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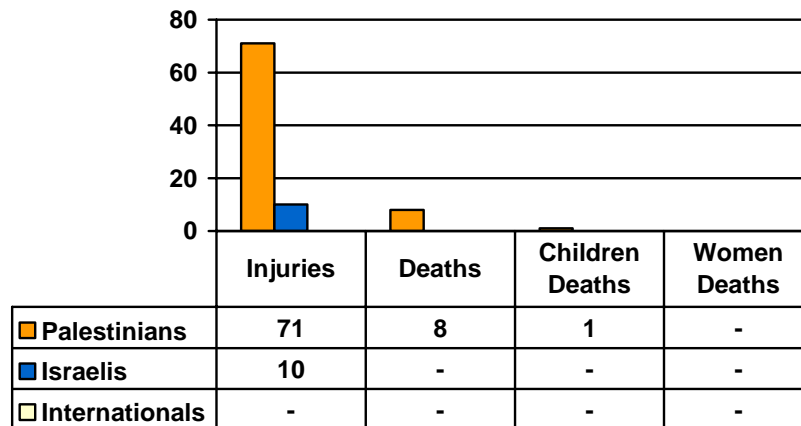
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## Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

22 – 28 February 2006

Of note this period

- IDF military operations in Balata camp (Nablus) continued. Four Palestinians including a child were killed and 15 others injured. Two IDF soldiers were also injured in the operation.
- A large number of Palestinians injured – including in demonstrations against the construction of the Barrier in Ramallah and Jerusalem and confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in the West Bank.
- High number of flying checkpoints observed throughout the West Bank, particularly in Qalqiliya, Nablus and Hebron governorates.

1. Physical ProtectionCasualties<sup>1</sup>

- **22 February:** IDF soldiers beat and injured a 21-year-old Palestinian in H1 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **22 February:** The IDF injured a 15-year-old Palestinian minor after opening fire towards Palestinian stone throwers in Bani Na'im (Hebron).
- **22 February:** Palestinians injured one Israeli after opening fire at an Israeli plated vehicle passing on Road 55 near Ázzun (Qalqiliya).
- **22 February:** The IDF injured one Palestinian man after opening fire at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus) during unrest at the checkpoint caused by long delays.
- **22 February:** The IDF injured a four-year-old Palestinian boy inside his house after firing artillery shelling into Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **23 February:** The IDF shot and killed four (20, 24, 32 and 34 years old) Palestinians and injured 13 Palestinians including two medics in Balata camp (Nablus) during a military operation in the camp.
- **23 February:** The IDF shot and killed a 17-year-old Palestinian after opening fire during confrontations in Ad Dahiya area near Balata camp (Nablus).
- **23 February:** The IDF injured a 63-year-old Palestinian man after opening fire at his vehicle in Ad Dahiya area (Nablus). The incident occurred in the evening while an IDF operation was ongoing in the area.
- **23 February:** Palestinians injured two IDF soldiers when they threw a hand grenade at IDF surrounding a Palestinian house during a military operation in Balata camp (Nablus).

<sup>1</sup> One of the Israeli injuries was caused by Israeli action.

- **23 February:** The IDF injured a 29-year-old Palestinian man in Ash Shyuoukh (Hebron) after opening fire at a group of Palestinians stone throwers in the town during a search campaign.
- **23 February:** An Israeli settler security guard from Peza'el settlement shot and injured a 19-year-old Palestinian shepherd from Fasayil (Jericho) grazing his animals near the settlement.
- **23 and 24 February:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian, international and Israeli activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Beit Sira (Ramallah). A total of 17 Palestinians, one Israeli activist and three Israeli Border Police were injured.
- **24 February:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian, Israeli and International activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Two Palestinians were injured and one Israeli activist was arrested.
- **24 February:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian, Israeli and International activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in 'Abud (Ramallah). Three Palestinians were injured.
- **24 February:** A PRCs volunteer worker and a 21-year-old Palestinian man were injured during confrontations between the IDF and local Palestinians in Beit Ummar (Hebron).
- **24 February:** The IAF fired a missile at a vehicle traveling north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). Two Palestinians were injured.
- **24 February:** The IDF killed a 21-year-old Palestinian man and injured another two Palestinians after opening fire at Palestinians approaching the border fence east of Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **24 February:** The IDF shot and killed a 21-year-old Palestinian man planting an explosive device near the border fence east of Abu El Ajeen area in Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **25 February:** An 18-year-old Palestinian man from Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip) died of wounds sustained from IDF fire on 9 February.
- **26 February:** The Israeli Border Police injured two Palestinians when firing tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets towards protestors demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in 'Anata (Jerusalem).
- **26 February:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians during a search campaign in Budrus (Ramallah). Two Palestinians were injured and one was arrested.
- **27 February:** Palestinian stone throwers injured one IDF soldier during confrontations in Beita village (Nablus).
- **28 February:** The IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian stone throwers in Bani Na'im (Hebron) injuring 18 Palestinians (aged between 16 to 22 years old).
- **28 February:** A Palestinian stabbed and injured two Israelis at Gush Etzion junction (Bethlehem). IDF soldiers at the scene opened fire at the Palestinian injuring him.

## 2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
22 Feb	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	1 (park)	-	0
22 Feb	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	1	-	0
22 Feb	Jinsafut, Qalqiliya	1	-	0
22 Feb	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
23 Feb	Rd 90, Tubas	12	-	0
28 Feb	Balata camp, Nablus	-	1	10
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10+</b>

- **22 February:** The IDF demolished parts of the 'Azzun municipality Public Park (Qalqiliya). They demolished a swimming pool, six bathrooms, a room next to the pool for equipments and two supporting walls. The reason for the demolition was that the infrastructure had been built without a permit, despite a court appeal pending. The other half of the park has been built with a permit.
- **22 February:** The IDF demolished a house under construction in Al Funduq (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without a permit.

- **22 February:** The IDF demolished an animal pen in Jinsafut (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **22 February:** The IDF damaged one house in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip) after artillery shelling the area.
- **23 February:** The IDF destroyed 12 fruit stands along Road 90 for being built without commercial permits. The fruit stands belong to Palestinian farmers from Bardala, 'Ein al Beda and Kardala in northern Jordan Valley (Tubas).
- **23 February:** The IDF issued seven demolition orders for houses belonging to Palestinians from Bruqin (Salfit) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **25 February:** The IDF issued 13 demolition orders for houses and sheds to Palestinians from Furush Beit Dajan (Nablus) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **28 February:** The IDF damaged the internal walls of three apartments in one building in Balata camp using explosives. Approximately 10 persons lost their accommodation.

Other related incidents:

- No incidents to report.

### 3. [Natural Resources](#)

#### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>2</sup>

##### **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 Governorate:**

**25 February:** The IDF issued an amendment to Military Order No. T/70/05 requisitioning 2.48 dunums (0.25 hectares) of land belonging to Palestinians in Barta'a ash Sharqiya to build a military base in the area.

**27 February:** The IDF uprooted 40 olive trees at the entrance of Barta'a ash Sharqiya, west of the Barrier reportedly since the trees were planted on land declared 'State Land' by the Government of Israel.

##### **Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

##### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues around Avnei Khafets 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:**

**25 February:** Israeli bulldozers levelled land belonging to Palestinians from Kifl Haris and Haris south of Road 505 to install electricity posts.

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.

##### **Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

<sup>2</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing between Kharbatha Bani Harith and Bil'in villages, and is also continuing between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira.
- The construction of the "special security arrangements" as part of the Barrier around Ofarim and Bet Arve settlements is continuing parallel to bypass Road 465 and east of 'Abud village.
- The IDF continues land levelling around Ateret settlement to create a buffer zone around the settlement as part of "special security areas around isolated settlements". This is a new measure confirmed by the Israeli DCL to secure small isolated settlements.

#### Hebron Governorate:

##### 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 in the southern part of the Governorate near the Israeli settlement of Shani 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.
- Land levelling continues at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar.
- Land levelling for the construction of the road barrier has continued near the Palestinian hamlet of Khirbet Zanuta
- Land levelling and road paving is continuing for the purpose of constructing the Barrier in the towns of Surif, Nuba and Kharas.

#### Bethlehem Governorate:

**24 February:** IDF soldiers cut down 40 olive trees in the village of Al Fureidis over a 4 dunum area for the purpose of enlarging the military camp in the area.

**28 February:** A contractor for the construction of the Barrier cut off branches of 51 olive trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from the village of Al Khas. The land where the trees are planted will be used to build new commercial terminal.

##### Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues next to Rachel's Tomb in preparation for the Barrier around a Palestinian empty apartment building.
- New housing construction continues in the Israeli settlement 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.
- Land levelling continues near Al Jab'a 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

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
23 Feb	Balata camp, Nablus	13 hours
27 Feb	Beita, Nablus	2 hours
<b>Total Week</b>	<b>2 Incidents</b>	<b>15 hours</b>

- **23 February:** The IDF imposed curfew on Balata camp for 13 hours during a military operation.
- **27 February:** The IDF imposed curfew on Beita village for two hours after shooting at an Israeli vehicle passing on Road 60.

### 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 from the IDF.

### b) Access to Education

#### Nablus;

**22 – 28 February:** All schools in Balata camp were closed due to the ongoing military operation in the camp.

#### Hebron:

**22 – 28 February:** During the reporting period, students walking from the Palestinian village of Al Jab'a (Bethlehem) to their school in Surif (Hebron) were delayed by Israeli Border Police soldiers who are stationed at Surif Gate.

### Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron Governorate. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried out by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.
- Imneizil elementary school was delayed as teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' were unable to reach the school on time. IDF soldiers managing Beit Yatir checkpoint denied the teachers' access. The teachers were sent back and advised by the soldiers to use risky alternative roads.

## 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 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	1,500
Jerusalem	402	47
Jericho	20	83
Bethlehem	834	1,620
Hebron	2,328	770+
<b>Total Permits Issued West Bank</b>	<b>6,892</b>	<b>8,350+</b>

### Gaza Strip:

As of 26 February the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is 5,422. 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 suicide bombing in Israel on 5 December. As of 14 February, the total number for traders with valid permits is 518.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel	Comments
22 February	3,697	172	OPEN ALL WEEK
23 February	3,964	177	
24 February	2,434	120	
25 February	161	20	
26 February	3,992	275	
27 February	4,003	125	
28 February	3,577	40	

### d) Closures/Movement restrictions

#### Nablus Governorate:

**22 – 28 February:** The IDF prevented all Palestinians from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan between the ages of 16 and 40 years old to cross at Beit Furik checkpoint (previously the IDF prevented villages below the age of 30 years through the checkpoint).

**22 February:** The IDF installed a new metal detector at Huwwara checkpoint for trial use.

**22 February:** Palestinians from Tulkarm were again allowed access through Huwwara, Beit Iba and Za'atara checkpoints (denied since mid December 2005).

**22 and 23 February:** The IDF closed Al Badhan road with a flying checkpoint for several hours.

**23 February:** The IDF closed all the entrances of Balata camp with concrete blocks and earth mounds.

**23 February:** The IDF closed Jerusalem road which is the main road from Nablus to Huwwara checkpoint for vehicular movement with an earth mound.

**26 February:** The IDF installed a road gate at the entrance of Jamma'in village.

**27 February:** The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for several hours during a search campaign in the village.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF have closed Shave Shomeron checkpoint for Palestinians during erection of concrete blocks. It remains open for humanitarian organisations from 6am – 8pm provided they have prior coordination (since 1 February).
- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin from leaving Nablus through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoint. Long delays are experienced at these checkpoints.
- The IDF at Za'atara checkpoint continue to deny access for Palestinians from Jenin heading south through the checkpoint. Palestinians heading north continued to be allowed access.

#### Jenin Governorate:

**25– 28 February:** The IDF prevented the owners of charcoal factories and workers from reaching their work near Ya'bad reportedly due to shooting incidents at settlers' vehicles on Road 585.

Ongoing incidents:

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

#### Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinians experiences daily long delays at Tayasir checkpoint, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.

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**Tulkarm Governorate:**

## 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.

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**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**24 February:** The IDF closed the road between Ázzun and Ízbat at Tabib with an earth mound.

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**Salfit Governorates:**

**26 February:** The IDF installed three road gates at the entrances of Bruqin village.

## Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close a dirt road between Haris and Deir Istiya with an earth mound.

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**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

No major incidents to report.

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**Bethlehem Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed by road blocks.
- Delays continued to be experienced at Gilo checkpoint.

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**Hebron governorate**

## Ongoing incidents:

- Closure remains tight in the governorate along bypass roads. On Road 35 the IDF has reinforced the earth mounds on both sides although the Idhna – Tarqumiya crossings were reopened. Road 35 is now used exclusively by Israeli settlers and a few Palestinian truck drivers with travel permits.
- Closures on Road 317 and Road 60 remained strict and a large number of cement blocks before and in the vicinity of Zif gate were added.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road 60 remain closed with a roadblock and earth mounds.
- The entrance to Adh Dhahiriya remains closed by a road block.
- 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.
- Travel permit restrictions remain enforced along Road 60 and 317 south of Hebron.

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**Jerusalem Governorate:**

**22 - 28 February:** A new checkpoint north east of Jerusalem (Ras Abu Sbeitan) was in operation. Palestinian pedestrians with Jerusalem ID cards and West Bank ID card holders with permits are allowed through.

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**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.
- Delays at the DCO checkpoint is continuing on a daily basis in the morning and evening hours.
- The IDF continue to operate the former partial checkpoint at An Nwemeh with official opening hours from 5am to 8pm.

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**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 No. 60 near; Yits'har junction (7), Al Madina club (7), Al Badhan Rd (7),	21
Jenin	Rummana, Az Zababida, Kafr Dan, Sanur.	4
Tubas	Áqqaba, Tubas.	2
Tulkarm	Kafriat tunnel (7), Farún (3) Shufa .	11
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Qalqiliya (3), 'Azzun (5), An Nabi Elyas, Ízbat at Tabib, Jayyus, Jit junction (7), Hajja, Ázzun tunnel, Bet Ázzun, Sir, Habla tunnel.	23
Salfit	Deir Istiya (7), Kafr ad Dik, Iskaka (2), Bruqin.	11
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Rd 60 (14).	14
Jerusalem	Entrance off: Al 'Eizariyya	1
Jericho	No incidents reported.	0
Bethlehem	Husan, Beit Sahur, Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya, 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (4), Beit Jala, Za'atara, Bethlehem (2).	15
Hebron	Zif gate, Yatta, Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im (4), Dura (2), H1 (4), Halhul, Beit Kahil, Al Arrub camp (5), Ad Dhahiriya, Ar Ramadin, Tuwani (2), Sa'ir (2).	29
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>131</b>

#### 5. Additional Protection Issues

- During the reporting period **40** home made rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- During the reporting period the IDF fired more than **19** artillery tank shells and **5** air-to-ground missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip.
- **23 February:** Palestinian gunmen shot at an IDF patrol near the border fence south east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). No injuries were reported.
- **25 February:** IAF F16 fighter jets fired three missiles targeting roads north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). No injuries were reported.

#### Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (4), Balata camp (4), Kafr Qalil (1), Beit Furik (2), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Rujeib (1), Askar camp (2). At CP/flying CPs; Beit Iba CP, near Tell.	15	29
Jenin	Jenin city (2), Jenin camp (1), Qabatiya (1), Siris (1), Ya'bad (1), Zababida (1), Rummana (1), At CP/flying CPs; Salem CP.	8	15
Tubas	Tubas (1) Áqqaba (1).	2	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Ánabta (1), Iktaba (1), Qaffin (1).	4	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (2) Ázzun (2). At CP/flying CPs; DCO.	4	3
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (1).	1	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2), Bil'in (1), Silwad (1), Al Jalazun cap (1).	5	9
Jerusalem	At CP/flying CPs: Ar Ram CP, Qalandiya CP.	0	10
Jericho	Jericho (1).	1	1
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city	25	26

	(4), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (6), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza camp (3), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (1), Ash Shawara (1).		
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (1), Yatta (2), Dura (4), H1 (3), Halhul (1), Al Arrub camp (1), Bani Na'im (4), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (1), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Beit Ummar (2), Surif (1), Beit Awwa (2).	26	18
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>113</b>
Gaza Strip	Attempted infiltration	0	4
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>117</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 22 – 28 February 2006

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	Open between 5.30am to 5pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The gate leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
<b>Efrayim</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>‘Anabta</b>	Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period and closed for several hours each day.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North (new)</b>	Open between 4am to 7pm for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open between 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open between 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. The IDF maintained restrictions on Palestinians from Jenin crossing from Nablus.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open between 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.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open between 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. The IDF continues to restrict villages between 16 – 40 years old from crossing.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access. Since 1 February humanitarian organisations need prior coordination for crossing due to the installation of concrete slabs as a security wall for the settlement.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> 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.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas,	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

<b>Jenin</b>	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. Landowners names have been compiled in a list at the checkpoint. Delays for traders crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	The IDF maintained restrictions on Palestinians from the northern West Bank (Tulkarm and Jenin) accessing Zaatara checkpoint.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Friday.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> 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.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open only for Internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West bank ID with valid permits.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Open between 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> 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. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> North western entrance on Road 436	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. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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.

<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan Checkpoint</b>	The Israeli Border Police started to operate a new checkpoint on Mt. of Olives. Palestinian pedestrians with Jerusalem ID cards and West Bank ID card holders with permits are allowed through. Opening hours.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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. Long delays were experienced throughout the week.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>Nwemeh</b> North Jericho	Since 15 February the partial checkpoint has become permanent with regular opening hours from 5am to 8pm. Palestinian vehicles and ID cards are subjected to regular checks.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> 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
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Since 3 February Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations. 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. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> 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.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Not open for Palestinians as of 3 February 2006.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Not open for Palestinians as of 3 February 2006. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours. On bypass road 90, restricted to Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> 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 B2B 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.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders were able to cross.
<b>Shani</b> 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. New road barrier is being installed near the checkpoint.

<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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. IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented school teachers from accessing the school.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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.
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> 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. Soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed two members of the Palestinian Legislative Council for over an hour.

#### Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

<b>Erez crossing</b>	Open all week.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4 – 5:00pm; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 22 February: 983 arrivals, 506 departures.</li> <li>- 23 February: 736 arrivals, 617 departures.</li> <li>- 24 February: 750 arrivals, 580 departures.</li> <li>- 25 February: 618 arrivals, 720 departures.</li> <li>- 26 February: 690 arrivals, 642 departures.</li> <li>- 27 February: 533 arrivals, 552 departures.</li> <li>- 28 February: 510 arrivals, 621 departures</li> </ul>

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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.
<b>Jenin</b>	

<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 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.
<b>Jericho</b>	
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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Closed since 14 February due to a security threat.
<b>Karni</b>	Closed since 22 February.

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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.