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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report 10 – 16 January 2007

Of note this week

- Three Palestinians including a 10 year-old girl were killed and 17 injured in the oPt during the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Four Israelis were also injured, including two injured by the IDF during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier.
- Two Palestinians were killed and 19 injured during Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence. Clashes between Fatah and Hamas supporters continued, though at decreased levels compared to previous weeks. However, armed family feuds in the Gaza Strip resulted in the death of a one-year old Palestinian infant and injury to eight other persons.
- The PA Civil Servants' Union announced that it would end the 130-day strike launched to protest the non-payment of salaries. The PA Finance Minister announced that salaries will be paid starting next month and that wages arrears will be paid in installments.

Gaza Strip:

- Monitoring of the ceasefire:
 - Two Palestinians were killed when an IDF tank at the border fence northeast of Beit Hanoun opened fire into the Gaza Strip. IDF soldiers stationed along the border fence east of Al Mahazi camp also opened fire on two other occasions at a group of Palestinian shepherds. No injuries were reported.
 - A Palestinian fisherman was injured and six others arrested when IDF gunboats opened fire at and pursued Palestinian fishing boats. A total of four incidents off the Gaza Strip coastline involving Palestinian fishing boats and IDF vessels were reported this week.
 - For the first time since the ceasefire began an IAF aircraft fired a missile towards a homemade rocket-launch site in Jabalia camp.
 - An IDF tank and bulldozer entered 200 metres inside the Gaza Stip into the Al Qarara area to level land.
 - Ten homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants towards Israel. No injuries were reported.
 - The Hamas military wing claimed to have brought down an Israeli Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in the northern Gaza Strip.

West Bank:

- Sixteen Palestinians were injured in the West Bank during the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Two Palestinians were injured after being physically assaulted by IDF soldiers.
- A Palestinian house in Jerusalem was demolished after the owner received two days notice of the demolition. Five eviction orders and two demolitions orders were issued in two separate areas of the Jordan Valley.
- A group of Israeli settlers damaged the water pipeline in Duma village (Nablus). The IDF evacuated the settlers after liaising with the Palestinian DCO.
- 109 'flying' or random checkpoints set up by the IDF were observed. 101 search and arrest operations were conducted by the IDF, mostly in Bethlehem and Hebron, resulting in 108 arrests throughout the West Bank, mostly in Ramallah and Nablus.

1. <u>Physical Protection¹</u>	20 - 10 - 0 -				
	Ŭ	Injuries	Total deaths	Children Deaths	Wom en Deaths
	Palestinians	17	3	1	-
	∎Israelis	4	-	-	-
	☐ Internationals	1	-	-	-

Gaza Strip:

- **11 January:** A Palestinian fisherman was injured when IDF gunboats fired machineguns at Palestinian fishing boats west of Beach Camp in Gaza City.
- **14 January:** Two Palestinian men, aged 22 and 23 years, were killed when an IDF tank at the border fence northeast of Beit Hanoun fired several shells and machineguns. The military wing of the Palestinian Popular Resistance Committees (PRC), announced that the two men were killed as they were trying to place a bomb in the area.

Other incidents (not involving casualties)

- 10 January: IDF gunboats fired seven shells at Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to the seashore. No injures were reported.
- **10 January:** IDF gunboats pursued Palestinian fishing boats and arrested six fishermen west of Rafah before confiscating two fishing boats.
- **11 and 14 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Al Maghazi camp opened fire for ten minutes in the direction of a group of shepherds. No injuries were reported.
- **11 January:** One Palestinian fishing boat was damaged when IDF gunboats opened fire in the direction of fishing boats near Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **12 January:** Egyptian Security Forces detonated a tunnel located under the borderline between Egypt and Rafah opposite the Zu'rub area. No injuries or damages were reported.
- **15 January:** Palestinian militants detonated a roadside bomb when an IDF vehicle was patrolling the border fence east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis. The IDF responded with heavy machinegun fire for five minutes. No injuries were reported. The military wing of Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

West Bank:

- **10 January:** A 17 year-old Palestinian man from refugee Camp No. 1 (Nablus) was injured by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at his vehicle on the bypass road near Zawata village.
- **10 January:** Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle on Road 443 near Kharbatha al Misbah village (Ramallah) injuring two male Israelis.
- •11 January: The IDF physically assaulted and injured a Palestinian man at a mobile checkpoint in Al-Jib (Jerusalem).
- 12 January: Eleven Palestinians, including one photographer, two Israeli demonstrators, and one international journalist were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during the regular demonstration held in Bil'in (Ramallah) against the construction of the Barrier in the village.
- **13 January:** IDF soldiers broke the arm and leg of a 26 year-old Palestinian man from Al 'Arrub refugee camp (Hebron). The IDF soldiers had been manning a checkpoint at the entrance of the camp and physically assaulted the man after searching the public bus he was riding in.
- **13 January:** A 13 year-old boy from the H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured after being beaten by a group of Israeli settlers from Beit Hadassah settlement.
- **15** January: IDF soldiers physically assaulted several Palestinians protesting the construction of the Barrier on their land in Umm Salamona village (Bethlehem). The IDF broke the arm of a 38 year-old Palestinian man.

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:

- 10 January: A member of the Hamas-dominated Executive Support Force (ESF) was injured during armed clashes between the ESF and Fatah supporters in Beit Lahia.
- **10 January:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during clashes between Hamas and Fatah supporters in Gaza City on 9 January.

- **10 January:** Two Palestinians were injured in an exchange of gunfire between cousins from the same family in Rafah.
- **12 January:** Four Palestinians were injured during an armed dispute between members of a local family in Beit Hanoun.
- **12 January:** A Palestinian man was injured during armed clashes between PA Security Forces and the ESF in Jabalia camp.
- **12 January:** A Palestinian man was injured during an armed family feud in Al Maghazi. camp.
- **13 January:** Two Palestinian men were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at a group of PRC members in Jabalia camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **14 January:** A Palestinian man was injured during an armed family feud in Rafah.
- **15 January:** A one year-old Palestinian infant was killed during an armed family feud in Al Bureij camp.
- **16 January:** An al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade member was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in his direction the Tel Sultan area in Rafah Camp.

Other incidents:

- **10 January:** Members of PFLP, DFLP and Islamic Jihad as well as 50 other Palestinians erected a tent and conducted a sit-in demonstration to protest against the deteriorating internal security situation at the Unknown Soldier Park near the PLC in Gaza City.
- **12 January:** Clashes between PA Security Forces and the ESF erupted when a 500 metre long tunnel was discovered under the PA national security base east of Jabalia camp.

West Bank:

- **10 January:** Masked men physically assaulted and injured a 43 year-old Palestinian man in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **11 January:** Four Palestinians were injured when clashes broke out between Fatah and PFLP supporters in Battir (Bethlehem).
- **14 January:** Masked men shot and injured a 20 year-old man from Ad Dabá in Ázzun village (Qalqiliya).
- **15 January:** A 10-year old Palestinian girl was shot and seriously injured as she was leaving school and got caught in the gunfire from the Israeli Border Police. The shooting occurred during clashes between Palestinians and the Border Police. The girl was later declared brain-dead.

Other incidents:

- **During the reporting period:** Continued tensions throughout Ramallah were observed following inter-factional violence reported in the previous week in Ramallah. PA police presence was increased to control the situation.
- **10 January:** The headquarters of the Municipality of Janata (Bethlehem), a Hamaselected body, was vandalised and set on fire by a group of unknown people.
- **12 January:** A group of unknown men opened fire at four commercial stores in the towns of Bethlehem and ad Doha (Bethlehem).
- **12 January:** A gas canister blew up near the house of the head of Bethlehem Police Force in Bethlehem. Damage to the house was reported.
- **16 January:** A Palestinian prisoner, aged 37 years, died in custody from a heart and lung disease. The man had been in prison since May on administrative detention. The detention was renewed for another three months one week before he died.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
10 January	Dura, Hebron	-	2	N/A
16 January	Silwan, Jerusalem	1	-	5
Total		1	2	5

• **10 January:** IDF soldiers caused extensive property damage to a butcher's shop and a restaurant during a search campaign in the city of Dura (Hebron).

• **16 January:** A Palestinian house (home to a family of five) was demolished by the IDF and the Israeli Border Police in the Abbasi neighbourhood of Silwan (Jerusalem). The owner had received notification of the decision only two days earlier, giving him one-month to appeal it. The displaced family includes three young children. The building was demolished because of lack of building permit.

Other incidents:

- 10 January: The IDF issued five eviction orders to Palestinians from Khirbet Tana (Nablus). The IDF considers the area in which the Palestinians live as 'State Land' and within a military training area (much of the Jordan Valley has been declared fire zone/closed military area by the IDF).
- **10 January:** The IDF issued two demolition orders to Palestinians in Al Aqaba village (Tubas). The orders are one for a house under construction and the other is for a pool to collect rain water for irrigation. The orders were issued due to lack of building permits.
- **15** January: Israeli media reported that the Local Committee at the Jerusalem Municipality submitted a plan to build an additional 1,000 housing units in the settlement of Har Homa, south of Jerusalem. The land slated for the project is situated between Har Homa and the Palestinian village of Sur Bahir, although a valley separates the Jewish settlement from the village. The municipality's Planning and Construction Council said the plan was initiated by the Housing Ministry.
- **15 January:** The Ministry of Construction and Housing published a tender for the construction of 44 new housing units in the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

15 January: A group of Israeli settles damaged the water pipeline in Duma village (Nablus). The IDF evacuated the settlers after liaison with the Palestinian DCO. **15 January:** The IDF started levelling eight dunums of Palestinian land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was earlier requisitioned on 10 July 2005 by Military Order No. T/106/05. Ongoing incidents:

- Since 17 September land levelling continues for a road barrier installed north of Road 505, east of Za'atara 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 and construction of a new fence continues by the IDF south of Ázzun Átma.

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

Salfit Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue construction and land levelling 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of AI '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 Palestinian neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. During the last week, further construction of the Barrier in Dahiyat Al Bareed means that the opening is only occasionally open. Pedestrians can still go through this opening but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank. Vehicles are currently using a rough road a few metres beyond the previous gate. Construction of the Barrier in this neighbourhood is progressing at a rapid pace.
- Construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayyem.
 Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayyem 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:

15 January: Barrier construction was carried out by contractors guarded by the IDF on land belonging to the Palestinian village of Umm Salamona.

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). Curb stones and concrete pillars were placed during the reporting period.
 - Land levelling in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo continues.

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- Land levelling 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. Concrete partitions were placed during the reporting period.
- 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 onemetre 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 AI 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 was installed and the terminal is almost complete.

Gaza Strip:

15 January: An IDF tank and a bulldozer moved 200 metres into the Al Qarara area north east of Khan Younis. The bulldozer excavated and levelled land.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
15 January	Huwwara village	13 hours
Total Week		13 hours

15 January: The IDF imposed a curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for 13 hours after Israeli settlers' vehicles were stoned while they were passing on Road 60 through the village.

b) Access to education

10 January: The IDF delayed the teachers from Ras at Tira school for one hour at Ras at Tira barrier gate (Qalqiliya) after they refused to be searched by a metal detector at the gate. **10-16 January:** The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (Hebron) with an average delay of half an hour. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

14 January: IDF soldiers entered the Husan Boys High school (Bethlehem) and physically assaulted a teacher present in the playground of the school. The school is situated closed to a bypass road for settlers, and IDF soldiers sometimes enter the school looking for stone throwers.

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:

10 January: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for several hours due to a security alert.

13 January: Delays of up to one hour were reported at Beit Iba checkpoint.

13 and 14 January: Delays of up to one hours were reported at

Huwwara and Al Badhan checkpoints.

16 January: Delays of up to several hours were reported at Al Badhan checkpoint.

- Ongoing incidents:
- 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:

10 January: According to the Israeli DCL the IDF allowed Palestinians with Israeli IDs to enter Tulkarm.

13 January: Delays of up to one hour were reported at Ánabta checkpoint.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

16 January: The IDF closed Jayyus north Barrier gate for several hours and announced the gate will be opened three times a day instead of 12 hours a day previously. 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 Masha and Az Zawiya preventing farmers from accessing their land.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

10-16 January: IDF soldiers and Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassah, located in the H2/Hebron, prevented Palestinians and internationals from walking on Al Shuahada Street at least on ten different occasions. That is despite a declaration from the Military Legal Advisor at Bet El which was issued on 25 December 2006 allowing Palestinians on-foot access to the Street.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

16 January: At around 7.30 am the IDF denied access to seven teachers from Tubas going to schools in Bardala despite that the possessed appropriate identification cards. They were allowed through at around 10am after intervention from the Israel DCL in Jericho.

Ongoing incidents:

- As of 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 others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- Since 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.

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open for six days (the crossing was closed for the weekend on 13 January.) On 16 January the crossing was open but closed for containers.
 Patch Passengers' terminal was closed all week
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was closed all week.
- 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 since 12 March for Palestinian workers. On 14 January between 2:30am and 4:30pm the crossing was closed due to construction work.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for six days during the reporting period (the pipelines were closed for the weekend on 13 January.)
- Sufa crossing was open for six days during the reporting period (the crossing was closed for the weekend on 13 January.)
- Kerem Shalom crossing was closed all week except 16 January.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline. During the reporting period, the IDF fired frequently at Palestinian fisherman off the Gaza Strip coastline, particularly near Rafah (see Section 1).

Ongoing incidents:

- Following the disengagement from Gaza in September 2005, 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.
- On 28 December 2005 the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Officially, entry into the area for the 250 residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF however this is not enforced.

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Tell (2), Bizzariya (1), Burqa (1), Al Luban Ash Sharqiya (1), Beita (1)	6
Jenin	'Arraba (4), Az Zababida (4), Sanur (3), As Shuhada (1), Fahma (3), Jaba'a (1), 'Anaza (1), Ya'abad (1), Jenin South entrance (1)	19
Tubas	Áqqaba (1), Tammun (1), Al Far'a village (2)	4
Tulkarm	Balá' (1), 'Attil (2), Kafr Sur (2), Al Jarushiya (1), Kafr Sur (1), Deir Al Ghusun (1), Ramin (1)	9
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (1), Habla tunnel (4), An Nabi Elyas (1), Ras 'Atyia (2), Kafr Thulth (4), Kafr Laqif (2), Jayyus (2), Ázzun tunnel (2), Tahseen Mansur (3), Jinsafut (1)	29
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Kifil Haris (1)	2
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho (Jordan Valley)	-	-
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (3)	3
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (1), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (2), Husan (2)	20
Hebron	Yatta (1), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1 (4), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Al Fawwar refugee camp (1), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Bani Na'im (1)	17
Total West Bank	1	109

Reported flying (random) checkpoints - West Bank

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 (4), Camp No. 1 (2), Balata refugee Camp (2), 'Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Sarra (1), Madama (1), Huwwara (1), Osarin (1), Khirbet Tana (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba	14	23
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin RC (4), Silat al Harithiya (1), Qabatiya (3), As Shuhada (1), Sanur flying checkpoint	14	15
Tubas	Tammun (3)	3	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Nur Shams refugee camp (1), Áttil (1), Shuweika (1), Bal'a (1), Kafr Ra'l (1)	9	-
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (3), 'Azzun (3), Baqat al Hatab (1)	7	11
Salfit	Salfit (1), Deir Istiya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Kifil Haris (1)	4	-
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (3), Deir Abu Mash'al (1), Ein Qiniya (1), Jilijliya (1), Atara checkpoint	6	29
Jericho Jordan Valley	Jericho (1)	1	2
Jerusalem	-	-	-
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem (3), ad Duheisha Camp (1), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawra (2), Beit Fajjar (1), Doha (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	23	13
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (2), Beit Awwa (1), Surif (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'im (1), Beit Kahil (1)	20	14
Total Week Wes	st Bank	101	108
Rafah West of Rafah		-	6
Total Week oPt		101	114

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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; 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. On 13 January long queues and delays were experienced.
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. On 10 January the checkpoint was manned.
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 and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Long delays and queues were reported.
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 were reported. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. On 13 January delays were reported.
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 and 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 need for permits.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60. On 10 January delays were reported.
Áqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.

Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. On 10 of January the checkpoint was closed for several hours. On 13, 14 and 16 January major delays were reported.
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 were 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 were 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 were reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/Al 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 EI/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 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'ayyem 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 were 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 Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	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. 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
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	must use Beituniya checkpoint. 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 onRoad 1Abu DisBetween Abu Dis and Ras al	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits an use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint. Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<u>'Amoud</u> 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 due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check.
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	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 September, 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. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
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 up to 40 minutes were 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.
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Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)

Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem

Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to 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, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. 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 Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata	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. Security at the checkpoint is now jointly managed by a private security firm and the boarder police. Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement
Southern entrance to settlement	beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn Wadi Fukin	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass. Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of 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. Open from 7am to 7pm
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	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 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 2006, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August 2006, 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 the construction of a new terminal.
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	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access

street	possible only on foot. 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 Ibrahimi 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, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
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 the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 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 Ibrahimi Mosque for prayers were reported 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 organisations 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 of commuters 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 from 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 be able to enter Israel for the first time since 12 March. The crossing point is only open to 'senior' traders i.e. over 35 years, married, with children.
	Open all week except on 14 January between 2:30am and 4:30pm when the crossing was closed due to construction work.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was closed all week.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya

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Taybeh	An Israeli private has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm 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.
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 driving 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 are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Open all the week except on 13 January (weekend)
Karni	Open all the week except on 13 January (weekend).
	On 16 January the crossing was open but closed for containers.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on 16 January.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Open all the week except on 13 January (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.

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- 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.
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