The construction between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah) is continuing. Barrier construction also continues between

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

Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu, south of Beit Liqya, and north and south of Rantis checkpoint.

- The IDF is continuing land clearing in Beit Liqya village in order to build a new road between Beit Liqya in Ramallah district and Beit Anan in Jerusalem district. According to the municipality in Beit Liqya, the purpose of this road construction is not clear since there is an old road that only needs some rehabilitation.
- The IDF is continuing land clearing in the western side of 'Abud village and parallel to bypass road 465 for the construction of the "special security arrangement" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

29 November (previously not reported): Two IDF military observations towers were erected in the area of Wadi Al Gruz and in the area of Ash Shi'aba.

30 November: Settlers cut grape trees belonging to Palestinians in Tel Rumeida H2 area.

1 December: IDF land requisition orders have been issued for the section of the Barrier east of Imneizel. Order no.T/95/05 will confiscate 610 dunum of land and cut into the West Bank to protect the settlement of Metzadot Yehuda (Beit Yatir) and the outpost of Nof Neshet. The Barrier will turn to the Green Line after creating a closed area of over 5,300 dunum of agricultural land mostly belonging to Palestinian owners in Imneizel and Jinba villages.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling for the construction of a fence around the settlement of Adora continues following confiscation orders issued for the expansion of its security buffer zone.
- Work continues on the stretch of the Barrier running from Imneizel to Ar Ramadin.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling is taking place on the side of the "Tunnels" checkpoint.
- Land levelling and new housing construction is ongoing in the settlements of Efrat and its two northern outposts (Givat Hatamar and Givat Hadagan), as well as northeast of Neve Daniel, and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.
- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in the last section around Rachel's Tomb north of the building hosting the Al Waqf.

Jerusalem Governorate:

30 November: The IDF began Barrier construction in the north of Al 'Eizariya. Land levelling has begun in a garden area less than 2-3 meters distance from five houses. The Barrier when completed will completely encircle the five houses and 14 shops in the area and run along a road, thus preventing access to the shops by car.

30 November: The Barrier construction around Ma'ale Adumim and Mishor Adumin settlements has started in two places: at the entrance of Maale Adumin on road 1 and to the east of New Kedar.

1 December: The IDF started clearing land next to Al Jib village for Barrier construction.

5 December: Barrier construction began to the south of Dahiyet Al Bareed.

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate.
- The IDF closed the road from Qalandiya checkpoint towards Atarot Checkpoint; construction is taking place in the area to continue the part of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram area for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.
- The IDF continues land clearing from Rafat to Qalandiya village to Bir Nabala village in order to build a new road between Ramallah and the future Bir Nabala enclave.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The borders are also being enforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.
- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military zone.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.

4. Access for Medical Assistance:

Date	Location / Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
29 November (previously not reported)	Container CP, Jerusalem	PRCS	0	1	-
Total Week	One Incident		0	1	0

5. Access and Movement for Civilians:

a) Curfew

- No incidents to report.

b) Access to Education

Hebron:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron governorate. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.

c) Access to Employment

No Palestinian workers or traders were allowed access to Israel starting from 6 December after a general closure was imposed on the oPt .

West Bank: November

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	361	605
Jenin	46	36
Tubas	0	77
Tulkarm	71	450
Qalqiliya	541	370
Salfit	0	200
Ramallah and Al Bireh	1,332	700
Jericho	36	n/a
Jerusalem	241	n/a
Bethlehem	648	n/a
Hebron	1,089	n/a
Total Permits Issued West Bank	4,365	2,438+

The Gaza Strip:

As of 30 November the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is **5,229** including **1,080** with overnight permission. All workers must over 35 years old (over 40 years old for an overnight permit) and married with children. No workers or traders were allowed access to Israel on 6 December after the Netanyahu suicide bombing.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel
30 November	3,939	212
1 December	4,300	215
2 December	4,300	215
3 December	151	58
4 December	4,330	155
5 December	3,882	170
6 December	CLOSED	

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

After the Palestinian suicide attack in Netanya 5 December, the IDF imposed a general closure on the oPt starting from 6 December. Only some humanitarian Palestinian cases will be allowed access to Israel through coordination with the IDF.

Nablus Governorate:

30 November: The IDF closed Al Badhan road for ten hours due to security alert.

30 November: The IDF closed Hamra checkpoint for five hours due to security alert.

30 November and 3 December: Palestinians experienced long queues and delays at Zaatara Checkpoint when passengers heading southbound were subjected to ID checking and vehicle searches.

1 December: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after arresting two Palestinian in possession of knives.

1 December: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint for seven hours due to security alert.

1 December: The IDF closed Al Badhan road for seven hours due to security alert.

3 December: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour due to a suspicious object.

5 and 6 December: The IDF closed Al Badhan road for 14 hours after the suicide attack in Netanya.

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked with earth mounds.
- The dirt road connecting Tulkarm with Road No. 60 near Sabastiya (at the junction with Road No. 57) continues to be blocked with earth mounds.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Road No. 585 from Mevo Dotan settlement entrance to Kharmesh settlement entrance remains closed with two checkpoints.
- The metal gate at a road leading from Ya'bad town and the two checkpoints on Road No. 585 near Mevo Dotan and Kharmesh settlements entrances are hindering Palestinian movement. Palestinians are using dirt roads to reach there charcoal factories and olive groves in the area.
- The IDF restricted the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave to 35 trucks a day carrying food products.
- The IDF closed all agricultural Barrier gates and prevented farmers from reaching their land.

Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Tayasir checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan Valley. Medical personnel and teachers are allowed access.
- The IDF closed Bisan checkpoint for Palestinian and Israeli commercial trucks transporting vegetables from Jordan Valley into Israel. The trucks had to go to Al Jalama crossing via Hamra checkpoint.

Tulkarm Governorate:

5 December: The IDF closed all roads connecting Tulkarm with the surrounding villages and with Qalqiliya, and prevented all but residential vehicular movement into Tulkarm city.

5 December: The IDF closed Kafriat checkpoint and prevented all movement in and out of Tulkarm.

5 December: The IDF closed the road between Bal'a and Al 'Attara with an earth mound.

5 and 6 December: The IDF closed 'Anabta gate and prevented vehicle movement in and out of Tulkarm.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF continues to close the roads between Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba, Bal'a and Tulkarm by earth mounds.
- The IDF continues to prevent access to the garbage dump sites in al Jarushiya and Deir al Ghusun with earth mounds.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

1 December: The IDF closed the entrance of Qalqiliya city (DCO) and Habla tunnel for four hours.

Salfit Governorates:**Ongoing incidents:**

- The western entrance of Deir Istiya remains closed with an earth mound.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

2 December: The IDF searched cars and inspected IDs at the entrance to 'Abud. IDF soldiers prohibited all internationals and Israeli citizens from entering the village.

3 and 4 December: The partial checkpoint at An Nabi Salih gate was in operation during morning rush hours. Palestinian cars were stopped and passengers were searched and requested to get out of their vehicles. Long delays were reported.

Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates:

Up until 5 December, movement on road 60 for Palestinian vehicles improved.

Hebron

4 December: The IDF stopped and detained the Palestinian driver of a vehicle carrying schoolchildren at At Tuwani school as he was crossing road 317. The crossing from Al Karmil to At Tuwani, the only way to Yatta for residents of the village, is prohibited by the IDF. The IDF has reinforced the existing earth mounds along both sides of road 317

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Zif gate from Road No. 317.
- The IDF continues to close Yatta gate with earth mounds off Road No. 60.
- No access is possible along the original road to the village of Imneizil as construction for the Barrier in the area is being completed.
- The IDF continues to patrol the H1 area of Hebron city and to perform random checks on Palestinians in violation of the Hebron Protocol.

Bethlehem

This week: The access to Nahhalin from road 60 by-passing the settlement of Neve Daniel, was closed by an earth mound.

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed with road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate:

5 December: The IDF stopped all cars going in/out Jericho via the DCO checkpoint for ID inspections. Long delays were reported at the checkpoint during the morning and evening hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prohibit all Palestinians from going to the Jordan valley unless they have a Jordan Valley addresses on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan valley areas. Palestinians, even with Israeli permits are not allowed to stay over night in the area, and if they are caught by the IDF patrols, then their IDs are confiscated and they will have to go collect them at the Palestinian DCL in Jericho.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Al Badhan road (5). Near; Talluza junction, Wadi al Far'a. Road 60 near; Huwwara (4), Beita. Entrance off; Jamma'in, Sabastiya. Between; 'Asira ash Shamaliya and Talluza.	15
Jenin	Entrance off; Dahiyat Sabah al Kheir.	1
Tubas	Entrance off; Tubas (4), Tammun (2). Between; Tubas city and Wadi al Far'a. On; Al 'Aqaba road.	8
Tulkarm	Entrance off; 'Anabta junction (7), Kafriat tunnel (3), Kafr Sur (2), Far'un (3), Al Jarushiya (2), Bal'a (2), 'Attil (2). Between Tulkarm and Kafriat.	22
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Qalqiliya city (6), Habla (2), 'Azzun (5), Kafr Thulth, Izbat at Tabib, Jit junction (3), An Nabi Elyas, Mahattat Tahseen Mansur. Road 55 near; Al Funduq. Near; Jinsafut.	22
Salfit	Entrance off; Salfit city, Yasuf (2), Marda (2), Kifl Haris (2), Qarawat Bani Hassan, Haris, Iskaka, Az Zawiya.	11
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Entrance off; Kharbatha al Misbah, 'Abud.	2
Jerusalem	Hizma/Jericho junction, Ataror junction (7).	8
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Hebron	Bir al Mahjar (1), Halhul (1), Kharsa (1), Road 35 (1), Junction between 60 and 317 (1), Halhul bridge (1)	6
Total West Bank		95

6. Additional Protection Issues:

- During the reporting period **21** home made rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip towards targets in Israel. IDF fired about **47** artillery shells into open areas northeast of Beth Hanoun.
- 2 December:** IDF troops discovered a large road side bomb north of Karni crossing (Gaa Strip) near the border fence. It was safely detonated. Karni was closed on 2 and 3 December.
- 3 December:** After Palestinian militants fired rockets towards Israel, IAF F16 fighter jets launched three air strikes on open areas west of Sheikh Zayed city north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- 5 December:** The IAF set off three loud sonic booms over Gaza city and the northern Gaza Strip.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (3), Balata camp (2), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, Kafr Qaddum (1).	5	15
Jenin	Jenin city (1), Qabatiya (1), As Shuhada (1).	3	3
Tubas	Wadi al Far'a flying CP.	0	1
Tulkarm	'Anabta (1), Ar Ras (1), Tulkarm camp (2), Tulkarm city (1) 'Anabta junction flying CP, Zeita (1), Illar (2).	8	10
Qalqiliya	North Qalqiliya seam zone, 'Azun 'Atma gate, Qalqiliya city (1), Qalqiliya north CP.	2	5
Salfit	Rafat (1), Marda (1).	2	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Beit Rima (1), Al Bireh (1), Al Jalazun (1), Bir Zeit (1), Deir Dibwan (1).	5	8
Jerusalem	Shu'fat camp (1), Abu Dis (1), Old City.	2	7
Jericho	Jordan valley.	0	2
Bethlehem	Bethlehem city (1), 'Ayda camp (1), Ad Duheisha camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1).	5	11
Hebron	Hebron city (4), Beit Ummar (2), Sa'ir (1), Dura (1).	8	12
Total Week West Bank		40	75
Gaza Strip	No incidents reported.	0	0
Total Week oPt		40	75

Appendix: Checkpoints 30 November – 6 December 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5:30am to 5:00pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 16 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Efrayim	The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. On 29 June the checkpoint became operational from 4:00am – 7:00pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Kafriat	The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 August the Tunnel near the checkpoint under Road No. 57 was opened reducing the need to use the checkpoint.
'Anabta	This gate was reestablished on 14 July 2005. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Qalqiliya:	
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned but with frequent flying checkpoints.
Jaljoula	Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians.
Qalqiliya North (new)	The IDF opened a new crossing point on 28 November north of Qalqiliya Barrier gate to Palestinian permit holders such as workers, traders and humanitarian cases. The crossing is open from 4:00am to 7:00pm. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6:00am and 6:00pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Kafr Qasem (Road No. 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted. Movement is allowed from 4:30am to 8:00pm.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. Movement is allowed from 6:00am to 8:00pm.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and open between 6:00am and 6:00pm.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastiya)	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access.

Northwest, main road to Jenin	
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID card or hold an Israeli permit. Permits are only valid during the day time.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID card or hold an Israeli permit. Permits are only valid during the day time.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Free movement northbound, Movement southbound is restricted. Since 6 Dec. Movement for Residents of northern west bank (Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) southbound is prohibited.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7:00am to 4:00pm Sunday to Friday On 5 December closed for all Palestinians.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7:00am to 9:00pm.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint for all Palestinians non residents of the Jordan valley. Medical personnel and teachers are allowed access.
Ramallah/Ai Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. Long delays now usual during rush hours due to new traffic arrangements because of ongoing construction for the new checkpoint. West Bank residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Jewish and Arab Israeli citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6:00am to 10:00pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open until the 2 December, but in operation during morning rush hours on the 3 and 4 December.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Road No. 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road No. 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road No. 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road No. 1	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road No. 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road No. 404 /Road No. 45	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank

North western entrance on Road NO. 436	and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plate cars are not allowed to cross.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in to the North of Al Auja. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates, unless holding an Israeli permit. Only valid for day time usage.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road No. 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	The old checkpoint has been replaced by the new terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. Crossing times are improving but UN staff on buses is forced to cross on foot.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. No movement of Palestinians beyond it unless with a permit.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Not manned. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. Open from 6:00am to 10:00pm.
Tunnels Road No. 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations Palestinians with valid permits and Jerusalem ID are allowed to cross. Land levelling taking place next to the checkpoint.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road No. 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers are checking vehicles in both directions but are not always manning the checkpoint. Private Palestinian cars allowed passing.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road No. 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. No crossings of Palestinians and goods allowed into Israel following the Netanya bombing on 5 December 2005.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. No crossings of Palestinians and goods allowed into Israel following the Netanya bombing on 5 December 2005.
Ein Gedi On Road No. 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road No. 90. Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road No. 354	Crossing along Road No. 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road No. 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	No crossings of Palestinians and goods allowed into Israel following the Netanya bombing on 5 December 2005.
Meitar On Road No. 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli Border Police. It was moved 200 meters to the south.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road No. 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.

Beit Yatir On Road No. 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits. Teachers going to Imneizil school are repeatedly being denied access
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. The metal detector near the checkpoint is used to check all Palestinians including schoolchildren on their way to the Al Ibrahimiyah school.
Ibrahim Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and extremely problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road No. 325	New permanent checkpoint established in September 2005, manned by IDF soldiers who check and search Palestinian civilians travelling to and from a cluster of Palestinian villages (4,000 people) around Ar Ramadin area. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road No. 325.
"Nabi Yunis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on Road No. 60	New permanent checkpoint established in October 2005, partially manned by IDF soldiers; new cameras have been installed on the military observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road No. 60	New checkpoint established in October 2005, partially manned by IDF soldiers. Palestinian taxis, buses and private vehicles are allowed to cross the junction between Dura and Al Fawwar.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez Crossing	This week Erez was partially open until 7:00pm 5 December when it was announced closed because of the Netanya bombing.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah Crossing Terminal was partially open all the week. For the time being, it operates four hours per day, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 30 November, 414 people were reported arrived and 531 departed. - On 1 December, 388 people were reported arrived and N/A departed. - On 2 December, 480 people were reported arrived and 561 departed. - On 3 December, 397 people were reported arrived and 469 departed. - On 4 December, 492 people were reported arrived and 591 departed. - Numbers for 5 and 6 November not available.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5:00pm except on Saturday. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6:00am to 2:00pm and closed on Saturday.

Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7:00am to 4:00pm, Sunday to Friday On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 7:00am to 5:00pm Sunday to Thursday, 7:00am to 1:00pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	This week, Sufa crossing was partially open for construction materials only.
Karni	Karni was partially open except 2 and 3 December when it was closed due to security concerns.

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Method and Sources

The information used to compile these Briefing Notes comes from a range of sources with a field presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The accuracy of the reported information is ensured through the corroboration of reports by two additional sources. Typically, the OCHA Field Coordination Unit (FCU) receives an initial incident report from a source, which is verified through visits to the incident site in addition to further corroboration with a third source, such as an NGO. In addition, OCHA FCU collects military orders as documentary evidence and provides information on incidents witnessed in person.

In the interests of timeliness and readability, the sources are not listed for each incident within the texts of the report. Listed below are the sources relied upon each week in compiling this Briefing:

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.