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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

- Palestinian internal violence continued unabated in the Gaza Strip. On 11 December, unknown gunmen fired dozens of bullets at the car of a PA intelligence officer, killing three of his children and a driver. There were protests against these killings throughout the oPt.
- The PA Interior Minister survived an assassination attempt when a group of unknown armed men opened fire at his vehicle convoy in Gaza City.

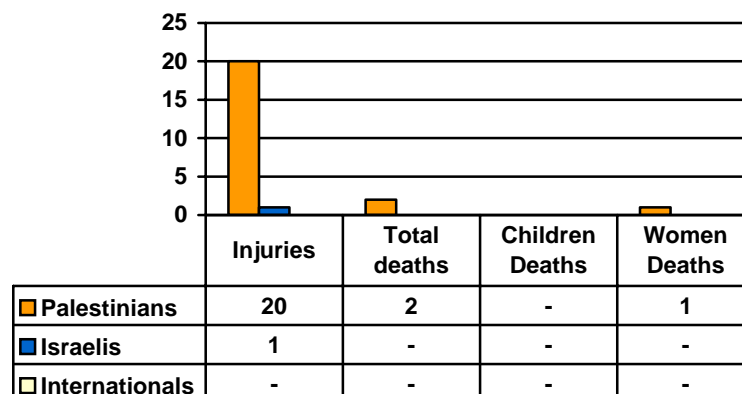
In the Gaza Strip:

- The ceasefire held for the third week in the Gaza Strip despite increasing infringements on both sides. Seven homemade rockets were fired by Palestinians towards southern Israel while on seven occasions the IDF fired at Palestinians from the border fence, resulting in 13 Palestinian injuries. In addition, two IDF bulldozers and a tank levelled land in the Al Qarara area, northeast of Khan Younis, and IDF patrol boats off the Gaza Strip coastline fired at Palestinian fishing boats.
- Rafah crossing opened for one day allowing travellers trapped on the Egyptian side since 28 November to enter the Gaza Strip and people, including medical patients, to leave the Gaza Strip.
- Five Palestinians – including the three children mentioned above – were killed, and fourteen others injured in Palestinian – Palestinian (internal) violence in the Gaza Strip.
- More than a thousand uniformed members of the PA security forces marched in Gaza in protest against non-payment of their salaries. The protesters stormed the Palestinian parliament building, shouting slogans. The protestors also exchanged gunfire with parliamentary security guards and Hamas-dominated Executive Support Force.

In the West Bank:

- Two Palestinians were killed and seven others injured in the West Bank. Included within this figure is a 53 year-old woman who died of a heart attack after the IDF threw a stun grenade into her house during a search operation and a 45 year-old man who died of a heart attack after his access to a hospital was delayed at an IDF checkpoint near Tell village.
- The IDF demolished three Palestinian homes, affecting more than 15 people in the Jerusalem and Bethlehem governorates.
- The IDF fired and seriously injured a 12 year-old Palestinian boy playing on his balcony in Aida refugee camp, Bethlehem. Three students at Cordoba elementary school (Hebron) were attacked by both a settler and an IDF soldier in H2/Hebron city.
- 160 flying checkpoints were reported; 120 search and arrest campaigns were conducted and 113 Palestinians were arrested by the IDF.
- Staff at PA hospitals and MoH clinics in the West Bank suspended their strike after they received their salary and an agreement was signed with the PA government. A demonstration was staged by the PA security forces in Jenin demanding their salaries.

1. Physical Protection¹



¹ Note that this excludes casualties resulting from Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence reported in Section 2.

Gaza Strip:

- **6 December:** Four Palestinians were injured when IDF soldiers stationed on the border opened fire in northern Beit Lahia.
- **7 December:** One Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers opened fire towards him while approaching the former Erez Industrial Zone, northeast of Beit Lahia.
- **7 December:** Three Palestinian farmers were injured in northern Beit Lahia when IDF soldiers stationed on the border line opened fire towards their farmland.
- **8 December:** Two Palestinians were injured when IDF soldiers opened fire at an area surrounding the former Erez Industrial Zone, northeast of Beit Lahia.
- **10 December:** One Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers opened while attempting to approach the border fence southeast of Beit Hanoun.
- **10 December:** One Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence opened fire in the direction of a group of Palestinians north of Beit Lahia.
- **12 December:** One Palestinian was seriously injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence southeast of Beit Hanoun opened fire in the direction of a group of farmers.

West Bank:

- **7 December:** A 55 year-old Palestinian man from Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) was injured when the IDF physically assaulted him while they were searching his house.
- **7 December:** An 18 year-old Palestinian boy from As Samu' (Hebron), was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during an incursion in the town.
- **8 December:** A 12 year-old Palestinian boy from Ayda refugee camp (Bethlehem) was seriously injured when IDF soldiers stationed in a tower of the Barrier fired live bullets towards him while he was playing on the balcony of his house.
- **8 December:** One Palestinian was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). The IDF had fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters at Palestinian, Israeli and international demonstrators. Several cases of gas tear inhalation were reported (but are not included in the weekly injury totals).
- **9 December:** Three students (aged 9, 10, and 11 years) from Cordoba elementary school (Hebron) were attacked by both a settler and an IDF soldier in H2/Hebron city. Since the beginning of the school year, students and staff at the school have suffered eight similar attacks.
- **10 December:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy and a 25 year-old man were injured by live ammunition in Tammun (Tubas) when an IDF soldier manning a flying checkpoint opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers. The Palestinians had previously been denied access.
- **11 December:** An IDF soldier was injured at a flying checkpoint on a road between Sanur and Qabatiya (Jenin) when Palestinian gunmen opened fire at the soldier.
- **12 December:** A 53 year-old Palestinian woman died of a heart attack in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) when the IDF threw a stun grenade into her house while searching it.
- **12 December:** A 32 year-old Palestinian woman was injured in Nablus city (Nablus) when an IDF dog attacked her during a search and arrest campaign.
- **12 December:** A 45 year-old Palestinian man died from a heart attack while he was on his way to hospital from Tell village (Nablus). An IDF jeep blocked the only road between the village and Nablus city and denied access for the vehicle he was travelling in. The private car transporting him was forced to take a longer detour through the fields and he was found to be dead on arrival at hospital.

2. [Palestinian internal violence and other incidents](#)

[Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not recorded in the total in Section 1.]

Gaza Strip:

- **9 December:** Three Palestinians were injured during an armed family feud in Gaza City.
- **9 December:** One Palestinian bystander was injured during an armed clash between members of the Hamas-dominated Executive Support Force (ESF) and Fatah gunmen in Al Buraij refugee camp.

- **11 December:** Four Palestinians (three children from one family, aged 7, 8, and 9 years, and their 25 year-old driver) were killed and five others injured when a group of unknown gunmen opened fire at their car in Gaza City. The children were on their way to school and had just left their house when a hail of bullets were fired at the vehicle.
- **11 December:** One Palestinian was injured when a group of armed men opened fire in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip. Local reports link the motive to a family dispute.
- **11 December:** Two Palestinians were injured during an armed family feud in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip
- **11 December:** One Palestinian was killed when a group of armed masked men opened fire in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.
- **12 December:** Two Palestinians were injured during an armed clash between the ESF and PA security officials in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.

West Bank:

- **7 December:** A 37 year-old Palestinian man from Hebron city (Hebron) was killed following an ongoing family feud.
- **9 December:** A 44 year-old Palestinian man and his 38 year-old wife from Sair (Hebron), were killed by an unexploded ordnance (UXO) that they were trying to dismantle in their house. Their 17 year-old son was also seriously injured. The family had collected UXOs from an Israeli training zone and tried to sell it as metal. The IDF later raided the house and detonated all other UXOs found.

Other incidents:

- **7 December:** A bomb was detonated at the main gate of a ladies' beauty shop in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). Damage to the building was reported.
- **9 December:** A group of Palestinians closed one of the main streets in Hebron city (Hebron) whilst protesting against the closing of the government health centres.
- **9 December:** A demonstration was held by PA security forces in Jenin city (Jenin) demanding their unpaid salaries.
- **9 December:** More than a thousand uniformed members of the PA security forces marched in Gaza in protest against non-payment of their salaries. The protesters stormed the Palestinian parliament building, shouted slogans and fired into the air. The protestors also exchanged gunfire with parliamentary security guards and the ESF.
- **10 December:** The PA Interior Minister Saeed Seyam survived an assassination attempt when a group of unknown armed men opened fire at his vehicle convoy in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). No injuries were reported.
- **12 December:** Commercial strikes and demonstrations were held in Nablus and Tulkarm cities in protest of the killing of three children by unknown Palestinian gunmen on 11 December in the Gaza Strip.
- **12 December:** An internet café was damaged when an explosive device was detonated next to it in the Al Shejjaya neighbourhood, Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

3. Shelter and Property

| Date | Location, Governorate | Structures demolished | Structures damaged | People displaced / affected |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11 December | Isawiya, Jerusalem | 1 | - | N/A |
| 11 December | Ras al Amoud, Jerusalem | 1 | - | 8 |
| 12 December | Al Walaja village, Bethlehem | 1 | - | 7 |
| Total | | 3 | - | 15+ |

- **11 December:** A Palestinian home was demolished in Isawiya (Jerusalem) affecting a Palestinian family. The house was demolished for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **11 December:** Two rooms (a kitchen and bathroom) added on to a Palestinian home in Ras al Amoud (Jerusalem) were demolished. The eight member family now staying in one room. The house was demolished in the presence of the eldest son (18 years old). The house demolition left the younger five children traumatised and they refused to go to school the next day. The house was demolished for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **12 December:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian home (120m²) in Al Walaja (Bethlehem) home to a family of seven, including four children. This is the second time in

less than a year that this home has been destroyed for reportedly being built without a permit.

Other incidents to report:

- **7 December** IDF soldiers accompanied by the Civil Administration Senior Health Coordinator entered, searched and inspected Al Mizan private hospital, Hebron, without prior coordination.
- **9 December.** The IDF closed down As Siraj, an independent radio station broadcasting from Hebron, confiscated equipment and arrested the director.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 17 September, land levelling continues on a road barrier installed north of Road 505, east of Zaatara checkpoint.
- Since 15 June, land levelling continues north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus) to install a fence.

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.
- Since 12 November, land levelling by the IDF continues to install a fence south of 'Azzun 'Atma.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue levelling land and construction work north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages.
 - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira village is complete between Beit Sira and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed.
 - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
 - Construction resumed in Deir Qaddis between the village and Modi'in Ilit settlement. Construction had been previously halted for almost 1 ½ years.

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

- Construction continues near Umm Safa, parallel to bypass Road 465, to create a buffer zone around Ateret settlement. The land was earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction continues along 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. The previous gate in the area is now sealed off by an iron wall. Vehicles are currently using a dirt road a few metres beyond the gate to move. Construction of the Barrier in this area is progressing rapidly.
- Construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem, now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 continues.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far and four inspection cabins were installed.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy School. A one metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Construction continues of the Barrier next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school play ground.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khadr village has been accelerated. Land levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60 leading to the western village of the Governorate.
- This week Barrier contractors uprooted approximately 100 grape and almond trees in the construction area west of the tunnels, close to Al Khadr.
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem).
- Land levelling for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint continues.
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo continues.
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Efrat, near Artas village continues during the reporting period
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land leveling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving continued.
- Construction of the Barrier west of Eshkolot settlement is continuing.
- Construction of the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint is ongoing.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil.

Gaza Strip:

10 December: Two IDF bulldozers and a tank entered about 100 metres into the Al Qarara area northeast of Khan Younis and leveled a 2 km strip of land.

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

| Date | Location, Governorate | Duration |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 6 – 7 December | Huwwara village, Nablus | 16 hours |
| Total Week | | 16 Hours |

6 and 7 December: The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for sixteen hours (1 pm 6 December – 5am 7 December). The curfew was imposed after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers travelling on Road 60 passing Huwwara village.

b) Access to education

During the reporting period: At least 30 teachers at Jordan Valley schools coming from Tubas and Jenin governorates experienced long delays at Tayasir checkpoint. These delays caused the students to lose the first two morning classes.

During the reporting period: Teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and 'As Samu (Hebron) were delayed in reaching Imneizil elementary school by IDF soldiers manning Beit Yatir checkpoint.

During the reporting period: The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani (Hebron). The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

9 December: Three students (aged 9, 10, and 11 years) from Cordoba elementary school (Hebron) were attacked by both a settler and an IDF soldier in H2/Hebron city. Since the beginning of the school year, students and staff at the school have suffered eight similar attacks.

12 December: The only two schools in Ázzun Átma village (Qalqiliya) were closed when the IDF denied access for about 40 teachers and 70 students coming from the surrounding villages after they refused to be checked by the metal detector placed at the Barrier's gate.

c) Access to employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities (DCOs) and Palestinian workers and traders are applying directly to the Israeli authorities for permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.

The eligibility criteria for a permit is similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be over 35 years, married with children and with no security file. The eligibility criteria for permits to work in the Atarot Industrial Zone the age restriction is relaxed to 21 years or older.

d) Closures/movement restrictions**Gaza Strip:**

The external closure of the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed to access Israel since 12 March.

Nablus Governorate:

9 December: Zaatara checkpoint was closed for several hours by the IDF.

10 December: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for two hours.

11 December: The IDF again closed the Al Badhan checkpoint for eight hours due to a security alert.

11 and 12 December: The IDF re-imposed age restrictions (16 – 35 years) on Palestinian men from Nablus, Tulkarm, Tubas and Jenin governorates to leave Nablus and travel southwards through Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints. On 12 December the age restrictions were lifted on Nablus residents travelling through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Qaryut village with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point with a road block. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut) from their source of water.
- The IDF continues to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.

Jenin Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:**

- Since 30 August, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with less than a two tonnes freight load) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials still require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

7, 8 and 9 December: The IDF imposed age restrictions (16 – 35 years) on Palestinian men from Tulkarm and Jenin governorates heading south through Ánabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints.

9 December: The IDF closed Ánabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints for several hours.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

10 December: The IDF closed Jayyus Barrier gate for one day and since this time has only opened it three times a day. The gate was previously open for 12 hours daily.

11 December: The IDF closed the only entrance to Qalqiliya (DCO) with a flying checkpoint for two hours for security reasons.

Ongoing incidents:

- The main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village continues to be closed by the IDF with an earth mound.
- The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Kafr Qaddum with Hajja, Kur and Beit Lid villages.

Salfit Governorates:**Ongoing incidents:**

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The agricultural gates in the Barrier continue to be closed by the IDF near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya preventing farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan Industrial Area and Road 5 with three earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from the northern West Bank southwards.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: Delays of up to one hour were reported during morning and evening rush hours at Atara checkpoint. The detention of Palestinian males at the checkpoint and verbal harassment towards Palestinians by the Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint were reported.

Bethlehem Governorate:

During the reporting period: Israeli Border Police stationed at the entrance of Khamat Nu'man village continued to delay the access of service providers and vegetable trucks.

Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: Daily delays were reported at Tayasir checkpoint (Tubas). Delays up to two hours were experienced during morning and evening rush hours.

11 December: At least 30 Palestinian trucks and some public taxis were stranded at Hamra checkpoint. The Israeli district liaison officer in Jericho intervened and after two hours vehicles were allowed to move in both directions.

Ongoing incidents:

- On 14 September the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all other travellers to either get a permit issued by Israeli authorities or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank.

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open on all scheduled working days (Karni does not open on Saturdays).
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for one day this week. On this day, 1,573 people crossed into Gaza and 1,238 departed. This was the first time the crossing had opened since 28 November.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian 'senior' traders. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on all scheduled working days (Nahal Oz does not open on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was open on all scheduled working days (Sufa does not open on Saturdays).
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open for two days day.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF declared the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (approximately one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) a closed military area.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- The IDF declared parts of the northern Gaza Strip a "no-go" or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December 2005. Entry into the area is only possible with prior permission from the IDF.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

| Governorate | Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets | Total # of flying checkpoints |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nablus | Tell (2), Beita (1), Ázmut (1), Talluza (2), Al Badhan (3) | 9 |
| Jenin | 'Arraba (6), Az Zababida (6), Sanur (5), Qabatiya (1), Fahma (1), Az Zawiya (1), Ash Shuhada (2), Al Kufeir (4) | 26 |
| Tubas | Tubas (2) Tammun (3), El Fara'RC (1), Áqqaba (1) | 7 |
| Tulkarm | Kafr Sur (7), Balá' (4), An Nazla ash Sharqiya (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Ramin (1), Beit Lid (1) | 15 |
| Qalqiliya | Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Wadi Qana (7), Habla tunnel (1), 'Azzun tunnel (2), An Nabi Elyas (1), Al Funduq (1), Ras 'Atyia (1) | 27 |
| Salfit | Iskaka (1), Bruqin (3), Biddya (1), Salfit (1), Haris (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1) | 8 |
| Ramallah and Al Bireh | Bypass Road 60 (6), Abud (2) | 8 |
| Jericho Jordan Valley | - | - |
| Jerusalem | Shufat (2) | 2 |
| Bethlehem | Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refugee camp (4), Al Khadr (1), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (1), Batir (1), Husan (2) | 28 |
| Hebron | Yatta (4), Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (2), Hebron city - H1(3), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (5), Ad Dhahiriya (1), Ar Ramadin (1), Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (1), Hebron City – H2 (3), Tarqumiya (1) | 30 |
| Total West Bank | | 160 |

6. [Additional Protection Issues](#)

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 (7), Balata RC (3), Áskar RC (2), Camp No.1 (1), Rujeib (1), Huwwara (1), Áwarta (1), Sarra (1), Talfit (1), Qusra (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP, Al Badhan CP | 19 | 22 |
| Jenin | Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (4), Kafr Dan (2), Birqin (1), Rummana (1) | 12 | 35 |
| Tubas | Áqqaba flying CP | - | 1 |
| Tulkarm | Tulkarm city (5), Tulkarm RC (2), Állar (1), Ánabta (3) | 11 | 3 |
| Qalqiliya | Qalqiliya city (7), 'Azzun (1), Kafr Qaddum (1) | 9 | 7 |
| Salfit | Salfit city (1), Kafr ad Dik (2) | 3 | - |
| Ramallah/Al Bireh | Ramallah (1), Abud (1), Beituniya (1), Deir Jarir (1) Rantis (1), Bil'in, Ein Yabrud (1) | 6 | 13 |
| Jericho Jordan Valley | Az Zubeidat (1) | 1 | 2 |
| Jerusalem | | - | 3 |
| Bethlehem | Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (2), Ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (2), Ad Doha (3), Batir (2), Husan (2) | 31 | 12 |
| Hebron | Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (2), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (1), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (1), Surif (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (4), Ash Shuyukh (2) | 28 | 15 |
| Total Week West Bank | | 120 | 113 |
| Gaza Strip | | - | - |
| Total Week oPt | | 120 | 113 |

Gaza Strip:

- **3 December:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence opened fire with machine guns towards farmers tending their land in an area northeast of Gaza City. The farmers left the area and no injuries were reported.
- **6, 7 and 8 December:** IDF patrol boats opened fire with machine guns for ten minutes at fishing boats west of Rafah. There was some damage to boats but no injuries were reported.
- **8 December:** Egyptian authorities discovered and demolished a tunnel going from Egypt into the Gaza Strip opposite the Brazil area in Rafah.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 6 -12 December 2006

| Checkpoint | Status |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tulkarm: | |
| Taybeh | Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5.30am to 12 am on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint. |
| Efrayim | Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. |
| Kafriat | Open 24 hours. 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 Jbara. |
| Kafriat Tunnel | The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian men from Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years. On 7, 8 and 9 December, age restrictions were also imposed on all Palestinian men between the ages of 16 – 35 years from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates heading south. |
| ‘Anabta | The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Long queues and delays were reported. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian men from Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years. On 7, 8 and 9 December, age restrictions were also imposed on all Palestinian men between the ages of 16 – 35 years from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates heading south. |
| Qalqiliya: | |
| Jaljulia | 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 to security checks. |
| Qalqiliya North | Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. |
| Jit junction partial checkpoint | Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. |
| Salfit: | |
| Deir Ballut | Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian men from Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years. |
| Kafr Qasem (Road 5) | Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits. |
| Nablus: | |
| Huwwara Southern main entrance | Open from 6am to 11pm 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. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Long delays and queues were reported. On 11 December an age restriction on Palestinian men between the ages of 16 – 35 years from from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates was imposed and on 12 Dec. only for males form Tulkarm and Jenin governorates |
| Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade | Open from 5am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Long delays and queues. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian men from Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years. On 11 December an age restriction on Palestinian men between the ages of 16 – 35 years from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates was imposed and on 12 Dec. only for |

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| | males from Tulkarm and Jenin governorates |
| Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City | Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint. |
| Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley | Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints. |
| Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin | Closed since 28 March for all traffic. |
| Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah | Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian men from Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years. On 11 December an age restriction on Palestinian men between the ages of 16 – 35 years from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates |
| 17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus | 23 November: The IDF closed 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (north of Nablus city) for Palestinians. The checkpoint is now only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases. |
| Yizhar partial checkpoint | Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60. Men from Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to go south through the checkpoint. |
| Aqraba partial checkpoint | Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505. |
| Al Badhan checkpoint | Open from 6 am to 6 pm. Men from Nablus between 16 and 35 years are not allowed to leave Nablus through the checkpoint. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Long delays and queues reported. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian men from Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years. |
| Jenin: | |
| Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel | Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12am on Fridays. |
| 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. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination. |
| Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad | Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians |
| Tubas: | |
| Bisan Main entrance to Israel | Open 24 hours for Israeli ID card holders and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed access regardless having a permit to enter Israel and/or working with International organisations. Israeli plated trucks are not allowed through if Palestinian agricultural produces are on board. |
| Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley. | Officially open between 5am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis. |
| Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus | Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays are reported. |
| Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin | Officially open between 3am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis. |
| Ramallah/AI Bireh: | |
| Qalandiya | Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and |

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| | evening peak travelling times. |
| Bet El/DCO | From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6 am to 8pm. Access in vehicles reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits. |
| Atara Bridge | Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to 40 minutes. Some delays were reported. |
| An Nabi Salih gate (partial) | Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours. |
| 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 West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem. |
| Ni'lin | Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel. |
| Rantis | Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, 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 have been 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, with exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations. |
| Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1. | Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. |
| Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north. | Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. |
| Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction. | Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been 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 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. |
| 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. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint. |
| 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 plated cars are not allowed to cross. |
| Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1 | Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint. |
| Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud | Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors. |
| Lazarus | Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors. |
| Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village | Delays are experienced on daily basis. Commuters report daily delays of 30 – 45 minutes. |
| Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint | Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported. |
| Jericho: | |

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| DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1 | Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 August, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration. |
| Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90 | Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited thought unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays have been reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja. |
| 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. |
| An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho | Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment. |
| 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. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. |
| Khallet an Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side . | Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village are allowed through. Access of vegetable trucks to the village is obstructed. Members of the extended family are not allowed to visit. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. |
| Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line | Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through. |
| Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala | Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles. |
| Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo | Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. 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. UN staff are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm. |
| 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 checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass. |
| Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line | Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. |
| Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line | Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. |
| Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea. | Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement. |
| Hebron : | |
| Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354 | Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. On 6 December the Border Police manning the checkpoint denied access to a MSF team to get to families located on the road leading to the settlement of Negohot. |
| Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods | Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across |

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| (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates | smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through. |
| Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line | Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. |
| Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. | Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel. |
| Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel | Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. Next to the checkpoint construction work is taking place for constructing a new terminal. In area adjacent to the checkpoint, construction is on-going for the purpose of building new terminal. |
| Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque | Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road. |
| 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. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector. |
| Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque | Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes. |
| 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. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque. |
| Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street | Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations. |
| 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. A military order was issued on 17 July that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit. |
| 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 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. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were formed as IDF soldiers checked their IDs. |
| Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St. | Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organizations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector. |
| Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325 | Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Harassment and long search process took place during the reporting period |
| "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. |
| Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35 | Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police. |
| Ras Al Joura Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60 | Partial checkpoint; Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF. |

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

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| Erez crossing | <p>Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases.</p> <p>On 12 September, a number of Palestinian traders started to enter inside Israel. Trader should be 'senior', 35+ years old, married, with children.</p> <p>6 December: 233 traders entered Israel. 7 December: 215 traders entered Israel. 8 December: 143 traders entered Israel. 9 December: 32 traders entered Israel. 10 December: 209 traders entered Israel. 11 December: 169 traders entered Israel. 12 December: 24 traders entered Israel.</p> |
| Rafah Passenger Terminal | <p>6 December: Rafah Crossing was open in both directions from 8am to 630pm. 1,573 have arrivals and 1,238 departures.</p> <p>7 – 12 December: Rafah Crossing was closed.</p> |

Commercial checkpoints:

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| Tulkarm/Qalqiliya | |
| Taybeh | An Israeli private has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays. |
| 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. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on Palestinian men from Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years. |
| Jenin | |
| Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point. | Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays. |
| Ramallah/Al Bireh | |
| Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint | Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and drive Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back –to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff is allowed through with prior coordination with the Israeli DCL. |
| Gaza Strip | |
| Sufa | Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays). |
| Karni | Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays). Container lanes remain closed. On 6 December Karni was open, but closed to containers due a strike by Palestinian drivers in protest of new Israeli regulations and the prevention of using specific types of trailers. |
| Kerem Shalom | 6 - 10 December: Kerem Shalom was closed. 11 and 12 December: Kerem Shalom was open. |
| Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines | Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays). |

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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.