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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

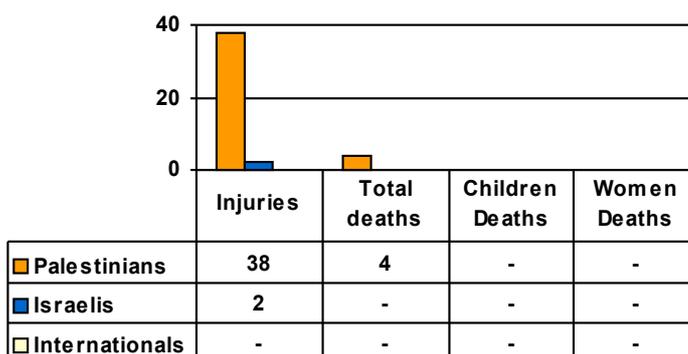
In the Gaza Strip:

- **Ceasefire:** (1) 8 Palestinians were injured inside the Gaza Strip by IDF gunfire fired from northern areas along the border fence; (2) 12 homemade rockets were fired by Palestinians towards Israel; (3) IDF gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen; and (4) a member of Islamic Jihad was called by an alleged IDF officer and told to evacuate his house before a planned air-strike. Family and neighbours surrounded the house and no air-strike was carried out. This is the first time that such an incident has been reported since the ceasefire.
- **Internal violence:** (1) After PA Chairman Abbas' declaration on 1 January that the Hamas Executive Security Forces (ESF) was illegal, internal factional violence in Gaza Strip intensified - armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas supporters and internal family feuds left 18 Palestinians dead and more than 121 injured. In reaction, the PA Ministry of Interior revealed plans to increase the size of the ESF from 5,500 to 12,000 members; and (2) On 7 January a Peruvian photographer from AFP, who had been abducted by Palestinian militants in Gaza, was released unharmed after six days of captivity.

In the West Bank:

- Four Palestinians were killed, and 30 others injured during IDF operations in the West Bank. All of the fatalities and the majority of the injuries occurred during an IDF incursion into the centre of Ramallah city which caused significant property destruction.
- Over three days, IDF soldiers occupied a Palestinian house in Al 'Arrub camp (Hebron). The six member family was locked in one room. Extensive damage to the house was reported.
- IDF soldiers and Israeli settlers from Beit Hadassah (Hebron) prevented Palestinians accompanied by a team from B'Tselem from walking on Al Shuhada Street, a main thoroughfare in Hebron, despite a court ruling issued on 29 December 2006 allowing Palestinian pedestrians access to the street.
- The Israeli High Court of Justice issued an eviction order for residents of the Al Hadidiya village in the northern Jordan Valley. The court ruled that the population of the village (about 80 people) constituted a threat to the settler's security in the area (Roi settlement), and order their eviction by 10 February 2007. No resettlement area was suggested by the court.
- 107 flying checkpoints were observed; 106 search and arrest campaigns, mostly in Bethlehem and Hebron; 125 Palestinians detained/arrested, mostly in Hebron and Nablus.
- **Internal violence:** (1) Four Palestinians were injured as a result of Palestinian internal violence. Clashes between Fatah and Hamas supporters as well as kidnappings/attempted kidnappings and attacks against private property were reported; and (2) Palestinian governmental officials have been under attack by internal violence. The Deputy Mayor of Nablus was kidnapped for two days. The deputy minister of the Ministry of Interior was kidnapped and injured. Unknown gunmen shot at the office of Dr. Salam Fayyad, the former minister of Finance. During a kidnapping attempt, masked gunmen shot at the acting mayor of Al Bireh municipality.

1. Physical Protection¹



Gaza Strip:

- **3 January:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers at the border fence opened fire at a group of Palestinians in the former Dugit settlement north of Beit Lahia.
- **4 January:** Four Palestinians were injured when IDF soldiers at the border fence opened fire in the direction of farmers working north of Beit Lahia.
- **7 January:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers at the border fence opened fire at a group of Palestinians north of Beit Lahia.
- **8 January:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post north of the Erez Industrial Zone opened fire at a group of Palestinians northeast of Beit Lahia.
- **9 January:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post north of the Erez Industrial Zone opened fire in the direction of a group of people northeast of Beit Lahia.

West Bank:

- **4 January:** An Israeli settler was injured near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (Nablus) when his car was stoned near the village.
- **4 January:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man from Ad Doha town (Bethlehem) was injured and detained when IDF soldiers opened fire at him after surrounding his house.
- **4 January:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man from Ad Doha town (Bethlehem) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a military operation in the town.
- **4 January:** At around 3:30pm the IDF carried out a large-scale military incursion into Ramallah city (Ramallah). An Israeli undercover unit, accompanied by an IDF convoy of armoured vehicles and bulldozers entered Ramallah city centre to carry out a search and arrest campaign for a wanted Palestinian. Exchanges of gunfire erupted between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen. Four Palestinian civilians were killed and another 19 were injured (13 by live ammunition and six by rubber-coated metal bullets). Significant damage was reported to at least 45 vehicles by IDF bulldozers. The IDF also detained four Palestinians who were released the following morning. The Israeli DCL has confirmed an investigation into the operation has been launched.
- **5 January:** Seven Palestinians and one Israeli activist were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration held in Bil'in (Ramallah) against the construction of the Barrier in the village.
- **6 January:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man from Bidya (Salfit) was injured when IDF soldiers physically assaulted him at the Deir Ballut checkpoint.
- **8 January:** A 13 year-old Palestinian boy from Sarra (Nablus) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign in the village.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

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

- **3 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline opened fire for ten minutes in the direction of Palestinian shepherds east of Al Bureij camp. No injuries were reported.
- **5 January:** Egyptian Security forces detonated a tunnel located under the Philadelphia corridor opposite the Al Salam Quarter south of Rafah.
- **6 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at IDF Kissufim military camp opened fire for 15 minutes towards an area east of Al Qarara. No injuries were reported.
- **9 January:** A member of Islamic Jihad was called by a person claiming to be the IDF and told to evacuate his house before planned air-strikes. Family and neighbours surrounded the house and no air-strike was carried out.

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:

- **3 January:** A 25 year-old Fatah member was killed by unknown armed men outside his home in Beit Lahia. Another five Palestinians were injured when armed clashes erupted between Fatah members and the Hamas-dominated ESF.
- **3 January:** A Hamas member and his sister were injured when a bomb he was handling detonated prematurely in his house in Gaza City.
- **3 January:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy was found dead at Al Moghraga area north of Al Bureij Camp. The circumstances surrounding this incident remain unclear.
- **3 January:** Three PA Preventative Security personnel were killed during armed clashes between Fatah members and the ESF in Khan Younis.
- **3 January:** A PA Preventive Security Officer was injured and abducted by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis.
- **3 January:** A female bystander was killed and three others injured during armed clashes between Fatah members and the ESF in Jabalia refugee camp.
- **4 January:** A 25 year-old Hamas member died of wounds sustained when an explosive device he was handling detonated prematurely on 3 January in Gaza City.
- **4 January:** Five Palestinians were injured in armed clashes in Al Maghazi and Deir El-Balah camps between Fatah and Hamas supporters.
- **4 January:** A 26 year-old member of the ESF was killed and two others injured during an exchange of gunfire between the ESF and PA Preventive Security Forces in Jabalia.
- **4 and 5 January:** Six PA Preventative Security officers, aged 18, 22, 28 (2), 45 and 47 years, were killed and 90 others injured in armed clashes between the ESF and Fatah groups in Jabalia.
- **5 January:** Two Hamas members were seriously injured when a group of armed men opened fire and threw a hand grenade in the Al Sabra area in Gaza City.
- **5 January:** A 46 year-old official of a local Islamic group was killed and another injured when unknown gunmen opened fire, while they were driving a car on Salah Ed-Din road at Al Maghazi Junction.
- **5 January:** Three Palestinians were injured during armed clashes between a local family and ESF members in Gaza City.
- **6 January:** A 25 year-old Hamas member died of wounds sustained when an explosive device he was handling detonated prematurely on 29 December in the Al Zaitoun area in Gaza City.
- **6 January:** Three members of the same family, aged 30 (2) and 55 years, were killed and five others were injured in an armed family feud.
- **7 January:** A Palestinian was injured when a gunman belonging to a large Gaza family opened fire in the Al Sabra area of Gaza City.
- **7 January:** A Palestinian man was injured when unknown gunmen opened in Al Nuseirat Camp.
- **9 January:** A member of the ESF was injured in an exchange of fire between members of Hamas and Fatah in Beit Lahia.

- **9 January:** A member of the PA 'Force 17' was injured during armed clashes between the ESF and PA Force 17 south of the President's Office in Gaza City.

West Bank:

- **6 January:** Masked men shot and injured a 46 year-old lecturer from An Najah University in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **6 January:** Masked men physically assaulted and injured a 20 year-old man in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **6 January:** In Ramallah city (Ramallah), masked gunmen kidnapped the Deputy Minister of Interior. He was shot by a live bullet to his leg and released after a few hours.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **3 January:** Masked men opened fire at the Ministry of Religious Affairs building in Tulkarm (Tulkarm). No injuries were reported.
- **4 January:** Masked men set fire to the vehicle of the Minister of Prisoners' Affairs in Jenin city (Jenin).
- **5 January:** Masked men set fire to the Islamic Club and the Teachers' Committee building in Jenin city (Jenin).
- **4 January:** Unknown gunmen fired a RPG close to the home of PA Foreign Minister in Gaza City. No injuries were reported.
- **6 January:** A local family abducted five ESF members. Members of the ESF retaliated by abducting six members of the family. All were later released.
- **6 January:** Masked men kidnapped the Deputy Mayor of Nablus (Nablus). He was released unharmed on 8 January.
- **8 January:** Gunmen shot at 13 shops and installations belonging to Hamas affiliated members in Ramallah city (Ramallah). One clothes shop was also set on fire.
- **8 January:** In Ramallah city (Ramallah) unknown gunmen shot at the office of Dr. Salam Fayyad, the former minister of Finance.
- **8 January:** During a kidnapping attempt, masked gunmen shot at the acting mayor of Al Bireh municipality while driving in Ramallah (Ramallah). No injuries were reported.
- **9 January:** Masked men shot and injured a 21 year-old Palestinian man (affiliated with Hamas) in Birqin village (Jenin).

3. Shelter and Property

- **3 January:** The Israeli High Court of Justice issued an eviction order for residents of the Al Hadidiya village in the Jordan Valley. The court ruled that the population of the village (about 80 people) constituted a threat to the settler's security in the area (Roi settlement), and therefore should be evicted by 10 February 2007. No alternative place was suggested by the court.
- **6 – 9 January:** For three days IDF soldiers occupied a house in Al 'Arrub camp (Hebron). The six members of the family were locked into one room whilst the IDF occupied the rest of the house. Extensive damage to the house was reported.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 17 September, land levelling continues for 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.

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

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 and the installation of a fence by the IDF continues south of 'Azzun Átma.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue levelling land and construction works 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 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:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
 - Land levelling continues 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 continues in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo continues.
 - Land levelling continues in the vicinity of the settlement of Efrat, near Artas village, continues.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khadr village has accelerated. Levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. The site has been expanded with additional infrastructure. Land leveling has taken place on both sides of the junction at Road 60 leading to Beit Jala.
- 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.
- Land levelling for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint continues.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land leveling including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.
- Construction of the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint is ongoing.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. An observation tower and two electronic gates were installed. The terminal is almost completed.

Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians](#)

a) Curfew

No incidents to report.

b) Access to education

8 – 9 January: The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their elementary school in At Tuwani, south Hebron Governorate with an average delay of half an hour on the two afternoons. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

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 permits are similar for both workers and traders; over 35 years old, married with children and with no security file. The age restriction has been relaxed for permits to the Atarot Industrial Zone to over 21 years old.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

9 January: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after a bomb was found near the checkpoint.

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 continue to require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:**

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:**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.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

4 January: According to Israeli sources, 7,900 permits were issued for Christian Palestinians to access religious sites in Jerusalem and Israel for the Christmas holidays. The permit is for one-month between 20 December 2006 and 20 January 2007 and allows access 24 hours a day. Children under 16 years do not require a permit.

Hebron Governorate:

8 January: IDF soldiers and Israeli settlers from Beit Hadassah H2/Hebron (Hebron), prevented Palestinians accompanied by a team from B'Tselem from walking on Al Shuhada Street, a major thoroughfare in Hebron, despite a court ruling issued on 29 December 2006 allowing Palestinian pedestrians access to the street.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

9 January: Bisan checkpoint, north of Tubas opened for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.

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

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 for six days (Karni is scheduled to be closed on Saturdays).
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for six days. The crossing was closed on 3 January and on 9 January it was open for arrivals only.
- 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). The crossing continues to be closed for Palestinian workers (since 12 March 2006). On 7 January between 7:30am and 4:00pm the crossing was closed during a strike by Israeli Border Police
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for six days (the pipelines are scheduled to be closed on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was open for six days (Sufa is scheduled to be closed on Saturdays).
- Kerem Shalom crossing was closed all week.
- 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), Beit Imrin (1), Sabastiya (1), Nisf Jubeil (1), Bizzariya (1), Ijnisinya (1), An Nassariya (1)	8
Jenin	'Arraba (3), Az Zababida (3), Al Hashimiya (1), Kufeir (2), Fahma (1), Al Mansura (2), Zububa (1)	13
Tubas	Tubas (2), Aqqaba (3), Tammun (1), Al Aqaba (2)	8
Tulkarm	Balá' (3), Qaffin (4), 'Attil (1), Illar (1), Kafr Sur (2), Ramin (1), Iktaba (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1)	14
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (2), Habla tunnel (3), An Nabi Elyas (2), Ras 'Atyia (1), Kafr Thulth (3), Kafr Laqif (1), Jayyus (2), Jinsafut (1), Ázzun tunnel (1), Tahseen Mansur (2)	25
Salfit	Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (1)	2
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho	-	-
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (1)	1
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refugee camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Dar Salah (1), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (2)	17
Hebron	Yatta (1), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1 (4), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ar Ramadin (1), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Beit Kahil (1), Al Fawwar refugee camp (1), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Bani Na'im (1)	19
Total West Bank		107

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 (6), Balata village (4), Salim (1), Burqa (1), Rujeib (1), As Sawiya (1), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (1), ASabastiya (1), Huwwara CP	16	28
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (1), Al Yamun (1), Qabatiya (1), Al 'Araqa (1)	8	5
Tubas	Tubas (3), Tammun (1), Flying CP Tubas	4	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm refugee camp (1), Kafr Ábbush (1), Áttil (1), Shuweika (1), Qaffin flying CP	7	19
Qalqiliya	Alqiliya (7), 'Azzun (4), Baqat al Hatab (2)	13	8
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (1), Deir Istiya (1), Haris (1), Deir Ballut CP	3	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (4)	4	19
Jericho Jordan Valley	-	-	-
Jerusalem	Isawiya (1), Ar Ram (1), Abu Dis (1)	3	7
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem (3), ad Duheisha Camp (1), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawra (2), Beit Fajjar (1), Doha (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	25	21
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Awwa (2), Surif (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Taffuh (2), Bani Na'im (1), Beit Kahil (1)	23	14
Total Week West Bank		106	125
Gaza Strip		-	-
Total Week oPt		106	125

Appendix: Checkpoints: 3 – 9 January 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am 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.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Long queues and delays were reported.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects 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. Manned on an irregular but frequent basis.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN, 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 to 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Long delays and queues were reported.
Beit Iba Western main entrance	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.
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 (Closed) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 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 permits are required to cross the checkpoint. The checking of vehicles has varied during the reporting period between one and ten days.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	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 partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on road 57 North east of Nablus, main route to Jordan valley , Tubas and Jenin
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	Since 9 January: Officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Bisan checkpoint, north of Tubas opened for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
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. Some delays were reported.
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. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays are being reported on daily basis ..
Bet El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am 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. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.
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 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are

	not allowed to cross through this checkpoint, unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
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, unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
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. Delays reported during morning rush hour.
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 all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. 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:	
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. Some 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'arajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.

Bethlehem :

Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)	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.
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. Only listed vehicles and driver of service providers are allowed through. 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 Yallow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Manned by border police and 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.
Tunnel Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international humanitarian organisations however UN local staff are being requested to show a local ID with a valid entry permit in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm. Security at the checkpoint is jointly managed by a private security firm and the Israeli Boarder Police.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrat 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 usually 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 for the construction of a new terminal.
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. Open from 7am-7pm
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5 am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. This week 'Family Visits' coordinated by ICRC to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers with valid permits are allowed to cross.
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. Terminal setup is almost complete as a new monitoring tower was recently installed and the ring road was completed.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi 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. 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.
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.
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 the 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 with a Ramadeen address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Arab Israelis on Road 325. Palestinian workers with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Halhul - Sa'ir Checkpoint Located on the junction of the two towns on road 60. aka Nabi Younis.	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	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases. On 12 September, a number of Palestinian traders started to enter inside Israel. Trader should be 'senior', 35+ years old, married, with children. 7 January: Erez Crossing was closed between 7:30am and 4:00pm as a result of a strike by the Israeli Border Police.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	3 January: Rafah Crossing was closed. 4 January: Rafah Crossing was open from 09.50am – 08.00pm. 829 people arrived and 1,053 departed. 5 January: Rafah Crossing was open from 08.00am – 05.00pm. 1,075 people arrived and 700 departed. 6 January: Rafah Crossing was open from 08.00am – 04.30pm. 1,057 people arrived and 721 departed. 7 January: Rafah Crossing was open from 08.00am – 07.00pm. 1,095 people arrived and 1,075 departed. 8 January: Rafah Crossing was open from 08.00am – 06.00pm. 1,265 people arrived and 894 departed. 9 January: Rafah Crossing was open for arrivals.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8 am to 5 pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am 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 10 January 2007 no Israeli plated truck were allowed through the back-to-back or cross the checkpoint..
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/AI 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	3, 4, 5 January: Open for construction materials 7 and 8, 9 January: Open for construction materials. 6 January: Closed for the weekend.
Karni	Open all the week except on 9 January when it was closed for the weekend.. The crossing remained closed for container traffic.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed all week
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	Open all the week, except on 6 January when it was closed for the weekend.

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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.