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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

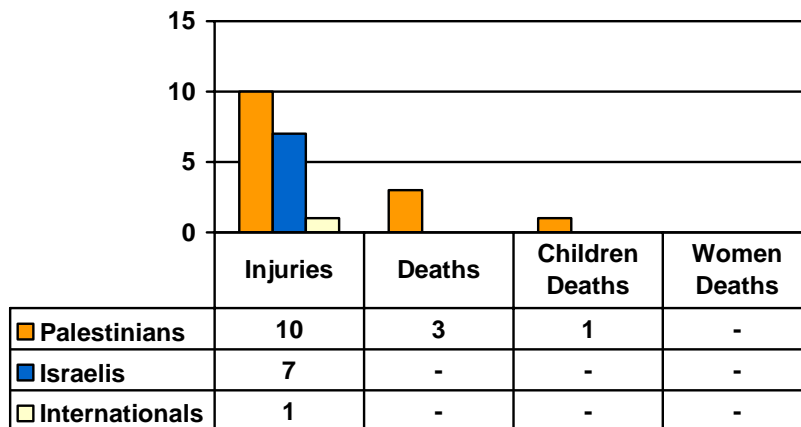
25 – 31 January 2006

Of note this period

- **Palestinians cast their ballots in the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) elections throughout the Gaza Strip, West Bank and East Jerusalem.**
- **A 12-year-old Palestinian girl was killed by the IDF in the Gaza Strip near the border fence.**

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



- **25 January:** One IDF soldier was injured when the IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets towards Palestinian stone throwers during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Biddu (Jerusalem).
- **25 January:** An 85-year-old Palestinian man from Al Furedis (Bethlehem) was attacked and beaten by Israeli settlers from Tko'a settlement.
- **26 January:** A 12-year-old Palestinian girl was shot and killed by the IDF near the border fence east of Al Qarara in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **25 January:** A 50-year-old Palestinian man from Kfar Laqif (Qalqiliya) was injured when Israeli settlers from Karnei Shomron settlement stoned Palestinian plated vehicles on Road 55.
- **26 January:** A 35-year-old Palestinian man was injured when Israeli settlers from Karnei Shomron settlement entered Kafr Laqif (Qalqiliya) and threw stones towards Palestinian houses and Palestinian plated vehicles.
- **28 January:** One IDF soldier was injured near Kafr Kasem checkpoint (Qalqiliya) when a Palestinian plated vehicle hit him. The Palestinian driver was arrested.
- **28 January:** One Palestinian and one international activist 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). Three Israeli activists were arrested.
- **30 January:** One Palestinian man was injured during an IDF search campaign in Kafr Qalil (Nablus) when an exchange of fire occurred with Palestinian gunmen.
- **31 January:** IDF soldiers and an IDF under cover unit surrounded a Palestinian house during an IDF operation in Arraba (Jenin). An exchange of fire with Palestinian gunmen occurred. Two Palestinian men, aged 22 and 27 years old, were shot and killed and five Palestinians and one IDF soldier were injured.
- **31 January:** Four Israelis were injured when Palestinians threw stones at Israeli plated vehicles travelling south of Jerusalem city (Jerusalem).

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
31 January	An Nu'man / Bethlehem	2	-	12
31 January	Al Walaja / Bethlehem	2	-	16
Total Week		4	0	28

- **31 January:** The Jerusalem Municipality demolished two houses belonging to two families (12 inhabitants) in the village of An Nu'man (Bethlehem) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **31 January:** The Jerusalem Municipality demolished two houses belonging to two families (16 inhabitants) in the village of Al Walaja (Bethlehem) for reportedly being built without a permit.

Other related incidents:

- **27 January:** The IDF exploded a Palestinian plated vehicle parked near the entrance of Qalqiliya (DCO).
- **31 January:** The eight Israeli settler families residing illegally in the Wholesale Market in the H2 area of Hebron city voluntarily left the contested homes without the intervention of Israeli security services.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

26 January: The IDF began installing 3m high concrete slabs along Road 60 from Shave Shomeron checkpoint south towards Deir Sharaf Junction to create a security zone and a wall/fence around the settlement.

26 January: The IDF replaced some of the road blocks in the middle of Road 60 at Huwwara checkpoint with 2m high concrete slabs.

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:

29 January: Israeli bulldozers began levelling land belonging to Palestinians from Qarawat Bani Hassan and Haris east of the Barkan industry area. The reason for the land levelling remains unclear.

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.

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

26 January: The IDF issued a number of land requisition orders in Ramallah governorate to the Palestinian DCL:

- Silwad (Military Order No. T/05/06) requisitioning 12.5 dunums (1.3 hectares) of land to build a military observation tower overlooking Road 60;
- Sinjil (Military Order No. T/01/01) requisitioning 23.3 dunums (2.3 hectares) of land to build a military base;
- Sinjil and Turmus'ayya (Military Order No. T/09/06) requisitioning 1.88 dunums (0.2 hectares) of land for road protection at Road 60;
- Al Mughayyir (Military Order No. T/11/06) requisitioning 3.5 dunums (0.4 hectares) of land for road protection at Allon Road; and
- 'Ein Yabrud and Ramallah (Military Order No. T/72/03) requisitioning 11 dunums (0.1 hectares) of land for road protection at Road 60.

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:

30 January: The IDF started to level agricultural land belonging to the Palestinian village of Beit Ar Roush in the closed areas (areas between the Green Line and the Barrier). No military orders have been received by the owners of the land.

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.
- 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.
- Road paving and land levelling continues for the construction of the Barrier in the western side of the village of Al Ramadin.
- Road paving has finished for the construction of the Barrier south of the Palestinian village of Khirbet Zanuta.
- Land levelling continues at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar. A bridge has also been constructed in the area.

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 Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site.

Jerusalem Governorate:

21 January: The IDF issued a military order (No. T/209/05) requisitioning 26 dunums (2.6 hectares) of land for the construction of the Barrier in Qatanna.

21 January: The IDF issued a military order (No. T/107/03) requisitioning 45 dunums (4.5 hectares) of land for the construction of the Barrier in Biddu and Qatanna villages.

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
30 January	Shave Shomeron, Nablus	PRCS	-	1	-
Total Week	Incidents		0	1	0

- **30 January:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for 90 minutes at Shave Shomeron checkpoint due to the installing of concrete slabs along Road 60 south of the checkpoint.

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 (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

- **28 January:** At the Jaba-Surif earth mound (Hebron) Israeli Border Police delayed Palestinians walking on foot (including students) for two hours.

c) Access to Employment

West Bank: Permits valid - December 2005:

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	845	605
Jenin	732	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	803	N/A
Hebron	1,468	N/A
Total Permits Issued West Bank	4,903	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.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel
25 January	Closed due to the PLC elections	Closed due to the PLC elections
26 January	3,597	145
27 January	2,211	64
28 January	152	25
29 January	4,005	174
30 January	1,499	98
31 January	4,200	170

d) Closures/Movement restrictions**Nablus Governorate:**

26 January: The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for two hours.

- **26 January:** An OCHA vehicle was denied access at Shave Shomeron checkpoint due to the installing of concrete slabs along Road 60 south of the checkpoint.

27 January: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after arresting two Palestinian minors in possession of home made bombs.

30 - 31 January: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint during the installation of concrete blocks at the checkpoint.

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..
- The IDF at Zaatara checkpoint are denying access for Palestinians from Tulkarm and Jenin heading south through the checkpoint. Palestinians heading north continued to be allowed access.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

25 – 31 January: The IDF closed 'Anabta partial check point for vehicular movement. Delays are experienced as well as at a regular flying checkpoint near Kafriat tunnel.

- **30 January:** A commercial truck rented by UNRWA carrying food parcels on its way from Tulkarm to Qalqiliya was delayed for 80 minutes at a flying checkpoint near Kafriat tunnel.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

31 January: The IDF prohibited all Palestinian UN staff going through the Ramallah DCO checkpoint and prohibited Palestinian movements on Road 60 due to the dismantling of a settler outpost located near the road.

Bethlehem Governorate:

The Israeli DCL of Bethlehem has informed international humanitarian organisations that commencing 3 February Palestinians (including UN staff members) holding West Bank IDs will not be allowed to cross to Jerusalem via Tunnels checkpoint. The only access point for Palestinian holders of permits will be through Gilo checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron governorate

Closure remains tight in the governorate along bypass roads. On Road 35 the IDF has reinforced the earth mounds on both sides and continues to keep closed the Idhna – Tarqumiya crossings. The road is now restricted to the movement of Israeli settlers and a few Palestinian truck drivers with travel permits.

Travel permit restrictions remain in force along Road 60 and Road 317 south of Hebron; IDF soldiers stationed at the Halhul bridge tower have conducted daily flying checkpoints during the day monitoring Palestinian cars moving in both directions.

Ongoing incidents:

- Zif gate, along Road 317, remains closed by a gate and road blocks.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road 60 remain closed by a 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 Road 60 are closed. Alternative entrances via Halhul and Dura are possible through IDF positions permanently manned.
- Entrances off Idhna and Tarqumiya from Road No. 35 remain closed by road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate:

25 January: The IDF closed Al 'Auja checkpoint from 9:30am to 10:50am.

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

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	# 60 near; Yits'har junction (3). # 60 between Tulkarm and Al Madina club (6), Al Badhan Rd (5), Sabastiya, Aqraba off # 505.	31
Jenin	Entrance off; Imreiha, Jenin city, Az Zababida, Silat adh Dhahr. Between; Bet Qabatiya and Sanur.	5
Tubas	Entrance off; Wadi al Far'a (2), Aqqaba.	3
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Kafriat tunnel (7). Illar, Bal'a, Tulkarm camp (2), Deir al Ghusun.	12
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Qalqiliya (2), Jit junction (2), 'Azzun, Jayyus (2), Habla tunnel (2), An Nabi Elyas (3), Izbat at Tabib, Hajja, Kafr Thulth, Izbat Salman.	16
Salfit	Entrance off; Marda, Deir Istiya (3).	4
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road No. 60 near; Yad Binjanim industrial estate, Jaba' junction. Bir Zeit Road.	3
Jerusalem	At Tur (2).	2
Jericho	Entrance off; Fasayil, Ein ad Duyuk.	2
Bethlehem	Husan, Beit Sahur, Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Ash Shawawra, Al Khas, Beit Jala.	13
Hebron	Zif gate (2), As Samu, Yatta, Beit Ummar (2), Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (7), Beit Kahil (2), Al Arrub camp (2), Al Hadab, Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin, Tarqumiya.	27
Total West Bank		118

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the reporting period **39** home made rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- During the reporting period, the IDF fired more than **five** artillery tank shells towards the northern areas of the Gaza Strip.
- **25 January:** Palestinian gunmen shot dead a 42-year-old Palestinian man in Nablus city after a disagreement about a PLC election campaign poster (this incident is not included in the casualty statistics in Section 1).

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 (5), Balata camp (1), Beit Furik (1), Kafr Qalil (1). CP/Flying CPs; Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, Al Badhan flying CP, Sabastiya flying CP.	8	26
Jenin	Zububa (2), Ya'bad (1).	3	3
Tubas	Tubas city (1).	1	10
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Tulkarm camp (1), 'Anabta (1), Seida (1), Illar (1), Zeita (1). CP/Flying CPs; Kafriat CP, Qaffin flying CP,	6	13
Qalqiliya	Azzun Atma gate.	0	3
Salfit	Marda (1), Farkha (1).	2	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Beitilu (2), Al Jalazun camp (2), Ramallah city (1), Qalandiya camp (1), Deir Ghassana (1), Mazra'a al Qibliya (1).	8	28
Jerusalem	East Jerusalem (1). Khan al Ahmar, 'Anata.	1	11
Jericho	CP/Flying CPs; Jericho DCO CP.	0	10
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), Beit Jala (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Tuqu (1), Dar Salah (2), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1), Shawawra (1).	18	6
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (2), Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (2), Al Arrub camp (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (2), Beit Ummar (2), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu'(1).	21	8
Total Week West Bank		68	120
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		68	120

Appendix: Checkpoints: 25 – 31 January 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian security company operating at the checkpoint.
Efrayim	On 29 June the checkpoint became operational from 4am – 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm governorate with a special permit. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian security company operating at the checkpoint.
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 57 was opened reducing the need to use the checkpoint.
'Anabta	Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. The checkpoint was manned daily during the reporting period.
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)	Open from 4am to 7pm for Palestinian permit holders.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 4:30am to 8pm 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.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 6am to 8pm 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.
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 from 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access. The crossing was completely closed on 30 and 31 January.
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 Hamra checkpoint. No land has been confiscated; however any Palestinian crossing the area that is not owner of the land

	will be arrested. Land owners 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 (Tulkarm and Jenin) accessing Zaatara checkpoint.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Friday.
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 the West Bank. 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/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open only for Internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West bank ID.
Bet EI/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 Road 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to Palestinians with West Bank IDs, 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 governorate. 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 with permits allowed through it commencing 3 February 2006.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international humanitarian organisations. Commencing 3 February, Palestinian with permits will not be allowed to cross here and will be redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint can still be used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem.
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 – not open for workers commencing 3 February 2006.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours – not open for workers commencing 3 February 2006.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	On 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.
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.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open for both Palestinian workers and commercial goods from Palestinian areas to Israel. Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am – 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 7pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Structures are already in place for the possible future movement of people and goods from and to Gaza under the Rafah Agreement.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Workers and traders crossing
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 will cross road 316.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi 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 and Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check is performed which a departure from last week's policy where only Palestinians living in Al Ramadin were allowed access. 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 crossing	Closed for Palestinians on 25 January due to the PLC elections. Re-opened on 26 January. Since 19 January an Israeli civilian security company operating at the checkpoint.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4:00pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 January: 1,062 arrivals, 460 departures. - 26 January: 1,034 arrivals, 713 departures. - 27 January: 1,282 arrivals, 498 departures. - 28 January: 805 arrivals, 565 departures. - 29 January: 664 arrivals, 834 departures. - 30 January: 805 arrivals, 621 departures. - 31 January: 661 arrivals, 577 departures.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, 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	Closed on 25 January due to the PLC elections. Remained closed until 29 January when re-opened for construction materials only.
Karni	Closed since 15 January an IDF order 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.