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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

- Three Israeli civilians were killed and another injured by a Palestinian suicide bomber in the southern Israeli town of Eilat. Three Palestinians were killed, including two children, and 21 injured in the oPt by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).
- Inter-factional fighting escalated significantly in the Gaza Strip. In total, 37 Palestinians were killed and 93 injured as a result of internal violence. A cease-fire agreement was brokered on 29 January but sporadic clashes have continued.

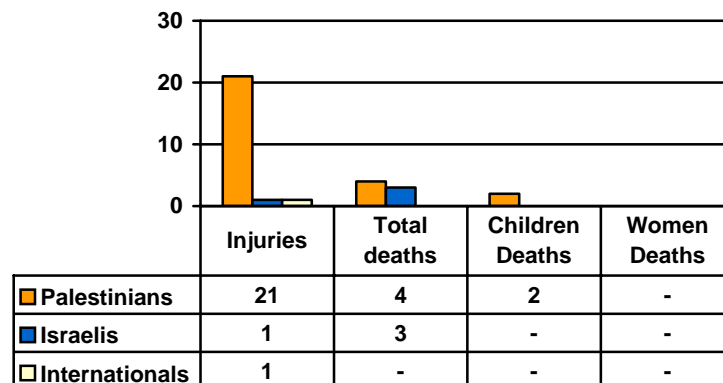
Gaza Strip:

- A 17 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and two others injured when the IDF opened fire from the border fence. IAF aircraft targeted an uninhabited Palestinian home east of Gaza city which the IDF claimed was housing a tunnel into Israel. An IAF aircraft also fired a rocket at a Palestinian rocket-launch site in Beit Lahia.
- Palestinian militants opened fire at an IDF observation post on the border fence and fired eight homemade rockets towards Israel. No injuries were reported.
- During the continuing internal violence unknown gunmen opened fire at the home of PA Foreign Minister Mahmoud Al Zahar. In two separate incidents stray bullets struck the back window of an UNRWA ambulance and vehicle. Palestinians also broke into an UNRWA School in Beit Hanoun.

West Bank:

- Two Palestinians were killed – among them a 17 year-old boy – and 19 others injured in the West Bank.
- Five houses, home to 45 Palestinians, were demolished by the Israeli authorities in a campaign against houses built without permits in East Jerusalem. In all cases, the IDF, Border Police and regular Police protected the bulldozers as they demolished the homes.
- 125 'flying' or random checkpoints set up by the IDF were observed; 126 search and arrest operations were conducted by the IDF resulting in 159 arrests predominately in Hebron, Ramallah and Nablus governorates.
- A group of Israeli settlers accompanied by the IDF broke into a cemetery in Nablus claiming that it contains Jewish shrines.
- Unknown gunmen fired at the Canadian, German and the Chinese representative offices in Ramallah city (Ramallah). No injuries were reported, however moderate damage to the premises and two vehicles belonging to the Canadian office was reported.

1. Physical Protection¹



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

Gaza Strip:

- **24 January:** A 17 year-old Palestinian was killed and two others arrested when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence northeast of Deir El Balah fired at three Palestinians as they attempted to approach the security fence. The IDF stated that the Palestinians were fired on after they had ignored warning shots. Local sources report that the men were labourers who were trying to reach Israel in search of work.
- **28 January:** Two Palestinians were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence north of Beit Hanoun opened fire at a group of Palestinians.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **24 January:** An IAF aircraft fired a rocket at an alleged rocket-launch site in Beit Lahia. No injuries were reported.
- **25 January:** Militants opened fire at an IDF observation post near the border fence east of Khan Younis. The IDF responded with HMG fire for ten minutes. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. No injuries were reported.
- **25 January:** Egyptian security forces detonated two tunnels discovered under the Philadelphi corridor. One tunnel was located under the borderline opposite the Al Shouka area while the other was located in the Salam area in Rafah.
- **25 January:** PA National Security Forces discovered and detonated an improvised Explosive Device (IED) found in an open area near the border fence east of Al Maghazi Camp.
- **30 January:** An IAF aircraft destroyed an uninhabited house east of Sheijaya neighbourhood in Gaza city. According to Israeli media, the IAF targeted a tunnel in northern Gaza.

West Bank:

- **24 January:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by live ammunition near Burqa village (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire at him while he was grazing his sheep near the village.
- **25 January:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy was killed, and his 25 year-old brother from Tulkarm camp were injured by live ammunition in Shweike (Tulkarm) when the IDF opened fire at them during a search and arrest campaign. The injured Palestinian was also arrested.
- **25 January:** A Palestinian man suffered injuries to his arm by live ammunition during clashes between Palestinians and the IDF in Qalandiya refugee camp (Ramallah) after an IDF patrol was stoned by a group of Palestinians.
- **25 January:** A nine year-old Palestinian boy from Husan village (Bethlehem) was injured when a group of Israeli soldiers physically assaulted him in an area close to his village (between the villages of Nahalin and Husan). A 30 year-old man from the same village was also injured when he was assaulted by a group of soldiers when he stopped to assist the boy.
- **26 January:** Seven Palestinians and one international activist were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in a demonstration held in Bil'in (Ramallah) protesting the construction of the Barrier. The protest was also directed against the closure of the Bil'in village's only gate in the Barrier which will prevent access to agricultural land on the western side of the Barrier (in the closed areas).
- **26 January:** A Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured by IDF soldiers manning Qalandiya checkpoint (Ramallah) following a verbal confrontation between the Palestinian and an IDF soldier.
- **26 January:** A 13 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Áqqaba (Tubas) when an IDF jeep hit him during a confrontation with Palestinian stone throwers.
- **27 January:** A Palestinian man was injured by a live bullet during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Kharbatha al Misbh village (Ramallah).
- **27 January:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man was killed in Rummana village (Jenin) by an IDF undercover unit when the IDF entered his house and shot him dead. He was suspected of being an Islamic Jihad member.
- **30 January:** Four Palestinians, aged 11, 20, 25 and 50 years, were injured by live ammunition near Jenin city when the IDF opened fire at a Palestinian vehicle driving on Haifa road.

Israel:

- **29 January:** Three Israeli civilians were killed and another injured by a Palestinian suicide bomber in the southern Israeli town of Eilat.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **24 January:** An IDF armoured personal carrier (APC) damaged three Palestinian vehicles waiting in the queue at Al Badhan checkpoint (Nablus) while it was patrolling the area.
- **24 January:** A group of Israeli settlers accompanied by the IDF broke into Áwarta cemetery (Nablus) claiming that the cemetery contains Jewish shrines. The settlers caused damage to several gravestones, vehicles parked close to the cemetery and also attacked a Palestinian home damaging the windows.

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:

- **24 January:** Four Palestinians – two Fatah members and two bystanders – were injured during armed clashes between Fatah members and members of the Hamas affiliated Executive Support Force (ESF) in Beit Hanoun.
- **24 January:** A 43 year-old Palestinian man died while in the custody of the ESF in Rafah. He was accused of being a drug dealer.
- **24 January:** Three PA Security Force members were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at a PA National Security base located east of the Al Sheijaya, east of Gaza city.
- **27 January:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was dead on arrival at Beit Hanoun Hospital. The reason for the death is unknown.
- **27 January:** An 11 year-old Palestinian boy was killed when unknown gunmen attacked the home of a Fatah activist near the El Nada housing project, east of Bedouin Village in Beit Lahia.
- **25 January:** Two ESF members, aged 28 and 30 years, were killed, and 12 others injured when unknown men detonated a roadside bomb under an ESF jeep in Jabalia camp.
- **26 January:** A 26 year-old Fatah member was killed when the ESF stormed his house in Jabalia camp and kidnapped his colleague. Local reports indicate that the ESF suspected their involvement in the killing of their two colleagues the previous day.
- **26 January:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was killed and another injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at a vehicle east of Jabalia. The vehicle was broadcasting a call for people to attend a Hamas demonstration after Friday prayers.
- **26 January:** Two Fatah activists, aged 17 and 26 years, were killed when Hamas members surrounded a home east of Jabalia. Heavy armed clashes erupted over several hours.
- **26 January:** A PA Security Force Colonel was injured when Hamas members opened fire at a PA Security Force jeep travelling on Salah Ed-Din Road, east of Jabalia.
- **26 January:** Three ESF members, all aged 17 years, were killed during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas members in Jabalia camp.
- **26 January:** Five Palestinian worshippers, aged 17, 20, 22 (2) and 45 years, were killed and 17 injured when Fatah members broke into the Al Heda'ya mosque south of the Gaza city area of Tel Al Hawwa and opened fire on worshippers before abducting ten people. PA Preventive Security closed the streets in the area around the PA Security Headquarters. Heavy Fatah-Hamas clashes occurred for several hours with RPGs and heavy machinegun fire. The international media reported that Fatah denied that it had stormed the mosque but stated that Hamas gunmen had used the mosque as a base for attacking the Security Headquarters.
- **26 January:** A 40 year-old Fatah member was abducted and then killed by Hamas members. He had been kidnapped in Jabalia camp and killed in Palestine Square in Gaza City.
- **26 January:** A five year-old Palestinian child was killed during armed clashes between the Al-Aqsa Brigades and the ESF in Khan Younis.
- **27 January:** A Fatah activist was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in the Street in Jabalia camp.
- **27 January:** Eight Palestinians were injured (six PA Security Force members and two Hamas members) during armed clashes between PA Security Forces and ESF members in Jabalia camp.

- **27 January:** Two Hamas members, aged 21 and 24 years, were killed in an explosion near the PA Intelligence building south of El Karama Towers west of Jabalia. Local reports indicate that the Palestinians were killed when a bomb they were planting detonated prematurely.
- **27 January:** Two Palestinian bystanders, including a 17 year-old boy were killed when Presidential Guards responded with machinegun fire towards unknown gunmen who were travelling in a vehicle and opened fire at the Presidential Guards situated outside PA President Abbas' home in Gaza City.
- **27 January:** Two PA National Security officers were injured when Hamas members stopped their vehicle travelling on Nafaq Street in Gaza city. Hamas members abducted the two occupants and set fire to their vehicle. The National Security officers were later found shot in the legs.
- **27 January:** One Palestinian was injured during ongoing clashes with the ESF and PA Preventive Security in Gaza city.
- **27 January:** Two Palestinians were injured during armed clashes between the ESF and Fatah members in Khan Younis.
- **27 January:** Two Palestinians were injured during armed clashes when Fatah members attacked the ESF on Salah Ed-Din road west of Khan Younis.
- **28 January:** Two Palestinians were injured during armed clashes between Fatah and the ESF in Beit Hanoun.
- **28 January:** Six Palestinians were injured after Hamas members abducted two PA Security Force Colonels in Jala'a Street and Zaitoun area of Gaza city.
- **28 January:** A Palestinian man was injured during an internal armed dispute between two families in Al Maghazi camp.
- **28 January:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was killed and four others injured during armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah members in Ma'en Village east of Khan Younis.
- **28 January:** Two Palestinians, aged 30 and 40 years, were killed, and eight others injured during armed clashes between the ESF and Fatah members in Khan Younis and in the eastern villages.
- **28 and 29 January:** Six Palestinians were injured during armed clashes east of Jabalia between Hamas ESF and Fatah members.
- **29 January:** Two ESF members, aged 25 and 30 years, were killed, and two others injured during armed clashes between the ESF and PA National Security Forces around the PLC building in Gaza city.
- **29 January:** Six Palestinians were injured during continued armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas at the Beit Lahia project.
- **29 January:** Two Palestinians were killed (a 57 year-old PA Police officer and a 21 year-old bystander) and two others injured when the ESF and PA security personnel exchanged gunfire around the PA Security Complex in Gaza city.
- **29 January:** A Fatah member was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in Khan Younis.
- **29 January:** A 28 year-old bystander was killed during armed clashes between gunmen from a local family and PA Preventive Security members in Khan Younis.
- **29 January:** A PA Security Force member suffered shrapnel wounds when the ESF fired an anti-tank rocket at the PA National Security base in the Rimal quarter in Gaza city.
- **29 January:** A PA intelligence officer was injured when the ESF opened fire while he was driving his car in Khan Younis. Later, dozens of ESF members took over the PA Force 17 base located south of Khan Younis after exchanging fire with the PA Security Forces. Members of the ESF demolished the base using explosives and kidnapped the six members of the PA security forces who were later released. Following the incident, sporadic armed clashes continued although no further casualties were reported.
- **30 January:** A 41 year-old Fatah member died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Khan Younis.
- **30 January:** A 26 year-old Hamas member was killed opposite the Force 17 base by a relative of a Fatah member who had been killed earlier the same day.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **24 January:** Members of PFLP erected a tent at the main entrance of Al Maghazi camp to protest the continuing internal violence.
- **26 January:** Unknown gunmen opened fire at the home of PA Foreign minister. No injuries were reported.
- **26 January:** PA National Security Forces fired a RPG and opened fire on the main entrance of Shifa Hospital (guarded by the ESF). No injuries were reported

- **27 January:** Hamas members abducted four Fatah members in Khan Younis and confiscated their weapons.
- **28 January:** An explosive device detonated and damaged the home of Mohammed Dahlan's bodyguards in the Al Sabra area of Gaza city. Following the incident, unknown gunmen fired a RPG targeting the home of Preventive Security Officer in the same area. No injuries were reported.
- **28 January:** People in Khan Younis demonstrated against the deteriorating security situation. The demonstration ended peacefully.
- **28 January:** A stray bullet from an armed Fatah-Hamas clash struck the back window of an UNRWA ambulance while travelling on Talatini Street in Gaza city. There were no injuries.
- **28 January:** PFLP members and other Islamic parties erected a tent opposite Jabalia police station to protest against the factional violence.
- **28 January:** Hamas members abducted two PA Security Force Colonels in Jala'a Street and Zaitoun area in Gaza City. On 29 January the abducted persons were released unharmed.
- **29 January:** A stray bullet from an armed Fatah-Hamas clash struck the rear window of an UNRWA Fiat Punto while it was parked inside the UNRWA Field Office. Nobody was in the car and no casualties were reported.
- **29 January:** Hamas members abducted a Fatah member in Jabalia camp. Both factions were placed on high alert following the abduction.
- **29 January:** 50 children demonstrated in the Unknown Soldier Park to protest against the deteriorating security situation. The demonstration ended peacefully.

West Bank:

- **26 January:** Unknown gunmen beat a Palestinian policeman who was guarding the Chinese representative office in At Tira neighbourhood (Ramallah). His gun and VHF radio were stolen.
- **28 January:** A Palestinian man from Kharbatha al Misbah (Ramallah) was kidnapped and murdered by Al Aqsa Martyr Brigades who accused of being an Israeli collaborator and a drug dealer. His body was found with a 'letter of conviction' in his pocket near a dump site in Ramallah.
- **28 January:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Nablus city (Nablus) by masked men.
- **29 January:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Nablus city (Nablus) by masked men.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **25 January:** Unknown gunmen opened fire at the Canadian, German and the Chinese representative offices in Ramallah city (Ramallah). No injuries were reported, however moderate damage to the premises and two vehicles belonging to the Canadian office were reported.
- **26 January:** Nine Palestinian boys were kidnapped by masked men in Nablus city (Nablus). They were released after a few hours.
- **28 January:** Three Palestinian men were kidnapped by masked men in Nablus city (Nablus) and released the next day.
- **28 January:** Unknown gunmen opened fire at a 36 year-old Palestinian man who works for 'The Muslim Youth Association' in Hebron City (Hebron). He was en route to his house when four bullets hit his car. He was not injured.
- **28 January:** The furniture of 'Al Islah Charitable Society' headquarters in Bethlehem city (Bethlehem) was burnt and destroyed by unknown perpetrators.
- **29 January:** One Palestinian man was kidnapped by masked men in Nablus city (Nablus).

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
30 January	A Tur, Jerusalem	1	-	7
30 January	Eizariyya, Jerusalem	1 (2 apartments)	-	24
30 January	Eizariyya, Jerusalem	1	-	7
30 January	Bet Hanina	1	-	7

30 January	Bet Hanina	1	-	N/A
Total		5	-	45

- **30 January:** The home of a Palestinian family of seven in A Tur neighbourhood (Jerusalem) was demolished by Israeli Auhotorities for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **30 January:** The home of three Bedouin families was demolished in Eizariyya (Jerusalem) for reportedly being built without a permit. The structure consisting of two apartments was home to 24 people, eight of whom were children.
- **30 January:** The home of Palestinian family of seven in Eizariyya (Jerusalem) was demolished by Israeli Auhotorities for reportedly being built without a permit. The family includes five children, one of whom is disabled.
- **30 January:** In Hay el-Ashqariyeh area of Beit Hanina (Jerusalem) a 140 sq. m home to seven Palestinians, including five children, was demolished was demolished by Israeli Auhotorities for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **30 January:** In Wa'ir abu salah, Bet Hanina (Jerusalem), a Palestinian house was demolished by Israeli Auhotorities for reportedly being built without a permit. The structure was almost complete, but the owner had not moved in yet.

In all the above cases, the IDF, Border Police and regular Police protected the bulldozers as they demolished the homes.

Other incidents:

- **25 January:** The Israeli High Court of Justice extended the eviction period of Al Hadidiya (northern Jordan Valley) community until end of April 07. An eviction order was previously issued to evict the community (about 80 people) by mid of February, as they were recognised by the court to be a threat for the settlers' security in the area.
- **30 January:** Extensive damage was reported to eight brothers' apartments in Hebron City (Hebron) as IDF soldiers searched the apartments and held 72 residents for two hours.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

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 has continued 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 Khafets 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.

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

- Since 12 November land levelling and the construction of a new fence continues by the IDF south of Azzun 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 are taken through the Palestinian neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction although 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.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 continues.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
 - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem).

- Land levelling 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 one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint continues.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

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

a) Curfew

No incidents to report.

b) Access to education

24 – 25 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.

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:

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

27 and 29 January: Delays of up to several hours were reported at Huwwara and Beit lba checkpoints.

28 January: The IDF established a new checkpoint one Road 55 near Qusin Village. The checkpoint is open only for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits from 7am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 7am to 12pm on Fridays. The checkpoint is located on the road leading to Road 60/55 leading to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus.

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:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik, 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 Mas-ha 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:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 9 January, Bisan checkpoint, north of Tubas, is open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a 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.
- Since 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'ayem 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).
- Rafah Passengers' terminal remained closed throughout the 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 has been 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 closed all week.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted by IDF vessels to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral 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 (1), Taluza (1), Deir Sharaf (1), Saris (1)	4
Jenin	'Arraba (4), Az Zababida (5), Sanur (4), Ya'bad (1), Jabá (1), 'Anaza (2), Az Zawiya (1), Al Kufeir (1), Rummana (1)	20
Tubas	Áqqaba (2), Tammun (1)	3
Tulkarm	Balá' (1), Kafr Sur (2), Deir Al Ghusun (1), Qaffin (2), Íllar (3), Baqa ash Sharqiya (2)	11
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (1), An Nabi Elyas (2), Ras 'Atyia (2), Kafr Thulth (1), Jayyus (1), Ázzun tunnel (3), Izbat at Tabib (2), Jinsafut (1), Qarne Shomron Rd 55 (3)	30
Salfit	Marda (2), Bruqin (3), Kafr ad Dik (1), Deir Istiya (2), Kifl Haris (1)	9
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho (Jordan Valley)	-	-
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (7), Al Ram (3)	10
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refugee camp (2), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (2), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	19
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1 (4), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (3), Sa'ir (1), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya(1)	19
Total West Bank		125

6. [Additional Protection Issues](#)

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (6), Camp No. 1 (3), Balata refugee Camp (1), Burqa (1), Jammaín (1), Huwwara (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Kafr Qalil (3), Burin (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP	18	40
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (4), Qabatiya (2), Ya'bad (1),	16	8

	Qaffin (1), Ash Shuhada (1), Arraba (1), Az Zawiyah (1), Al Araqa (1)		
Tubas	Áqqaba flying CP	-	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (5), Tulkarm refugee camp (2), Irtah (1), Íllar (1), Thinnaba (1), Kafriat CP	10	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (4), Baqat al Hatab (1), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (2), Jit village (1), Immatin (1)	18	14
Salfit	Marda (2), Deir Istiya (2), Biddiyya (1), Kifl Haris (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	7	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (5), Atara checkpoint, Silwad (1), Kharbatha al Misbah (1)	7	36
Jericho / Jordan Valley	Al Malih (1), Jericho (1), An Nwemeh (1)	3	3
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (1)	1	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (3), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (2), Beit Fajjar (2), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	26	20
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Beit Kahil (1)	20	31
Total Week West Bank		126	159
Gaza Strip	Deir al Balah	-	2
Total Week oPt		126	161

Appendix: Checkpoints: 24 – 30 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.
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.
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 27 and 29 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 27 and 29 January delays of up to one hour 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.
Aqraba 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 the 24 January the checkpoint was closed for several hours.
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	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the cp is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Opened for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley. Officially open between 5am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	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.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin Officially open between 3am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/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 El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	

Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff has not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. Delays were reported during morning rush hour. Problems of access were reported by Americans carrying passports with valid entry visas.
Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis 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'ayem 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.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) 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 border 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.
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 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.
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. Since 12 September 2006 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.

Commercial checkpoints:

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.
Qusin Checkpoint (NEW)	Open from 7am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday, and from 7am to 12pm on Fridays, for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to Road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus
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 27 January (weekend)
Karni	Open all the week, except on 27 January (weekend).
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed all week.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Open all the week, except on 27 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.