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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

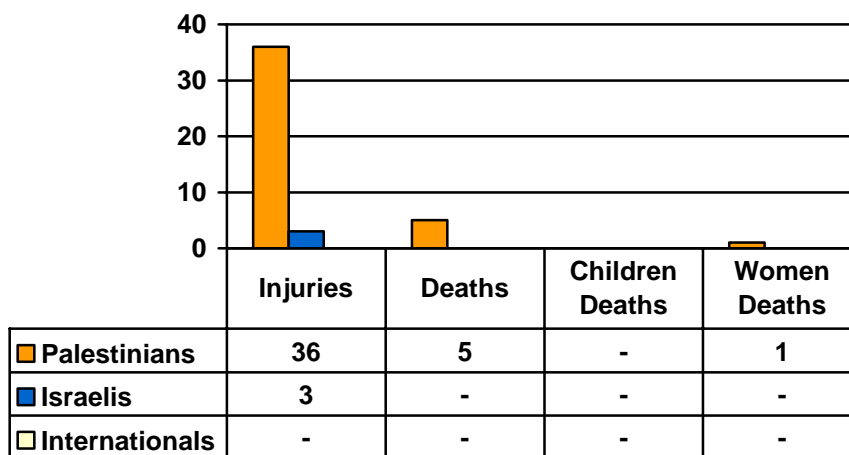
4 – 17 January 2006

Of note this period¹

- High numbers of Palestinian injuries were reported during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in the West Bank, particularly in the northern areas. A number of confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen were also reported.
- 11 Palestinians houses and structures were demolished by the IDF in the West Bank for reportedly being built without permits (Jerusalem, Nablus and Bethlehem governorates).

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



- **2 January** (previously unreported): A 38 year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed by IDF soldiers in Tarrama (Hebron) after an exchange of fire with Palestinian gunmen.
- **3 January** (previously unreported): IDF soldiers injured three Palestinians demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **4 January**: Palestinian gunmen opened fire at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus). IDF soldiers returned fire injuring one of the Palestinian gunmen.
- **4 January**: Eight Palestinians were injured in clashes between IDF soldiers and Palestinian stone throwers in Jenin city (Jenin).
- **4 January**: Palestinians demonstrated against construction of the Barrier in 'Anata (Jerusalem) by throwing stones. The IDF responded by firing tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. Two Palestinians and one member of the Israel Border Police were injured.
- **5 January**: A 14-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in clashes between IDF soldiers and Palestinian stone throwers in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm).
- **5 January**: Two Palestinians were injured after Israeli settlers shot from their vehicle towards Palestinians in Huwwara village (Nablus).
- **5 January**: 12 Palestinians were injured during clashes between IDF soldiers and Palestinian stone throwers in Jenin city (Jenin).
- **8 January**: An 11-year-old boy was injured during clashes between IDF soldiers and Palestinian stone throwers in Jenin city (Jenin).
- **12 January**: An exchange of fire occurred between IDF soldiers and Palestinian gunmen in Jenin city (Jenin). Two Palestinian men aged 25 and 28 years old (both from Áttil) were killed.
- **13 January**: A 32-year-old Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers opened fire during a search and arrest campaign in Kafr ad Dik (Salfit). A 75-year-old Palestinian

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woman was also injured during the campaign after being attacked by a dog the IDF were using during the operation.

- **13 January:** Palestinians, international and Israeli activists demonstrated against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah) by throwing stones. The IDF responded by firing tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. One IDF soldier was injured.
- **14 January:** A 34-year-old Palestinian man was injured by Israeli settlers in the old city of Hebron (Hebron) during settler protests at orders issued by the IDF evicting them from the wholesale market.
- **14 January:** One Israeli police officer was injured during an arrest of a Palestinian in At Tur (Jerusalem).
- **15 January:** An IDF undercover unit opened fire towards a Palestinian house in Rujeib (Nablus). A mother (48 years old) and her son (23 years old) were killed and five other family members were injured, two of them in critical condition.
- **15 January:** One Palestinian man was injured after IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign in Kafr Dan (Jenin).
- **16 January:** The IDF surrounded a Palestinian house in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) and an exchange of fire took place with Palestinian gunmen inside. One 24-year-old Palestinian was killed and one IDF soldier injured.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
4 Jan	Al Walaja, Bethlehem	1	0	7
12 Jan	Jenin city, Jenin	1	0	0
14 Jan	H2 area, Hebron city	0	2	0
15 Jan	Jabal Al Mukabbir, Jerusalem	1	0	0
15 Jan	Silwan, Jerusalem	1	0	2
15 Jan	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	1	0	1
17 Jan	Jubbet adh Dhib, Bethlehem	4	0	1 Family
17 Jan	Za'tara, Bethlehem	1	0	0
17 Jan	Qaryut, Nablus	1	0	0
17 Jan	Al Lubban ash Sharqiya, Nablus	1	0	5
Total Week		12	2	15 people + 1 Family

- **4 January:** The IDF demolished a house in Al Walaja village (Bethlehem) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **12 January:** The IDF demolished a two-storey building where two Palestinian gunmen were shot dead in Jenin city (Jenin) (see above). The building was uninhabited.
- **14 January:** Two uninhabited houses close to the wholesale market in H2 area, Hebron city were torched by settlers during protests against eviction orders issued by the IDF to settlers occupying Palestinian property.
- **15 January:** The IDF demolished three Palestinian houses in Jerusalem for reportedly being built without permits.
- **17 January:** The IDF demolished two houses and two animal barracks in Jubbet adh Dhib village and one house in Za'tara village (Bethlehem) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **17 January:** The IDF demolished a house under construction in Qaryut village (Nablus) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **17 January:** The IDF demolished a house in Al Luban ash Sharqiya village (Nablus) for reportedly being built without a permit.

Other related incidents:

- **5 – 12 January:** The IDF occupied approximately 20 Palestinian houses in Jenin camp (Jenin) for more than seven days and used them as observation posts during a search and arrest campaign. The families were held in one room in each house.

- **7 – 18 January:** The IDF occupied one Palestinian house in Birqin (Jenin) for 11 days and used it as an observation post during a search and arrest campaign. The family was held in one room.
- **10 January:** The IDF occupied one Palestinian house in Átil (Tulkarm) for three hours and used it as an observation post during a search and arrest campaign. The family was held in one room.
- **11 January:** The IDF and Israeli Police removed an illegal outpost built by Israeli settlers north of the settlement of Neve Daniel (Bethlehem).

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

10 January: Settlers from Yits'har settlement cut down 50 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Burin village.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land along side Road 505 near Jamma'in village to install a security fence.
- The IDF continues levelling land around Shave Shomeron settlement to build a security zone and a wall/ fence around the settlement.

Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

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 village located in the closed areas (areas between the Green Line and the Barrier) to expand Zfim settlement.

Salfit Governorate:

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 alongside Road 505 near Marda and Haris villages to install a security fence.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing between Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu and south of Beit Liqya.
- The construction of the Barrier between Rantis and Budrus to south of Al Midya is completed. The construction of the Barrier between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah) has also been completed.
- The IDF continues levelling land in Beit Liqya village in order to build a new road between Beit Liqya (Ramallah) and Beit Anan (Jerusalem). 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 continues levelling land on the western side of 'Abud village and the north western side parallel to bypass Road 465 for the construction of the "Special Security Arrangements" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements.

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

Hebron Governorate:

6 January: 102 olive trees owned by farmers from the Palestinian town of Yatta were cut down in a grove in front of At Tuwani village, in an area close to the settlement of Ma'on. Israeli Police are investigating the matter.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya where the new commercial checkpoint will be built.
- New housing construction continues in the settlements of Susiya, Karmeit Tsur, Kiryat Arba and Karmel;
- Land levelling continues for a new security fence around the settlement of Adora and Ma'on.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling and new housing construction continues in the Israeli settlements of Efrat and its two northern outposts (Givat Hatamar and Givat Hadagan), as well as northeast of Neve Daniel (in its most recent expansion), and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.
- Land levelling continues on the side of the "Tunnels" checkpoint to expand the site.

Jerusalem Governorate:

This period construction began along a 2.5 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar settlements.

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariyya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
- 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 for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.
- Construction continues on the new road which divides Bir Nabala and Ar Ram parallel to the constructed Barrier.

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 reinforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.

4. [Access for Medical Assistance](#)

Date	Location / Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
4 January	Shave Shomeron CP/ Nablus	PRCS	-	1	-
5 January	Tulkarm city, Tulkarm	PRCS	-	1	-
5 January	Tulkarm city, Tulkarm	PRCS	-	1	-
7 January	Tulkarm city, Tulkarm	PRCS	-	1	-
Total Week	Incident		0	4	0

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
17 Jan	Al Fawwar camp, Hebron	12 hours
Total Week	One incident	12 Hours

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinians' movement inside As Siafa area in the northern Gaza Strip continues to be restricted following the IDF announcement of parts of the northern Gaza Strip a "no go" or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December. The 250 Palestinian residents of As Siafa (which is within this buffer zone) continue to limit their movement during the day and do not move after dark. Entry into the area is only possible with prior coordination with the IDF.

b) Access to Education

School holidays were on during the reporting period in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

c) Access to Employment

West Bank:

Palestinian workers and traders from southern West Bank governorates with valid permits were again allowed to enter Israel. Palestinian workers from the northern West Bank governorates (Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Salfit and Qalqiliya) continued to not be allowed to enter into Israel or East Jerusalem during the period. However, Palestinian traders from the northern West Bank were allowed entry to Israel on 10, 15 and 16 January.

Permits valid - December 2005:

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	845	605
Jenin	563	38
Tubas	67	77
Tulkarm	563	450
Qalqiliya	122	370
Salfit	47	200
Ramallah and Al Bireh	127	100
Jericho	14	250
Jerusalem	115	N/A
Bethlehem	456	N/A
Hebron	1,468	N/A
Total Permits Issued West Bank	4,387	2,090+

Gaza Strip:

Since 16 December, Erez crossing has been closed to all Palestinians. More than 5,000 Palestinian workers holding valid permits cannot reach their work station in Israel. On 17 January the crossing re-opened for Palestinian traders only; 105 crossed into Israel.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

5 January: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for several hours after Palestinians opened fire at the checkpoint.

13 and 15 January: The IDF closed 'Áwarta checkpoint for several hours after Palestinians opened fire at the checkpoint.

Since 14 January: Nablus residents were again allowed access to the southern West Bank through Zaatara checkpoint (Tappuah junction). The checkpoint had been previously closed to all residents of the northern West Bank (see below).

4-14 January: The IDF did not allow Palestinian police to be present on the streets inside Nablus city.

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road 60 remain blocked with earth mounds.

- The dirt road connecting Tulkarm with Road 60 near Sabastiya (at the junction with Road 57) continues to be blocked with earth mounds.
- The IDF is preventing all Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarm from leaving Nablus through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoint.
- The IDF continue to deny access for Palestinian residents of Tulkarm and Jenin governorates heading south through Zaataara checkpoint. All Palestinians moving north through the checkpoint are not affected.

Jenin Governorate:

16 January: The IDF reopened Al Jalama checkpoint for Palestinians traders with valid permits. The checkpoint remains closed for workers.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues restricting the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave to 35 trucks a day carrying food products.

Tubas Governorate:

6 January: The IDF closed the entrance of Tammun for several hours with a flying checkpoint preventing residents' access in and out of the village.

9 January: The IDF closed the road between Tubas and Aqqaba for several hours with a flying checkpoint preventing Palestinians access between Jenin and Nablus.

13 January: Tayasir checkpoint was closed for several hours due to security reasons. The IDF arrested two Palestinians carrying knives and mortar shells.

Tulkarm Governorate:

5 January onwards: The IDF closed 'Anabta gate for all vehicular movement.

15 January: The IDF reopened Efrayim checkpoint for traders. The checkpoint remains closed for workers.

17 January: The IDF closed Kafriat tunnel for three hours in the morning.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF intensified restrictions at Kafriat checkpoint and prevented the vehicular and pedestrian movement in and out of Tulkarm except for Tulkarm residents.
- Tulkarm governorate continues to be a closed military area with restrictions on the movement of Palestinians in and out of the governorate.
- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

10 January: The IDF opened the north Qalqiliya crossing for traders. The crossing remains closed for workers.

Salfit Governorates:

24 December (previously unreported): The IDF opened the earth mound at the entrance of Deir Istiya.

26 December (previously unreported): The IDF closed the gate at the north entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No change in the level of closure has taken place in the area of Bethlehem. The gate providing access to Nahhalin from Road 367 (next to Neve Geva'ot settlement) has been opened

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron governorate

Closure remains very tight in the governorate of Hebron, particularly along Road 60, 317 and 35. All Palestinian movement is being channelled through existing crossing points manned continuously by the IDF while all secondary roads and agricultural trails have been closed. Access from communities in the southern half of the governorate to urban areas further north remains very difficult and Palestinian movement along 317 is being minimised by the IDF.

Movement along Road 354 remains impossible as road blocks have now replaced the gates at the entrances to Tarqumiya and Idhna from Road 35. Movement north from Idhna and its surrounding villages is only possible via the city of Hebron, to the east with a very long detour.

9 January: The Beit Yattir checkpoint was moved south along Road 316, to the area where the Barrier will cross the road.

15 January: The planned deadline for the establishment of truck convoys from Gaza to the West Bank, via Tarqumiya checkpoint, under the Rafah Agreement past without any arrivals or departures taking place. No bus convoys have taken place since the planned starting date of 15 December 2005.

17 January: The IDF issued a military order preventing Jewish non-residents to stay or access the Jewish settlement areas in the Old City of Hebron. Closure and screening of movement towards As Shohada Street is taking place at the western side of the Tomb of the Patriarchs, although access to the holy site is not being prevented. The Israeli Police has been deployed in great numbers to enforce the order.

Ongoing incidents:

- Zif gate, along Road 317, remains closed with gate and road blocks.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road 60 remain closed (road block and earthmounds).
- The entrance to Adh Dhahirriya remains closed by a road block.
- Entry to Yatta from the west on Road 60 is physically opened but manned by a flying checkpoint, denying access to Palestinians.
- All primary entrances to Hebron from bypass Roads 35 and 60 are closed. Alternative entrances via Halhul and Dura are possible through IDF positions permanently manned.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Since the approval of the Government of Israel on the participation of East Jerusalem residents in the Palestinian Legislation council elections; many supporters were banned from posting campaign articles and Hamas members have been arrested for campaigning.

Jericho Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prohibit all Palestinians from entering the Jordan Valley unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. However, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to stay over night in the area.

Gaza Strip

Ongoing incidents:

- 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.
- The IDF continues to enforce the "no go" or enlarged buffer zone in the Palestinian areas which lies to the north of Gaza on the border with Israel. This area, in the former enclosed area of Al Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Al Badhan Road. Road No. 60 near; Yits'har junction (12). Road No. 607 between Tulkarm and Al Madina club (12). Entrance off: Till (2), Beit Furik.	28
Jenin	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Tubas	Entrance off; Tammun (2). Between; Bet Tammun and Tubas.	3
Tulkarm	Kafriat tunnel (13). Entrance off; 'Anabta gate (13). Junctions; Al Jarushiya (4), Illar, Farún.	32
Qalqilya	Entrance off; Qalqilya (4), Jit junction, 'Azzun (5), Jayyus (6), Habla tunnel (2), An Nabi Elyas (3), Ízbat at Tabib (2), Bet Ázzun, Ázzun Átma.	25
Salfit	Entrance off; Farkha, Kafr ad Dik, Bruqin (2), Deir Istiya, Khirbet Qeis (2), Az Zawiya.	8
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Jerusalem	Entrance off; 'Anata – east (7), Ar Ram.	8
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Husan, Beit Sahur, Battir. Artas, Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Tuqu' (2), Ash Shawawra (2).	17
Hebron	Zif gate (4), As Samu (2), Yatta (3), Beit Ummar (2), Dura (3), H1 (4), Halhul (3), Tarqumiya (2), Idhna (2). Beit Kahil (2), Kharsa (2), Sa'ir (3), Al Arrub camp (4), Al Hadab (3), Ad Dhahiriya (2).	41
Total West Bank		162

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the reporting period **56** home made rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel – Sederot, Shuva, Ashkelon and western Negev.
- During the reporting period, the IDF has fired **57** artillery tank shells and **3** air-to-ground missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip, in particular in the northern areas.
- **4 January:** A group of Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades members knocked down parts of the wall between Rafah (Gaza Strip) and Egypt and clashed with Egyptian soldiers and police. Two Egyptian soldiers were killed and another 27 injured.
- **4 January:** Approximately 10,000 chickens from the Israeli settlement of Mekhora were culled, because they are infected with disease, and then buried in a shallow pit near Khirbet Tana (Nablus).
- **11 January:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli plated vehicle near Ramallah. No injuries were reported.
- **15 January:** The Israeli cabinet ruled that Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem could vote in the Palestinian legislative elections to be held 25 January. Hamas was banned from participation and several arrests of Hamas campaigners were reported over the week.
- **16 January:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an IDF vehicle northeast of Ramallah. No injuries were reported.

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), Beita (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (2). At CP/flying CP; Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP.	6	25
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin camp (1), Qabatiya (2).	8	12
Tubas	Tubas city (7), 'Aqqaba (1), Tammun (4). At CP/flying CP; Tayasir CP.	12	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (2), Deir al Ghusun (1), 'Illar (3), Nur Shams camp (2), Seida (1), 'Attil (1). At CP/flying CP; Kafriat CP, 'Anabta.	10	39
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (2). At CP/flying CP; Azzun,	2	16
Salfit	Marda (1), Kafr ad Dik (1).	2	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (3), Silwad (2), Qibya (1), Bil'in (1), Al Jalazun camp (1).	8	37
Jerusalem	At Tur, East Jerusalem (1), Old City, Hizma CP.	1	18
Jericho	No incidents reported.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (3), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (4), Beit Jala (3), 'Ayda camp (5), Al Khadr (5), Tuqu' (1), Dar Salah (3), Ash Shawawra (2), Adh Duheisha camp (1), Husan (1), Artas (1),	30	11
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (3), Yatta (4), Dura (4), H1 (8), Halhul (6), Al Arrub camp (4), Bani Na'eem (2), Idhna (4), Ash Shuyukh (2), Sa'ir (2), Beit Kahil (3), Beit Ummar (2), Tarqumiya (2), Ar Ramadin (1), Karma (1).	48	10
Total Week West Bank		127	175
Gaza Strip	No incidents reported.	0	0
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Appendix: Checkpoints: 4 – 17 January 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm 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.
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 4am – 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. On 15 January the checkpoint was reopened for Palestinian traders, workers are still not allowed to cross.
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. The IDF intensified restrictions at Kafriat checkpoint and prevented the vehicular and pedestrian movement in and out of Tulkarm except for Tulkarm residents.
'Anabta	This gate was reestablished on 14 July 2005.
Qalqiliya:	
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned.
Jaljoulia	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.
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 10 January opened for Palestinian traders with valid permits. The crossing remains closed for workers.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6am and 6pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are requiring to prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted. Movement is allowed from 4:30am to 8pm.
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 6am to 8pm.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate 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 6am and 6pm.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.

Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. A security zone has been declared by the IDF around Al Hamra checkpoint. Any Palestinian crossing the area that is not owner of the land will be arrested. Landowners' names have been compiled in a list at the checkpoint.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The IDF continue to deny access for Palestinian residents of Tulkarm and Jenin governorates heading south through Zaatara checkpoint. All Palestinians moving north through the checkpoint are not affected.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7:00am to 4:00pm Sunday to Friday. Open for all goods from Israel into west bank and only vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination. On 16 January opened for Palestinian traders with valid permits. The checkpoint remains closed for workers.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash- Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into west bank and only vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open only for Internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West bank ID.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. 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.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 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 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	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.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 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 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 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	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 North western entrance on Road 436	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.
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	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho

Main checkpoint off Road 1	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 Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli.
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	Temporarily manned. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. Open from 7am to 10pm.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. Land levelling is taking place to expand the site of 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 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers are checking vehicles in both directions but are not always manning the checkpoint. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 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 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Border Police reluctant to facilitate movement of recognised international humanitarian organisations, making coordination with DCL necessary each time.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Only Palestinians with permits are allowed to cross. ICRC family visits have been taking place during the reporting period.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF; not used by Palestinians.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Moved south by 1 km to the section of road where the Barrier footprint will cross.
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.
Ibrahimi 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	Closed to Palestinians.

Junction with Shohada Street	
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 problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by IDF soldiers who only allow Palestinians from the area of Ar Ramadin to go through. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on road 325.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Since 16 December, Erez crossing has been totally closed for Palestinians with some exceptions humanitarian cases. Open for internationals. On 17 January, Erez was reopened for Palestinian traders and 105 merchants entered
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4:00pm. However since 13 January it has operated more than 20 hours a day in order to facilitate the Hajj pilgrims' return from Mecca. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 January: 575 arrivals, 221 departures. - 5 January: 730 arrivals, 1,139 departures. - 6 January: 917 arrivals, 1,178 departures. - 7 January: 941 arrivals, 884 departures. - 8 January: 787 arrivals, 983 departures. - 9 January: 870 arrivals, 530 departures. - 10 January: 884 arrivals, 541 departures. - 11 January: 234 arrivals, 1,243 departures. - 12 January: 1,172 arrivals, 363 departures. - 13 January: 981 arrivals, 933 departures. - 14 January: 1,256 arrivals, 417 departures. - 15 January: 1,193 arrivals, 972 departures. - 16 January: 970 arrivals, 692 departures.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5:00pm except on Saturday.
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.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm 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	
DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other

goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours are from 6:00am to 8:00pm.

Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Open all week.
Karni	Since 15 January, Karni commercial crossing was closed by the IDF due to a security alert.

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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.