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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

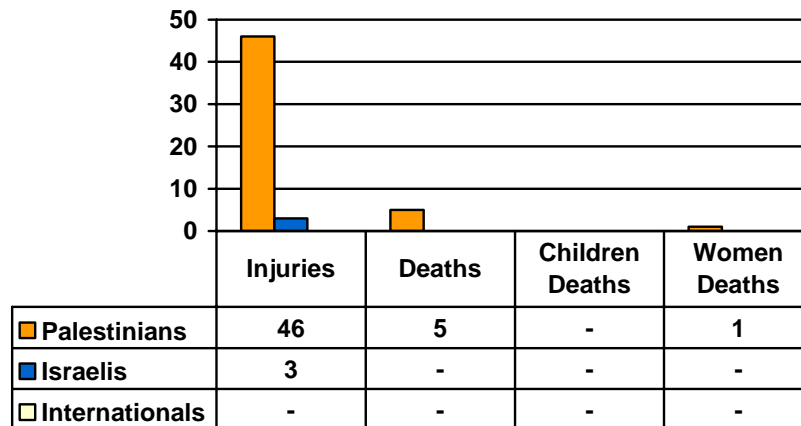
8 – 14 February 2006

Of note this period

- **Violence continued in the Gaza Strip with an attack on Erez crossing by Palestinian militants and continued IDF artillery shelling in the northern areas. A Palestinian woman was killed near the border fence.**
- **In Hebron governorate, IDF operations and clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers injured nine Palestinian children.**
- **A large number of Palestinian structures were demolished in the West Bank (in particular in the Jordan Valley area) for reportedly being built without permits.**

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



- **7 February:** Clashes erupted with Palestinian youth from Qalandiya refugee camp (Jerusalem) during an IDF search operation. The IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters injuring three Palestinians. Another five Palestinians were arrested.
- **8 February:** Palestinian stone throwers clashed with the IDF in Dura (Hebron) during a military operation. Two Palestinian students, aged 15 and 16 years old, were injured by IDF fire.
- **8 February:** The IDF fired towards Palestinian stone throwers at Zif Gate (Hebron) injuring a 15-year-old Palestinian.
- **8 February:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man died from wounds sustained during armed clashes with the IDF east of Johr Ed-Dik area in Gaza city (Gaza Strip) on 5 February.
- **9 February:** Palestinian militants attacked an IDF base at Erez crossing (Gaza Strip). The IDF returned fire killing two Palestinian males aged 18 and 20 years old.
- **9 February:** The IDF fired tank shells into eastern Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip) killing a 21-year-old Palestinian man and injuring an 18-year-old Palestinian.
- **10 February:** The IDF and the Israeli Border Police fired tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets at stone-throwing Palestinians demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Six Palestinians and three Israeli Border Police were injured in the clashes.
- **10 February:** The IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians in Budrus (Ramallah) demonstrating against the publication of the cartoons by the Danish newspaper. One Palestinian was injured.
- **11 February:** Israeli Border Police fired tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian demonstrating in East Jerusalem against the publication of the cartoons by the Danish newspaper. Seven Palestinians were injured and another 12 were arrested.

- **11 February:** Palestinian stone throwers clashed with the IDF in Dura (Hebron). Three Palestinian children, aged 10, 13 and 14 years old, were injured.
- **11 February:** The IDF fired towards Palestinian children in Bani Na'im (Hebron) during an IDF operation. Two Palestinian boys, both aged 14 years old, were injured.
- **11 February:** The IDF opened fire during a search campaign in Jenin camp (Jenin). Two Palestinians, aged 23 and 27 years old, were injured.
- **12 February:** Palestinians in 'Azzun (Qalqiliya) protesting against anti-Islamic graffiti written by Israeli settlers on a mosque in An Nabi Elyas clashed with IDF. Six Palestinian minors (aged between 13 and 17 years old) were injured.
- **12 February:** The Israeli Border Police started to uproot olive trees belonging to Beit Sira village (Ramallah) for the construction of the Barrier. Eleven Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at the villagers demonstrating against the uprooting.
- **13 February:** The IDF opened fire in the area east of Deir al Balah. A 36-year-old Palestinian woman was killed.
- **14 February:** The IDF opened fire towards a bus near Beit Ummar (Hebron). A 17-year-old Palestinian student inside the bus was injured.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
8 Feb	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	1	-	0
8 Feb	Al Jiftlik, Jericho	3	-	0
8 Feb	'Aqraba, Nablus	6	-	12
8 Feb	Khirbet Tana, Nablus	2	2	0
8 Feb	Shuqba, Ramallah	3	-	0
8 Feb	Khirbet 'Atuf, Tubas	8	-	21
8 Feb	Al Hadidiya, Tubas	2	-	23
9 Feb	Fasayil, Jericho	15	-	n/a
14 Feb	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	0
Total Week		40	3	56

- **8 February:** The Jerusalem Municipality demolished a three storey building in the final stages of construction in Beit Hanina (Jerusalem) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **8 February:** The IDF demolished an animal pen and two water wells belong to the head of the village council of Al Jiftlik (Jericho) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **8 February:** The IDF demolished three sheds used as dwellings and three animal pens for Palestinian shepherds on land belonging to Aqraba village near Gittit settlement (Nablus) for reportedly being built without permits. 12 persons lost their accommodation.
- **8 February:** The IDF demolished one animal pen, two rooms, one water cistern, a house foundation and an entrance of a cave near Khirbet Tana belonging to Palestinians from Beit Furik (Nablus) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **8 February:** The IDF demolished two houses under construction and another one in the final stages of construction in Shuqba (Ramallah). The three structures were demolished for reportedly being built with permits.
- **8 February:** The IDF demolished five sheds, two houses and three animal pens in Khirbet 'Atuf (Tubas) for reportedly being built without permits. 21 persons lost accommodation.
- **8 February:** The IDF demolished two sheds, a house and an animal pen in Al Hadidiya (Tubas). 23 persons lost accommodation.
- **9 February:** The IDF demolished fifteen Bedouin sheds in Fasayil (Jericho) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **14 February:** IDF artillery shelling caused damage to an apartment in a building in Al Awda project north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).

Other related incidents:

- **12 February:** The IDF handed out demolition orders in Al Mazra'a al Qibliya for three houses for being built with permits. The Palestinian owners were given three days to evacuate the houses.
- **11 February:** IAF aircrafts fired two missiles at open areas around the Bedouin village north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). One of the rockets hit the electricity transformer causing power cut in the northern part of the Gaza strip. The power was restored after several hours.

3. Natural Resources**Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹****Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue installing 3m high concrete slabs along Road 60 from Shave Shomeron checkpoint south to Deir Sharaf Junction 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.

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.
- Israeli bulldozers continue levelling land belonging to Palestinians from Qarawat Bani Hassan and Haris east of Barkan industry area. The circumstances for this levelling remain unclear.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

8 February: The IDF started to clear land around Ateret to create a buffer zone around the settlement. The land belonging to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages and was confiscated a month ago.

12 February: The Israeli Border Police started to uproot olive trees belonging to Beit Sira village for the construction of the Barrier. The following morning around 1,100 olive trees were uprooted by the Border Police. The Israeli DCL confirmed that the trees would be replanted somewhere else after agreement with local Palestinians.

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.

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

- 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:

9 February: Israeli settlers uprooted 15 trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from the town of Yatta in an area adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Ma'on.

13-14 February: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Susiya plowed and planted olive trees in 8 dunums (0.8 hectares) of agricultural lands belonging to the Palestinian community of Susiya.

13 February: 42 sheep belonging to a Palestinian shepherd from Sa'ir have died after grazing in the area adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Mizad B. According to report released by Bethlehem Veterinarian Department the sheep died as result of poisoning.

Ongoing incidents:

- New housing construction continues in the Israeli 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 Pnei Khever.
- 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. Post-installation processes have already started.
- Land levelling continues at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar. A bridge has also been constructed in the area.
- Land levelling for the construction of the road barrier has continued along Road 317 in the area between the Israeli checkpoint of Shani and Roads 60 and 317 junction near the settlement of Shima.

Bethlehem Governorate:

12 February: Israeli settlers from Tko'a settlement stoned two Palestinian farmers from Tuqu' while ploughing their land. No injuries were reported.

Ongoing incidents:

- 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.
- Continued construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.

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. Construction has begun along 3km of the Barrier south of Maale Adumim and Kedar.
- 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, and on a new road between Bir Nabala, Qalandiya village and Rafat, that will allow access of residents from Bir Nabala, Al Jib and Al Judeira to Ramallah.

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 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**

Hebron;

14 February: A 17-year old Palestinian student from Al 'Arrub refugee camp sustained injuries to his face when IDF soldiers opened fire at him while he was in the bus heading to his school in Beit Ummar. He was arrested by the IDF and other students on the bus were not allowed to reach their school (injury recorded in Section 1).

Ongoing incidents:

- Teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and 'As Samu continue to face problems reaching Imneizil elementary school. IDF soldiers manning Shani checkpoint are frequently denying teachers' access, often detaining them for several hours.

Gaza Strip;

Ongoing incidents:

- 60 Students from As Siafa living inside the newly announced "no-go" or enlarged buffer zone in the northern Gaza Strip and surrounding areas are now experiencing difficulties reaching their schools on time.

c) **Access to Employment**

West Bank: permits valid for January 2005

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	672	1,400
Jenin	359	800
Tubas	25	186
Tulkarm	405	1,000
Qalqiliya	934	650
Salfit	63	294
Ramallah and Al Bireh	850	130
Jericho	20	19
Jerusalem	402	n/a
Bethlehem	834	1,620
Hebron	2,328	770+
Total Permits Issued West Bank	6892	6,869+

Gaza Strip:

As of 12 February the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is 5,175. In order to be eligible for a permit Palestinians must be over 35 years old and married with children. All overnight permissions (about 1,000) were cancelled in the aftermath of the Netanya (Israel) suicide bombing on 5 December. The total number for traders with valid permits is 177.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel	Comments
8 February	4,264	225	-

9 February	2,240	n/a	Closed at 4:30am due to a Palestinian attack at Erez.
10 February	0	0	Closed
11 February	0	0	Closed
12 February	3,854	200	-
13 February	4,292	195	-
14 February	3,781	85	-

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

8 and 11 February: The IDF closed Al Badhan road with a flying checkpoint for several hours.

8 February to date: The IDF prevented all Palestinians from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan below 30 years of age to cross Beit Furik checkpoint.

14 February: The IDF closed Huwwara 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.
- The IDF at Za'atara checkpoint are denying access for Palestinians from Tulkarm and Jenin heading south through the checkpoint. Palestinians heading north continued to be allowed access.
- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed for Palestinians (since 15 August 2005). Since 1 February humanitarian organisations require prior coordination to cross the checkpoint due to the erection of concrete blocks.

Jenin Governorate:

12 February: The IDF closed the road between Bruqin and Al Yamun with an earth mound.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues restricting the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Food products require prior coordination.
- The IDF continue to close all the entrances to Kafr Dan with earth mounds. On 11 February the IDF allowed the village council to open the main entrance. A flying checkpoint was established at the entrance.

Tubas Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

8 and 11 February: The IDF closed Anabta checkpoint for several hours for pedestrians and vehicular movement in and out of Tulkarm.

8 February: An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling Taybeh back to back checkpoint. Delays were experienced.

8 February: Deir al Ghusun municipality opened the road blocks on the road to Balá.

14 February: The IDF closed Efraim crossing denying Palestinians with valid permits access to Israel.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- Delays and long queues continue to be experienced at 'Anabta partial check point and at the flying checkpoint near Kafriat tunnel.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

13 February: The IDF installed two road gates at the entrances of Marda village (Salfit).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

11 February: A group of Israeli settler youths who were occupying land on a hillside near Al Mughayyir for almost a month returned back to the land after they have left on 2 February due to the cold.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron governorate

Closure remains tight in the district 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 used exclusively by Israeli settlers and a few Palestinian truck drivers with travel permits. The IDF reinforced the closures on Road 317 and Road 60 by adding a large number of cement blocks before and in the vicinity of Zif gate. Palestinian traffic is not allowed beyond Zif Gate on Road 317 and Adh Dhahiriya Junction on Road 60. Travel permit restrictions remain enforced along Road 60 and 317 south of Hebron;

Ongoing incidents:

- Zif gate, along Road 317, remains closed by a gate and road blocks.
- During the reporting period, IDF soldiers stationed at the Halhul bridge tower have conducted occasional flying checkpoints during the course of the day monitoring Palestinian cars moving in both directions.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road 60 remain closed by a roadblock and earth mounds.
- The entrance to Adh Dhahiriya remains closed by a road block.
- All primary entrances to Hebron from Roads 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 with road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

10 February: Israeli Border Police deployed several checkpoints at all entrances to the Old City. Palestinian males under the age of 45 including Jerusalemites were denied access to Al-Haram al-Sharif for the Friday prayers. A demonstration protesting the publication of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) cartoons was held near the Al Aqsa mosque.

Jericho Governorate:

9 February: At 1:30am, a tight closure was imposed at all entrances to Jericho. The IDF prohibited Palestinians movements through the DCO checkpoint. The closure was lifted next day, however long delays were experienced at the checkpoint due to the slow checks of commuters.

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	Road 60 near; Yits'har junction (7). Road 60 between Tulkarm and Al Madina club (5), Al Badhan Rd (7), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya, Asira ash Shamaliya (2).	22
Jenin	Qabatiya, Bir al Basha.	2
Tubas	Tubas (2), Aqqaba.	3
Tulkarm	Kafriat tunnel (7), Balá (3) 'Illar, Al Jarushiya, Bet 'Illar, Kafr Rai'.	14
Qalqiliya	Entrance; Qalqiliya (2), 'Azzun (2), Jayyus (2), Izbat at Tabib (2), Kafr Thulth, Sanniriya (2), Kafr Jammal, Kafr Qaddum.	13
Salfit	Yasuf, Deir Istiya (7)	8
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 (14)	14
Jerusalem	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Jericho	Entrance off; Al 'Auja, 'Ein ad Duyuk.	2
Bethlehem	Husan, Beit Sahur, Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr (2), Al Fureidis, Beit Jala, Za'atara.	11
Hebron	Zif gate (2), Yatta, Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im (4), Dura (2), H1 (2), Halhul (2), Beit Kahil (1), Al Arrub (2), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (4), Tarqumiya, Tuwani (4), Al Fawwar Camp.	29
Total West Bank		118

5. 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 **10** artillery tank shells and **3** air-to-ground missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip.
- **8 February:** The Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) headquarters in the city of Hebron was attacked by a number of Palestinian students with stones and empty bottles. Palestinian police present on site was unable to push the crowd back as a number of the protestors managed to get into the compound and tried to set fire to TIPH vehicles. As a result, TIPH's head of mission announced the evacuation of the 76-member mission from the city until further notice.
- **11 February:** The Egyptian diplomat who was kidnapped by Palestinian gunmen in Gaza City was released unharmed.
- **11 February:** IAF F16 fighters fired three rockets targeting a Palestinian plated vehicle carrying members from Al Aqsa martyrs' Brigades near Salah Ed-Din road east of Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip). The rockets missed the target and no injuries were reported.
- **13 February:** Israeli settlers from Elon More settlement entered Khirbet Tana (Nablus) and were later evacuated by the IDF.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (3), Balata camp (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Askar camp (2). CP/Flying CPs; Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP, Al Badhan Rd, Asira ash Shamaliya.	8	21
Jenin	Al Yamun (1), Jenin city (1), Silat adh Dhahr (1). Jenin camp (2).	5	9
Tubas	Tubas (1), Aqqaba (1), Tammun (1).	3	0
Tulkarm	Seida (2), Illar (1), Qaffin (1), Kafr Jammal (1),	5	13
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (4) Azzun (1), Kafr Thulth (1).	6	13
Salfit	Haris (1), Biddya (!), Kafr ad Dik (1)	3	5
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Abu Qash (1), Ramallah (4), Al Jalazun camp (1), Al Mughayyir (1).	7	10
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (1). Qalandiya camp (2)	3	21
Jericho	At CP/Flying CPs: Allenby Bridge.	0	1
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (5), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza camp (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Ash Shawara (1), Al Khadr (2), Ad Doha (1), Al Fureidis (1).	25	13
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (1), Yatta (2), Dura (4), H1 (2),	19	18

	Halhul (1), Al Arrub camp (1), Bani Na'im (3), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (1), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1), Ash Shuyukh (1).		
Total Week West Bank		84	124
Gaza Strip		0	0
Total Week oPt		84	124

Appendix: Checkpoints: 8 – 14 February 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The gate leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
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 15 January an Israeli civilian 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 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.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. 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 crossing is open from 4:00am to 7:00pm 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 District.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	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 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 the 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 6am and 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access. Humanitarian organisations need prior coordination for crossing this week due to the installing of concrete slabs as a security wall for the settlement.
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. No land has been

	confiscated; however 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. Delays for traders crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
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 west bank and. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Tubas:	
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. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
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. Long delays are reported for Palestinians crossing the checkpoint on a daily basis.
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 and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As of 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
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	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

Bank	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. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Palestinians with permits are not allowed through it as of 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 members of international humanitarian organisations. As of 3 February, West Bank Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still 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 as of 3 February 2006.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours – not open for workers as of 3 February 2006.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours. On bypass Road 90, restricted to Palestinian movement.
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. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Workers and traders crossing. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF; The soldiers manning the checkpoint are not allowing teachers coming from As Samu towards Imneizil school from accessing Road 317.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil	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 Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada	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

street	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. During the reported period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	9 February: Closed for Internationals and Palestinians. 10 February: Re-opened for internationals. 12 February: Re-opened for Palestinians.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4:00pm – until 5pm; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 February: 492 arrivals, 537 departures. - 9 February: 592 arrivals, 679 departures. - 10 February: 734 arrivals, 741 departures. - 11 February: 546 arrivals, 730 departures. - 12 February: 604 arrivals, 634 departures. - 13 February: 529 arrivals, 811 departures. - 14 February: 715 arrivals, 610 departures.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling checkpoint. Delays were experienced. The back-to-back system has been operational from 7am 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

Checkpoint/ 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 6am to 8pm.

Gaza Strip

Sufa Sufa crossing was partially opened for construction materials only. On 14 Sufa crossing, crossing was closed because of a security threat as IDF said.

Karni Karni commercial crossing was partially open all the week.

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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.