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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report 17 – 23 January 2007

# Of note this week

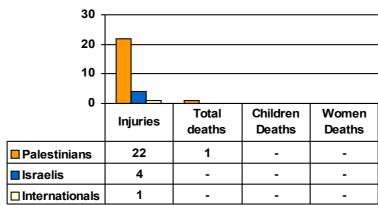
- One Palestinian was killed and 22 injured in the oPt during the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In addition, one Palestinian man died at a West Bank checkpoint on his way home from receiving cancer treatment in Jerusalem when IDF soldiers order him to cross the checkpoint on foot.
- Four Israelis and one international were injured in the oPt, two of whom by the IDF during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier.

#### Gaza Strip:

- Monitoring of the ceasefire: (1) 16 homemade rockets were fired by Palestinians towards Israel including two which detonated inside the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported; (2) In three separate incidents, four Palestinians were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post north of the former Erez Industrial Zone and at the border fence north of Beit Lahia opened fire. On another occasion, IDF soldiers stationed along the border fence southeast of Beit Hanoun fired two tanks shells in the direction of Palestinian farmers. No injuries were reported; (3) Two bulldozers supported by two IDF tanks entered approximately 150 metres into the Gaza Strip east of Deir El Balah and levelled and excavated land; and (4) IDF vessels pursued Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah, arresting three Palestinians.
- Internal violence: (1) Five Palestinians, including two women, were killed and 13 injured during Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence, armed family feuds and reckless handling of weapons. Two clashes between Fatah and Hamas members were reported; (2) An explosive device was detonated at the Al Arabiya television station located in Gaza City; and (3) Masked armed men broke into the vacant Al Waha resort and detained the security guards before detonating explosives.

#### West Bank:

- One Palestinian was killed and 18 injured in the West Bank including three Palestinian children who were injured by the IDF in response to stone throwing.
- Four Palestinian residential buildings in Jerusalem and seven Palestinian structures were demolished in the Jordan Valley affecting 56 Palestinians.
- 114 'flying' or random checkpoints set up by the IDF were observed; 98 search and arrest operations were conducted by the IDF resulting in 91 arrests predominately in Hebron, Qalqilya and Nablus governorates.
- Palestinian gunmen abducted three representatives from the French Consulate and burned their vehicle in the old city of Nablus. They were released unharmed after three hours.



# 1. Physical Protection<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note that this excludes casualties resulting from Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence reported in Section 2.

#### Gaza Strip:

- **19 January:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence opened fire at a group of Palestinians in the former Nissanit settlement area north of Beit Lahia.
- **20 January:** Two Palestinians were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post north of Erez Industrial Zone opened fire at a group of Palestinians.
- **22 January:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence opened fire at a group of Palestinians in the former Eli Sinai settlement north of Beit Lahia.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

• **19 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence southeast of Beit Hanoun fired two tanks shells in the direction of Palestinian farmers. No injuries were reported.

# West Bank:

- **16 January:** Following the injury and subsequent death of a ten year-old Palestinian girl on 15 January (she was declared brain dead and then later declared clinically dead on 18 January this fatality was reported last week), Palestinians stoned IDF vehicles in Anata (Jerusalem). The IDF responded with tear gas canisters and hand grenades, injuring one Palestinian.
- **17 January:** During an IDF search and arrest campaign in Beituniya (Ramallah), Palestinian youth stoned an IDF vehicle. One IDF soldier was injured.
- **17 January:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in Urif village (Nablus) when the IDF responded to Palestinians throwing stones with rubber-coated metal bullets.
- **17 January:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man was killed during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen in Nablus city (Nablus). Two other Palestinians, aged 15 and 17 years, were injured by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at stone throwers during a military operation. Several Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation (not included in weekly totals) and four Palestinians were arrested during the same incident.
- **19 January**: Ten Palestinians, one Israeli activist and one international photographer were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during the weekly demonstration held in Bil'in against the construction of the Barrier in the village.
- **19 January:** A 35 year-old man from H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured when a group of IDF soldiers physically assaulted him while searching his house.
- **20 January:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured by the IDF at Kafriat checkpoint (Tulkarm).
- **20 January:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man from Immatin was physically assaulted and injured by settlers near Jit village (Qalqiliya).
- **22 January:** A 27 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Balata refugee camp (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire during a search and arrest campaign in the camp.
- **23 January:** Two Israelis (a man and a woman) were injured when the Israeli public bus they were travelling in through the Palestinian village of Al Auja, north of Jericho (Jericho) was targeted by stone throwers.

# 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:

- **17 January:** A Palestinian man was injured when he was handling an UXO (anti-tank shell) in the Saftawi area south of Jabalia camp.
- **18 January:** A 32 year-old Palestinian woman died and three others were injured during celebratory shooting at a wedding party in Khan Younis.

- **19 January:** Six people were injured during an armed family feud in Nuseirat Camp.
- **19 January:** A 55 year-old Palestinian man died when four masked gunmen shot and killed him in the Al Amal Quarter in Khan Younis.
- **21 January:** A Palestinian man was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in Beit Lahia. The circumstances surrounding this incident remain unclear.
- **21 January**: A 33 year-old PA police officer accidentally shot and killed himself while he was cleaning his weapon in Tal El Sultan area in Rafah.
- **22 January**: A 35 year-old Palestinian woman was shot and killed by her brother in Bureij camp. The motive behind this incident is unknown, however local reports indicate that it was a so-called "honour killing".
- **23 January**: A Palestinian man was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire while he was travelling in his vehicle in Jabalia Camp. The circumstances surrounding this incident remain unclear.
- **23 January**: A Palestinian was injured when a group of 50 people demonstrated outside the electricity company offices in Gaza City and exchanges of fire occurred with the guards. The protestors were demonstrating power outages.
- **23 January**: A 33 year-old Palestinian man was killed during a family feud between cousins in Rafah.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **17 January:** An explosive device detonated near the main gate of a Jawwal cellular phone shop in the Sabra area in Gaza City. The shop was destroyed but no injuries were reported.
- **20 January:** Egyptian security forces detonated a tunnel located under the border opposite the Shouka area east of Rafah terminal. No injuries were reported.
- **21 January:** An exchange of gunfire betwen the ESF and Fatah members in Beit Lahia lasted for five minutes. No injuries were reported.
- **22 January:** An explosive device was detonated in the office of the Al Arabiya television station in Gaza City. The office was damaged although no injuries were reported. Reuters reported that a station official said that he received an anonymous call last week threatening to harm employees and burn the office following a tape the station broadcast of a statement given by the Palestinian Prime Minister Haniyeh. The caller stated that the broadcast took Haniyeh's words out of context and vowed to pursue legal action if the station did not apologise. The Hamas party and Fatah's al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades officials condemned the attack.
- **23 January:** 30 masked and heavily armed men broke into the vacant Al Waha resort. The gunmen detained three security guards and detonated explosives in the southern part of the resort including in a wedding hall and conference room. No injuries were reported and the guards were later released. Reuters reported that the gunmen claimed they belonged to al Qaeda and that the resort is owned by Fatah leader and top Presidential advisor Mohammed Dahlan.
- **23 January:** Unknown gunmen opened fire at the ESF guarding Beit Hanoun hospital. Hamas and Fatah members exchanged fire for ten minutes. No injuries were reported.

# West Bank:

- 18 January: A 46 year-old Palestinian man died at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus). The man
  was returning from Jerusalem where he had been receiving treatment for cancer when the
  IDF forced him to leave his vehicle and cross the checkpoint on foot. The man collapsed and
  died after taking a few steps.
- **22 January:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man from Hebron city (Hebron) was found dead near the town of Dura (Hebron). The cause of the death is still unclear.

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **17 January**: In Ramallah city (Ramallah) masked men set fire to two mobile TV broadcasting vehicles belonging to Saudi television channels in Ramallah.
- **23 January:** Palestinian gunmen kidnapped three French representatives from the French Consulate and burned their vehicle in the old city of Nablus. The gunmen suspected that they were an IDF undercover unit. They were released three hours later after an official from the French consulate arrived in Nablus.

# 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
17 January	A Tur, Jerusalem	1	-	12
22 January	Sur Bahir, Jerusalem	1 (8 apartments)	-	-
23 January	Sawahreh Sharqiyya	2		12
23 January	Al Jiftlik, Jericho (Jordan Valley)	5	-	32
23 January	Frush Beit Dajan, Nablus (Jordan Valley)	2	3	-
Total		11	3	56

- **17 January:** The home of a Palestinian family of 12 in A-Tur neighbourhood (Jerusalem) was demolished by the Israeli authorities and Border Police for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **22 January**: A building with eight separate apartments was demolished in Sur Bahir neighbourhood in the southern periphery of Jerusalem (Jerusalem) by the Israeli authorities and Border Police for reportedly being built without a permit. The building housed the apartments built by a father for his eight children. The father currently lives in a home adjacent to the demolished building.
- **23 January:** Two homes of two Palestinian families (12 persons) were demolished in Sawahreh Sharqiyya in Jerusalem for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **23 January:** The IDF demolished five houses in AI Jiftlik (Jericho) for reportedly being built without permits. Demolition orders were handed over to the owners 30 days prior to the demolitions. The demolitions affected 15 adults and 17 children.
- **23 January:** The IDF demolished an animal barracks and a water tank used for irrigation in Frush Beit Dajan (Nablus). Significant damage was caused to three adjacent green houses.

# 4. Natural Resources

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

# Nablus Governorate:

**21 January:** The IDF issued an amendment to Military Order No. T/144/05 requisitioning an additional 19 square metres of land from Ázmut and Deir al Hatab villages to install observation equipment around Elon Moreh settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 January 2007 the IDF have continued to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was requisitioned on 10 July 2005 by requisition order T/106/05.
- Since 17 September 2006 land levelling continues for a road barrier installed north of Road 505, east of Za'atara checkpoint.
- Since 15 June 2006 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:

**In early January:** Civilian Israeli contractors began levelling land belonging to Sanniriya village for building new Israeli housing units east of the existing Oranit settlement. The area is located west of the Barrier, east of the Green Line.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Lagif.
- Since 12 November land levelling and construction of a new fence continues by the IDF south of Ázzun Átma.

#### 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 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 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:**

#### 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 in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo continues.
  - 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 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 was installed and the terminal is almost complete.

#### Gaza Strip:

**23 January:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 150 metres into the Gaza Strip east of Deir El Balah and levelled and excavated land.

# 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
21 January	Al Auja village (Jericho)	15 hours
Total Week		15 hours

**21 January**: An Israeli bus was stoned by Palestinians while passing through Al Auja village at 9pm. One Israeli female and one male were slightly injured by stones. Following this incident, the IDF imposed a curfew on the village. No movements were allowed except for humanitarian cases prior coordination with the DCL office in Jericho. The curfew was lifted the following day at noon.

#### b) Access to education

**17 – 23 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.

**18 January:** Schools in the old city of Nablus (Nablus) were disrupted during a military operation in the area.

**21 January**: School pupils, university students and teachers were unable to attend school due to the curfew imposed on Al Auja village (Jericho) over 21 and 22 January. The school pupils were scheduled for their mid-year exams.

#### 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:

**17 January:** The IDF installed a new military gate at the entrance of Qusra village.

**17 and 22 January:** Delays of up to one hour were reported at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints.

**20 and 23 January:** The IDF closed the gate at Jammaín entrance which connects the village with Road 505.

**22 January:** The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for Palestinians leaving Nablus city from the early morning until 7pm and then closed it in both directions until next morning due to a security alert.

**22 January:** The IDF closed Beit Iba Checkpoint for one hour.

**23 January:** Major delays of up to three hours were reported at Al Badhan checkpoint. According to the Israeli DCL in Nablus the delays were caused by a security alert.

**During January:** The IDF installed a new military gate on the eastern side of Road 557 at Beit Furik entrance, further restricting access for Palestinians moving from Beit Furik village to Nablus. The gate is closed between 8pm and 5:30am.

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:

**17 and 22 January:** Delays of up to one hour were reported at Ánabta checkpoint. Ongoing incidents:

Since 10 January the IDF have allowed Palestinians with Israeli IDs to enter Tulkarm.

#### Qalqiliya Governorate:

**22 January:** The IDF opened the earth mound at the main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village.

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, forcing Palestinians to make a detour of 30 minutes to reach the village and disconnecting the three Palestinian villages of Az Zawia, Rafat, and Deir Ballout from Salfit city.
- 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:

**During the reporting period:** Long delays were reported at Qalandiya checkpoint. Only one pedestrian lane was in operation. Delays of at least one hour were experienced during the morning and evening rush hours.

#### Bethlehem Governorate:

**22 January:** A group of Palestinians from An Nu'man (Bethlehem) driving back to their community were denied access by the Israel Border Police manning the checkpoint in front of the village. The soldiers were initially they could reach An Nu'man on foot without taking their vehicles through the checkpoint. However, after contacting the Israeli DCL in Bethlehem, the Palestinians were allowed to proceed with their vehicles.

#### Hebron Governorate:

**18 January:** IDF soldiers, Israeli civilian police and Israeli settlers denied Israeli and international peace activists access to the Old city of Hebron. The activists planned a protest to support the Palestinians facing harassment by the IDF and Israeli settlers living in the H2 area of Hebron city.

#### Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

### Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

**21 January:** The IDF denied three teachers from Tubas (one male and two females) access to schools in Bardala. The teachers were in possession of appropriate teacher ID cards and were only allowed to pass at around 9.45am after the intervention from the IDF liaison officer in Jericho.

Ongoing incidents:

- 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.
- As of 14 September 2006 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.

#### Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open for six days (the crossing is usually closed on Saturdays). On 21 and 22 January the crossing was only partially open as a result of a strike on the Palestinian side. On 23 of January the crossing was closed for containers.
- Rafah Passengers' terminal remained closed except on 22 and 23 January when it opened 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 since 12 March for Palestinian workers. The crossing was open all week for internationals and medical cases.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for six days during the reporting period (the pipelines are usually closed on Saturdays)
- Sufa crossing was open for six days during the reporting period (the crossing is usually closed on Saturdays).
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on 17 and 23 January.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted by IDF vessels to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline. One incident was reported this week where the IDF pursued Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah and arrested three Palestinians.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following the disengagement from the Gaza Strip 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.

# Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Jammaín (2)	2
Jenin	'Arraba (3), Az Zababida (3), Sanur (3), Fahma (1), Kafr Raí (1), 'Anaza (2), Az Zawiya (1), Ti'nnik (1)	15
Tubas	Áqqaba (1)	1
Tulkarm	Balá' (1), 'Attil (1), Kafr Sur (2), Al Jarushiya (1), Deir Al Ghusun (1), Qaffin (1), Íllar (1), An Nzla al Gharbiya (1)	9
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (2), An Nabi Elyas (2), Ras 'Atyia (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Jayyus (2), Ázzun tunnel (3), Al Funduq (1), Jinsafut (3)	31
Salfit	Marda (1), Bruqin (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Deir Istiya (1)	4
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho (Jordan Valley)	-	-
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (7), Al Ram (4)	11
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refugee camp (3), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (2), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (3)	21
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1 (3), Halhul (3), Al Arrub refugee camp (3), Sa'ir (1), Surif (1), Al Fawwar refugee camp (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1)	20
Total West Bank		114

# 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 (1), Balata refugee Camp (2), Tell (1), Beita (1)	9	13
Jenin	Jenin city (3), Jenin RC (3), Fahma (1), Jabá (1), Zububa (1), Misilya (1), Al Yamun (1), Al Áraqa (1)	12	8
Tubas	Tubas (3), Tammun (1)	4	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (2), Tulkarm refugee camp (1), Shuweika (1), Kafriat CP	4	5
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (4), Baqat al Hatab (1), Hajja (2), Kafr Qaddum (2)	16	13
Salfit	Marda (1), Burqin (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	3	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Kafr 'Ein (1), Ramallah (2), Beituniya (1)	4	8
Jericho (Jordan Valley)	-	-	-
Jerusalem	Dahiyet al Bareed, Eizariyya (1), Jaba'	1	12
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem (3), ad Duheisha Camp (1), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (2), Beit Fajjar (2), Doha (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	27	11
Hebron	Hebron City (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (2), Beit Awwa (1), Surif (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Beit Kahil (1)	18	15
Total Week West Bank		98	91
Gaza Strip	west of Rafah	-	3
Total Week oPt		98	94

# Appendix: Checkpoints: 17 – 23 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; 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 17 and 22 January delays of up to one hour 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. 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. On 17 and 22 January delays of up to one hour 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 22 January closed for one hour and 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.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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. On 17 and 22 January delays of up to one hour were reported.
<b>17</b> ' <b>'Asira ash Shamaliya</b> <b>(Closed)</b> 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 Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505. Partial checkpoint on road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. On 22 January the checkpoint was closed for 24 hours. On 23
	January major delays were reported.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am or Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash- Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into Wes Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoin are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
enclave 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.
<b>Tayasir</b> 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 Valle 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.
<b>Hamra</b> 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 Valle 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 Palestinian with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family member are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Ban ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrial 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 passpor 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 vehicle 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.
<b>Makkabim</b> On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passpor 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:	
<b>Hizma</b> Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff 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 no 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 prominen

	businessmen (BMC Card holders). Problems of access for chronic patients and medical staff reported this week.
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).
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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. Problems of access were reported by Americans carrying passports with valid entry visas.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> 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
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436 Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	<ul> <li>passports in addition to their UN ID card.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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 Abu Dis Between 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.
'Amoud	
Lazarus Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors. 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.

# Bethlehem :

<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem.	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
Khallet an Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, 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	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.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
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.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> 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.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 5pm. The back-to-
(back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	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.
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Mosque	accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the 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.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> 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.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> 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 for selective categories for movement.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was closed all week.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
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 for construction material, except on 20 January (weekend)
Karni	Open all the week, except on 20 January (weekend). 21 and 22 January the crossing was only partially open as a result of a strike on the Palestinian side. 23 of January the crossing was closed for containers.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on 17 and 23 January.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Open all the week, except on 20 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.

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.