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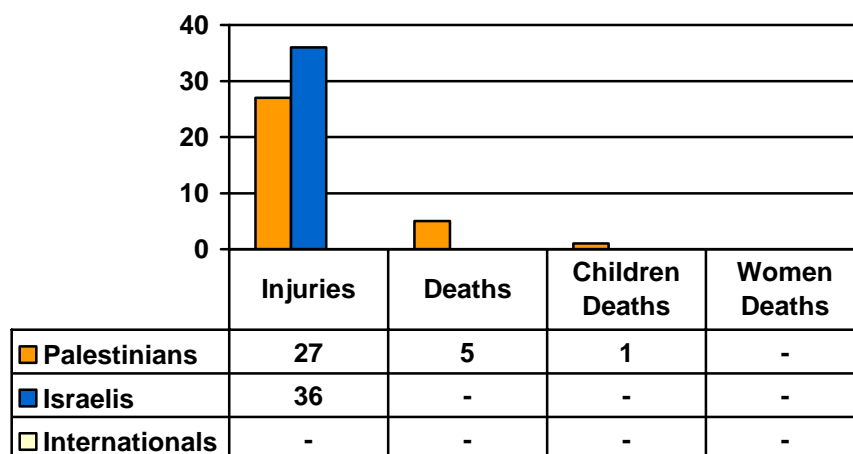
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

18 – 24 January 2006

Of note this period

- A Palestinian man from Nablus carried out a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv injuring 28 Israelis.
- High numbers of flying checkpoints (103) were observed throughout the West Bank particularly in Qalqiliya and Hebron governorates.

1. Physical Protection¹**Casualties**

- **18 January:** A 14-year-old Palestinian was shot and injured after clashes between IDF soldiers and Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF search campaign in Kafr Qallil (Nablus).
- **18 January:** Two Palestinians and two IDF soldiers were injured during an exchange of fire between IDF soldiers and Palestinian militants during an IDF search campaign in Jenin camp (Jenin).
- **18 January:** Two IDF soldiers were injured after Palestinian militants fired rockets at an IDF base south of Sufa crossing (Gaza Strip).
- **19 January:** A Palestinian man from Nablus conducted a suicide bombing in the old central bus station in Tel Aviv injuring 28 Israelis.
- **19 January:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed by IDF soldiers near the Palestinian village of Beit Kahil (Hebron). According to the IDF the man was shot near the Israeli settlement of Telem while trying to throw Molotov cocktails towards passing Israeli cars on Road 35.
- **20 January:** The IDF assaulted one Palestinian man in Kafr ad Dik (Salfit).
- **21 January:** The IDF opened fire at three Palestinians approaching the border fence east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). One 18-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed and two others injured.
- **21 January:** 15 Palestinians and three Israeli activists were injured when the IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **22 January:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was killed and another four injured in an IAF helicopter missile strike (targeted killing) on their vehicle while traveling southeast of Zaitoun in Gaza city (Gaza Strip).

¹ Three of the Israeli injuries were inflicted in clashes between the IDF and Israeli demonstrators.

- **22 January:** The IDF opened fire towards a group of young Palestinians attempting to infiltrate Israel from Al Buraij camp (Gaza Strip). One 16-year old Palestinian boy was injured.
- **22 January:** A 22-year-old Palestinian female was injured after the IDF opened fire at Palestinian vehicles at a flying checkpoint near Ar Ras (Tulkarm).
- **23 January:** An IDF soldier was injured after Palestinian militants opened fire at an IDF flying checkpoint near the evacuated settlement of Ganim (Jenin).
- **23 January:** The IDF opened fire at two Palestinian boys walking along a road after dark in al Mughayyir (Ramallah). A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was shot and killed. The circumstances of this incident remain unclear.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
20 Jan	Dhafer al Malih, Jenin	1	-	0
20 Jan	At Tayba, Jenin	2	-	0
Total Week		3	0	0

- **20 January:** The IDF demolished a house under construction in Dhafer al Malih village (Jenin) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **20 January:** The IDF demolished two houses under construction in At Tayba village (Jenin) for reportedly being built without a permit.

Other related incidents:

- **21 January:** The IDF occupied one Palestinian house in Beit Qad (Jenin) for two hours and used it as an observation post during a search campaign. The family was held in one room.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- 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.

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

Salfit Governorate:

21 January: Israeli settlers from Revava settlement cut down unknown numbers of olive trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from Deir Istiya.

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 Road 465 for the construction of the "Special Security Arrangements" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

21 January: The IDF prevented Palestinian farmers from the Palestinian village of At Tuwani from accessing their lands in Kharouba near the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. The Palestinians were trying to plough their lands in anticipation of the rainy season.

Ongoing incidents:

- New housing construction continues in the settlements of Susiya, Karmeit Tsur, Kiryat Arba and Karmel.
- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya where the new commercial checkpoint will be built.
- Land levelling continues for a new security fence around the settlement of Adora and Ma'on.
- Land levelling continues in the southern part of the Governorate near Shani settlement and the Palestinian village of Imneizil for the construction of the Barrier.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling and new housing construction continues in the Israeli settlements of Efrat 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:

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

No incidents to report.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Curfew**

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

No incidents to report.

c) Access to Employment

West Bank: Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits from the West Bank were again allowed to enter Israel from 16 January with the exception of Palestinian workers from the northern West Bank. Palestinian workers from the northern West Bank were again allowed to enter Israel from 18 January.

Permits valid - December 2005:

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	845	605
Jenin	563	36
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	2,088+

Gaza Strip:

As of 13 December the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is **5,361**. All overnight permissions (about 1,000) were cancelled in the aftermath of the Netanya suicide bombing on 5 December. The closure of Erez crossing for over a month (since 16 December) was lifted for Palestinian workers and traders on 22 January.³

³ However, on 17 January some Palestinian traders from the Gaza Strip (105) were allowed to cross through Erez.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel
18 January	C L O S E D	
19 January		
20 January		
21 January		
22 January	1,616	120
23 January	2,229	5
24 January	3,352	142

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

18 - 22 January: The IDF at Zaatara checkpoint once again allowed access for Palestinians from the northern West Bank heading south (previously only residents of Nablus were allowed access through Zaatara checkpoint). However, from **23 January** the IDF at Zaatara checkpoint again restricted and denied access for Palestinians from Tulkarm and Jenin heading south. Palestinians heading north continued to not be affected by the new restrictions.

24 January: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for one hour.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarm from leaving Nablus through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoint. Long delays are experienced at these checkpoints.

Jenin Governorate:

18 January: The IDF opened Al Jalama checkpoint for all Palestinians with valid permits.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues restricting the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Food products require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

18 January: The IDF suspended issuing permits for workers to cross through Tayasir checkpoint. Palestinians with valid permits continued to be able to cross the checkpoint.

22 January: The IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint throughout the day.

Tulkarm Governorate:

15 January (previously not reported): An Israeli private company took control over Efrayim checkpoint in dealings with pedestrians. The IDF remains the supervisor.

18 and 23 January: The IDF closed 'Anabta partial checkpoint for vehicular movement.

18 January: The IDF opened Efrayim checkpoint for all Palestinians with valid permits.

22 January: The IDF closed 'Anabta partial check point and Kafriat check point for vehicular and pedestrian movement for two hours.

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

19 January: The IDF closed the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya (DCO) checkpoint and Habla tunnel for some hours after the Palestinian suicide bombing in Tel Aviv.

Salfit Governorates:

21 January: The IDF opened the earth mound at the entrance of Bruqin.

Ongoing incidents:

- 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.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron governorate

Closure remains very tight in Hebron governorate, particularly along Road 60, 317 and 35.

All week: The IDF began to require Palestinians travelling from Al Fawwar Junction southward on Road 60 to hold travelling permits. No Palestinians were allowed to proceed on that road without producing such a permit to the soldiers. A flying checkpoint was erected near the Palestinian community of Karma to control Palestinian movement along Road 60.

All week: IDF soldiers stationed at the Halhul Bridge tower began to conduct frequent on the ground stop-and-search of Palestinian cars crossing the bridge northwards.

18 January: The IDF and Israeli Police ceased enforcing the military closed area imposed on the Jewish settlements in the Old City of Hebron. The order was issued to prevent and expel Jewish non-residents who arrived on site to resist evacuation orders given to Jewish families residing illegally in the Palestinian wholesale market.

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 earth mounds).
- 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 Road 35 and 60 are closed. Alternative entrances via Halhul and Dura are possible through IDF positions permanently manned.
- Entrances of Idhna and Tarqumiya from Road 35 are still closed by road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

The IDF continued to arrest election campaigners in East Jerusalem.

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. However, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to stay over night in the area.

Gaza Strip

19 January: An Israeli civilian security company took over the security responsibilities at Erez crossing.

All week: Karni crossing was closed the whole reporting period. The crossing has now been closed since 15 January.

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 As 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	Road 60 near; Yits'har junction (7). Between Tulkarm and Al Madina club (7).	14
Jenin	Entrance off; Arab as Suweitat	1
Tubas	Entrance off; Tammun (2). Between Tammun and Tubas.	3
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Kafriat tunnel (7). Junctions; Al Jarushiya, Deir al Ghusun.	9
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Qalqiliya (4), Jit junction, 'Azzun (5), Jayyus (6), Habla tunnel (2), An Nabi Elyas (3), Izbat at Tabib (2), Beit Ázzun, Ázzun Atma.	25
Salfit	Entrance off; Iskaka, Bruqin (2), Kifl Haris, Qarawat Bani Hassan. Road 5 near; Marda (2), Biddya.	8
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Near; Atarot.	1
Jerusalem	Near; Dahiyat al Barid.	1
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Entrance off; Husan, Beit Sahur, Battir, Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (2).	11
Hebron	Entrance off; Zif gate (4), As Samu, Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (2), Dura (3), H1 (3), Halhul (2), Beit Kahil (2), Sa'ir (3), Al Arrub camp (3), Al Hadab (3), Ad Dhahiriya (2).	30
Total West Bank		103

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the reporting period **21** home made rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- During the reporting period, the IDF has fired dozens artillery tank shells and **two** air-to-ground missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip, in particular in the northern areas.
- 20 January:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli vehicle near Yabrud (Ramallah). No injuries were reported.
- 22 January:** IDF naval vessels fired five shells at Palestinian fishing boats to prevent them from entering the sea west of Rafah.

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 (4), Kafr Qalil (1). At CP/flying CPs: Zaatara.	5	15
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin camp (2), Qabatiya (2), Silat al Harithiya (2).	11	18
Tubas	At CP/flying CPs: Tayasir CP.	0	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Seida (1), Qaffin (1), Anabta (1), Nur Shams camp (1).	7	9
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (3), Kafr Qaddum (1).	4	9
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (2), Yasuf (2), Farkha (1).	5	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Kharbatha Bani Harith (1), Al 'Amari camp (1), Ramallah city (2).	4	18
Jerusalem	East Jerusalem, Jabal al Mukabbir (1), Old City, Wadi al Joz, Beit Liqya (1), Sur Bahir (1), Umm Tuba (1), Qatanna (1).	5	24
Jericho	No incidents reported.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (3), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (4), Beit Jala (2), 'Ayda camp (3), Al Khadr (2), Tuqu (1), Dar Salah (3), Adh Duheisha camp (1), Husan (1), Wadi Fukin (1), Al 'Asakira (1).	23	6
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (2), Dura (3), H1 (5), Halhul (2), Al Arrub camp (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Idhna (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Beit Kahil (2), Beit Ummar (2), Ar Ramadin (1), Beit Al Rush Fauqa (1).	25	30
Total Week West Bank		89	132
Gaza Strip	Attempted infiltration; East of al Bureij (3).	0	13
Total Week oPt		89	145

Appendix: Checkpoints: 18 – 24 January 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 16 January Palestinian traders with valid permits were again allowed to access to Israel. Since 18 January Palestinian workers with valid permits were granted access.
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. Since 16 January Palestinian traders with valid permits were again allowed to access to Israel. Since 18 January Palestinian workers with valid permits were granted access.
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	Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Closed on 18 and 23 January for vehicular movement and 22 January for vehicular and pedestrian movement (for two hours).
Qalqiliya:	
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. On 18 January the crossing reopened 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 can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted. Movement is allowed from 4:30am to 8pm. The IDF continue to prevent Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarm from leaving Nablus through this checkpoint. Long delays are experienced.
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 can pass only after prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. Movement is allowed from 6am to 8pm. The IDF continue to prevent Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarm from leaving Nablus through this checkpoint. Long delays are experienced.
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	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan between 6am and 6pm.

and the Jordan Valley	
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 maintained restrictions on Palestinians from the northern West Bank accessing Zaatara checkpoint.
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. The IDF re-opened the checkpoint for Palestinians with valid permits on 18 January.
Imreih (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. The IDF suspended issuing new permits for access through this gate.
Ramallah/Ai 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'ayem 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 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 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	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Moved south by 1 km to the section of road where the Barrier footprint will cross.

Imneizel	
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 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 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. During the reported period both the IDF and the Border Police were manning the checkpoint.
"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	19 January: Closed for both Palestinians and internationals for about four hours due to technical difficulties at the crossing. 22 January: Re- opened for Palestinians.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4:00pm. - 18 January: 813 arrivals, 1,054 departures. - 19 January: 1,003 arrivals, 699 departures. - 20 January: 1,181 arrivals, 839 departures. - 21 January: 737 arrivals, 781 departures. - 22 January: 1,103 arrivals, 771 departures. - 23 January: 1,198 arrivals, 637 departures. - 24 January: 1,340 arrivals, 518 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	Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on

Back-to-back checkpoint	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	18 January: Closed. 19 January: Re-opened.
Karni	Closed since 15 January 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.