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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 31 January – 6 February 2007

### Of note this week

#### Gaza Strip:

A number of incidents occurred between Israeli forces and Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, but the ceasefire held.

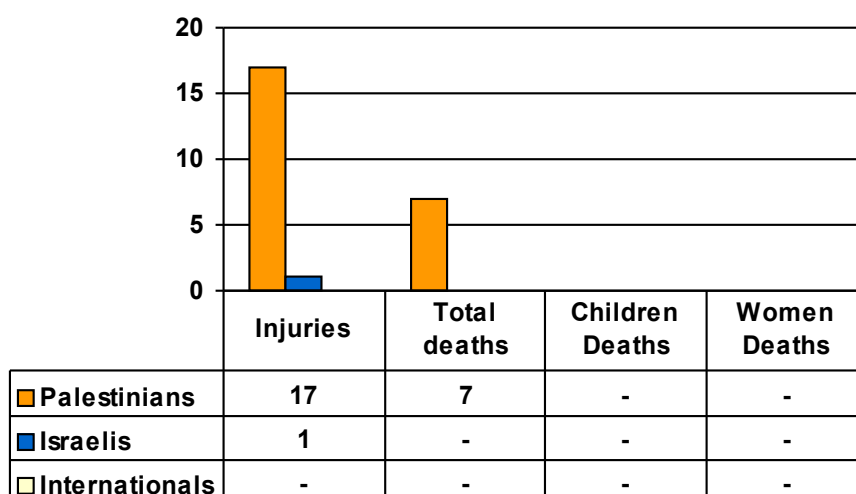
#### Internal violence:

- Inter-factional fighting continued in the Gaza Strip. According to MoH sources, 34 Palestinians died, including two women and four children, and 251 were injured.<sup>1</sup>
- Five Palestinians, including a woman bystander, were killed and 24 others injured when Hamas ESF ambushed trucks carrying containers that belonged to the Presidential Guard.
- The Presidential Guard broke into the Islamic University and clashed with the Hamas ESF. Significant damages to the university's buildings including the main library were reported.
- Schooling in the Gaza Strip was severely disturbed, more significantly in Gaza City and northern Gaza.
- Checkpoints and presence of snipers severely affected civilian life in the Gaza Strip.

#### West Bank:

- Six Palestinians were killed and 16 injured in the West Bank. One IDF soldier was injured.
- 131 'flying' or random checkpoints set up by the IDF were observed; 135 search and arrest operations were conducted by the IDF resulting in 145 arrests predominately in Hebron, Jenin and Nablus governorates.
- **6 February:** Israeli authorities moved bulldozers towards the al-Aqsa mosque to carry out construction work to restore a walkway leading to the Temple Mount compound.

### 1. Physical Protection<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> According to UNRWA, 32 Palestinians died and 173 were injured.

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

**Gaza Strip:**

- **1 February:** 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, north of Beit Lahia.
- **3 February:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy died of wounds sustained on 21 November 2006 during an IDF incursion into Beit Hanoun.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **31 January:** IDF troops stationed at the border fence northeast of Bureij camp fired at , and subsequently arrested, three Palestinians who reportedly tried to approach the border fence. Local reports indicate that the three arrested were not militants and were believed to be about 15 years of age.
- **31 January:** A roadside bomb was detonated while an IDF vehicle was patrolling the border fence east of Khuz'a in Khan Younis. The IDF responded with heavy machinegun fire for five minutes. No injuries were reported.
- **31 January:** IDF soldiers stationed at an observation post north of the former Erez Industrial Zone opened fire at Palestinian gunmen who were approaching the security fence. No injuries were reported.
- **5 February:** Three IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from the border fence and entered 300 meters north of Bedouin Village northeast of Beit Lahia. The IDF later withdrew to the border fence.

**West Bank:**

- **31 January:** An eight year old Palestinian girl was injured by a stone in Seida (Tulkarm) when an IDF soldier threw a stone back at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **31 January:** A 26 year-old Palestinian woman was injured and her husband arrested during a search and arrest campaign in Nablus city (Nablus). During the operation a 14 year-old Palestinian boy from camp No.1 was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet.
- **1 February:** Two Palestinian men, both aged 21 years, were killed in Nablus city (Nablus) in an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian militants during a search and arrest campaign in the city.
- **1 February:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead, and two Palestinians, aged 16 and 21 years, were injured by live ammunition in Tulkarm camp (Tulkarm) by an IDF undercover unit. The 21 year-old was later arrested.
- **2 February:** A 15-year old Palestinian boy from Beit Furik (Nablus) was injured by live ammunition when settlers opened fire at him while he was grazing his sheep near the Itamar settlement.
- **2 February:** The IDF shot and killed a Palestinian man near Qalandiya check point (Jerusalem), allegedly for trying to jump over the barrier.
- **2 February:** A 35-year old Palestinian man from Siris (Jenin) was injured by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at him at a flying checkpoint on Sanur road.
- **2 February:** IDF Special Forces raided a building in the industrial area of Beituniya (Ramallah), leading a resident in the building to call the Palestinian police. Clashes erupted and the IDF Special Forces killed two Palestinian security officers. One IDF soldier was lightly injured in the operation.
- **2 February:** Five Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated in the weekly demonstration held in Bil'in (Ramallah) protesting at the construction of the Barrier in the village and the closure of the only gate in the barrier preventing access to their agricultural land on the western side of the Barrier.
- **3 February:** A 24-year old Palestinian man from Tammun (Tubas) was injured by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at him at a flying checkpoint while he was crossing a valley.
- **4 February:** The IDF conducted a search and arrest campaign operation in Qalandiya refugee camp (Ramallah). During the operation the troops fired at a Palestinian injuring him in the leg before arresting him. .
- **4 February:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man from Tarqumiya (Hebron) was run over by a Border Police jeep, near Ar Ramadin area (Hebron), when he was attempting to reach Israel for work. He suffered a broken leg.

- **6 February:** A Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Nablus city (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers. The man was later arrested.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **6 February:** The Israeli authorities moved bulldozers towards the al-Aqsa mosque and began to demolish a wooden fence and nearby house. The Israeli authorities say the work is needed to restore a walkway leading to the Temple Mount compound. Large numbers of Israeli police gathered in and around the Old City to guard the area of the mosque, banning Palestinians access. Earlier that morning, Sheikh Taysir Tamimi, the Mufti of Jerusalem, sent an appeal to all Palestinians to head immediately to Al-Aqsa mosque yards to protect it. In the afternoon Palestinians demonstrated near the Old city on Salah ad Din street against the demolition and construction work close to Al-Aqsa mosque. The demonstrators clashed with the Israeli Police and 11 Palestinians were arrested.
- **6 February:** Hamas organised several demonstrations in Jabalia Camp, Nuseirat Camp, Deir El Balah and Gaza City in protest to Israel's construction of a bridge to be built at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. The demonstration ended peacefully. 2,500 members of the Islamic parties and National Forces demonstrated to protest Israel's construction of a bridge to be built at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. The demonstration started from the Al-Awda Mosque and demonstrators marched throughout Rafah Camp. The demonstration ended peacefully. 3,000 Palestinians demonstrated in Khan Younis to protest. The demonstration ended peacefully.

**Israel:**

- **4 February:** A 30-year old Palestinian worker from Einabus (Nablus) was stabbed to death in Tel Aviv. *Not included in the death count.*

## **2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents<sup>3</sup>**

**Gaza Strip:**

- **31 January:** A PA Force 17 officer was injured when unidentified gunmen opened fire in Gaza City. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack.
- **31 January:** A Hamas member was injured when Fatah gunmen opened fire in the Beit Lahia.
- **1 February:** A Fatah activist was abducted by unknown gunmen in Jabalia camp. He was beaten, later released and transferred to hospital.
- **1 February:** A PA Intelligence Security officer was injured when four masked gunmen attacked him in Bureij Camp. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack.
- **1 February:** A Hamas member was injured when unidentified gunmen opened fire at a group of Hamas ESF members in Bureij camp.
- **1 February:** Two Palestinian men were injured when armed clashes erupted between Hamas ESF and Fatah in Beit Hanoun.
- **1 February:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was killed, and 19 others injured, during armed clashes between Hamas ESF and PA Intelligence Security Forces in Sheikh Zayed City.
- **1 February:** A Fatah activist was taken to hospital after Hamas ESF members attacked him in Jabalia Camp.
- **1 February:** Two Palestinian men, aged 17 and 22 years, were killed and three others injured during armed clashes between Hamas ESF and PA Security Forces (including the Presidential Guard) in Gaza City.
- **1 February:** Five Palestinians, including a woman bystander, aged 22, 24, 27, 38 and 39 years were killed, and 24 others were injured when Hamas ESF ambushed several trucks

<sup>3</sup> 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.

carrying containers that belonged to the Presidential Guard travelling on Salah Ed-Din road in front of Bureij Camp.

- **1 February:** Three Fatah members were abducted by Hamas members in Khan Younis. They were beaten before being released.
- **1 February:** An explosive device was thrown at a vehicle carrying Fatah members on Salah Ed-Din road in Rafah, injuring one person
- **1 and 2 February:** 22 Palestinians were injured when the Presidential Guard broke into the Islamic University. Armed clashes erupted between the Presidential Guard and Hamas ESF who were stationed there.
- **2 February:** 12 Palestinians, aged 7, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 (2), 23, 25, 33, 37 and 48 years, were killed, and 65 others injured in Fatah-Hamas clashes throughout Gaza City.
- **2 February:** Three Palestinians, aged 24, 32 and 55 years, were killed (two Hamas members and one PA Intelligence Force Commander) during heavy armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah in and around the PA Intelligence Security base in Jabalia camp
- **2 February:** A 23 year-old Palestinian woman was killed near her home during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Beit Lahia.
- **2 February:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was killed, and eight others were injured, when Fatah members broke into a mosque in the Abbassan area in Khan Younis. Fatah members reportedly opened fire on worshippers and abducted six people.
- **2 and 3 February:** Six Palestinians were injured when Hamas ESF members surrounded the home of an Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades leader in Jabalia Camp and closed the roads leading to his home. Armed clashes continued between Fatah and Hamas throughout the evening and into the early hours of the morning.
- **3 February:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man was killed when Hamas members stormed the main PA Preventive Security base near Sheikh Zayed City in Beit Lahia and destroyed it with explosives.
- **3 February:** A 25 year-old Palestinian was killed when ESF opened fire at PA national security forces in Gaza City.
- **3 February:** Ten Palestinians were injured during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Gaza City.
- **4 February:** Two Fatah members, aged 19 and 20 years, died of wounds sustained during Fatah-Hamas armed clashes on 2 February in Gaza City.
- **4 February:** Two guards were injured when PA Intelligence Security Forces opened fire on a convoy of an Interior Ministry official in Gaza City.
- **5 February:** A 20 year-old PA intelligence Security member died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Jabalia camp.
- **5 February:** A 20 year-old Hamas member, died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Jabalia Camp
- **6 February:** A female bystander was injured when gunmen opened fire in Rafah crossing terminal, apparently in an effort to force the terminal to reopen.
- **6 February:** At 8:30 am Rafah Terminal was open for Palestinians in both directions - several thousand were waiting to cross. At 11:30 am PA Prime Minister Haniyeh crossed after his guards had fired heavily into the air. The terminal was then closed. Gunmen opened fire, apparently in an effort to force the terminal to reopen. A female bystander, 57, was shot and wounded. The terminal remained closed.
- **6 February:** A 30 year-old Hamas ESF member was killed and three others were injured, when Mohammed Dahlan's bodyguards opened fire at four Hamas ESF members while they were travelling in their vehicle west of Al Sarraya in Gaza City.
- **6 February:** A Palestinian male bystander was injured when armed clashes erupted between Hamas ESF and Fatah militants at Khuza'a area in Khan Younis.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **31 January:** Unknown gunmen burned a vehicle owned by a Hamas member in the Al Mahattah area in Khan Younis.
- **1 February:** 5000 members from the High Follow-Up Committee of Islamic and National Powers demonstrated to protest against the deteriorating security situation. The demonstration ended peacefully.
- **1 February:** Unknown gunmen detonated a roadside bomb planted under a local bus owned by a Fatah activist in the Tal Sultan area in Rafah. The bus was destroyed.

- **2 February:** 300 people demonstrated in protest against the factional violence. The demonstrators marched throughout Rafah Camp. At 5pm the demonstration ended peacefully.
- **2 February:** A group of Hamas members attacked Al-Quds Open University in Gaza City firing RPGs and machine guns. The University was damaged and set ablaze.
- **3 February:** Unknown gunmen abducted Mohammed Dahlan's nephew in Khan Younis. Fatah accused Hamas members of being behind the incident.
- **3 February:** Unknown masked men broke into Al-Quds Open University in the Al Junaina area of Rafah and set ablaze four rooms used by the Student Union Council. No injuries were reported.
- **3 February:** Hamas ESF members informed four Palestinians to evacuate their homes – Hamas members apparently informed the Palestinians that they had illegally built on government land located near the Hamas ESF camp by the main road in Beit Lahia. Hamas ESF members were apparently going to bulldoze the homes, however mediators intervened and the operation was stopped.
- **4 February:** Dozens of youths reportedly broke into the PA Force 17 base in the Al Twwam area west of Jabalia .
- **6 February:** Hamas ESF broke into the PA Force 17 base near the main entrance of Beit Hanoun. Hamas ESF detained four PA Force 17 officers and released them after one hour. No injuries were reported.
- **6 February:** 2000 PA employees demonstrated in protest against the factional violence. The demonstration ended peacefully.
- **6 February:** A Fatah military commander who was abducted by gunmen in Rimal area in Gaza City was released.
- **6 February:** Mohammed Dahlan's nephew, who was abducted by Hamas ESF on 3 February, was released. Local reports state that he was beaten and tortured.

#### West Bank:

- **1 February:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by masked men in Kafr Dan (Jenin).
- **2 February:** A 20-year old man from the Dura (Hebron) was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at him when he was leaving a mosque after prayers.
- **4 February:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by masked men in Deir Istiya (Salfit).
- **5 February:** Unknown gunmen opened fire and injured a Palestinian near Jalazun refugee camp (Ramallah).
- **6 February:** Unknown gunmen shot and injured a Hamas supporter in Ramallah (Ramallah) and kidnapped another.

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

- **2 February:** Two Palestinians men were kidnapped by masked men in Jenin city (Jenin) and released after a few hours
- **2 February:** Masked men opened fire at the house of Mayor of Qalqiliya (Qalqiliya). No injuries were reported.
- **3 February:** A Palestinian man, the Dean of the Sharia faculty in An Najah University, was kidnapped by masked men in Nablus city (Nablus) and released the next day.
- **3 February:** A Palestinian man was kidnapped by masked men in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **3 February:** Masked men opened fire at the houses of two Palestinians during an attempt to kidnap them (Nablus).
- **4 February:** A bookshop and a general store in Bethlehem (Bethlehem) were set on fire by a group of unknown men. Both stores belong to a member of the Bethlehem Municipality who is a known Hamas member.

### 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
31 January	Nablus old city	1	-	3
1 February	Nablus old city	1	-	-

<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>
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- **31 January:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian house in the old city of Nablus (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign. A Palestinian family of three lost their accommodation.
- **1 February:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian house in the old city of Nablus (Nablus) during a military operation in which two Palestinians were killed. The house was empty.

Other incidents:

- **31 January:** The IDF issued four demolition orders against houses in Wad Rahal (Bethlehem) which are in close proximity to the route of the Barrier.
- **1 February:** The IDF issued six house demolition orders and five orders to stop construction in Jabal Al Diek area, Beit Sahur (Bethlehem).
- **6 February:** The IDF handed over two demolition orders concerning two animal pens in Jinsafut (Qalqiliya) due to lack of building permits.

## 4. [Natural Resources](#)

### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>4</sup>

#### **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 Khefets and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence.

#### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**31 January:** The IDF issued an amendment to requisition order T/15/06 for construction of the Barrier. The land belongs to Palestinians from Āzzun and Kafr Laqif.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

#### **Salfit Governorate:**

**31 January:** The IDF handed over requisition order T/01/07, confiscating 404.6 dunums of land for the construction of the Barrier near the settlements of Peduél and Ale Zahav. The land belongs to Palestinians from Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik villages. The order was issued on 7 January.

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:

<sup>4</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

- 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 2006 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 week, further construction of the Barrier in Dahiyat Al Bareed meant that the opening was only occasionally open. Pedestrians can still use 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'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:**

**4 February:** Confrontations took place between Palestinians from Al Khader village (Bethlehem) and Israeli settlers from El'azar as Palestinians tried to plant trees on their land near the settlement in cooperation with international volunteers and the YMCA.

##### **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.

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#### Hebron Governorate:

**31 January:** A group of settlers from Shima attempted to plant trees in land belonging to Palestinians from As Samu'. Confrontation took place between the land owners and the settlers. IDF interfered and declared the area a "Closed Military Area."

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.

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#### Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

### 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

#### a) Curfew

No incidents to report.

#### b) Access to education

**31 January – 6 February:** 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.

**1 – 5 February:** Schooling in the Gaza Strip was severely disrupted, most significantly in Gaza City and northern Gaza Strip. More than 90,000 UNRWA registered students were unable to reach their schools in Gaza city and Northern Gaza. During the same period, Gaza Universities were also closed.

#### 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

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#### Nablus Governorate:

**3 February:** The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for several hours due to a security alert.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.

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#### Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) 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:**

**1 February:** The IDF installed a metal gate near Shufa village on a dirt road connected to Road 57.

Ongoing incidents:

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

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**31 January:** The IDF installed an observation tower near the north entrance of Ázzun 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 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:**

During the reporting period, the IDF have placed a flying checkpoint at the Somara junction, south of Adh Dhahiriya on four separate days. Long delays were reported, and passengers were required to wait in the rain while documents were checked. There were reports of the soldiers using insulting language.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

**4 February:** Israeli Police deployed several mobile checkpoints around the old city of Jerusalem and denied access to all Palestinians aged less than 45.

**6 February:** Israeli Police deployed several mobile checkpoints around the old city of Jerusalem and denied access to all Palestinians aged less than 45, fearing protests in reaction to the planned demolition and construction near the Al-Aqsa mosque.

**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 BMC cards (traders permits) 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:

- Movement was severely restricted in Gaza City as different Palestinians militias erected several road blocks/ checks and checkpoints in the streets to stop and search vehicles.
- Karni crossing was open for five days (the crossing is usually closed on Saturdays).
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for one day.
- 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. Closed for maintenance for two hours on 31 January.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for five days during the reporting period.
- Sufa crossing was open for five days during the reporting period.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open for three days.
- 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	Talluza (1), An Nassariya (1), Madama (1)	3
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Az Zababida (3), Sanur (2), south entrance Jenin (1), Anza (1)	9
Tubas	Tammun (1), Tubas (1), Aqqaba (1)	3
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (3), Ramin (1), Deir Al Ghusun (2), Qaffin (1), Illar (4), Baqa ash Sharqiya (3), Attil (1)	15
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), An Nabi Elyas (2), Ras 'Atyia (4), Kafr Thulth (3), Jayyus (1), Ázzun tunnel (3), Izbat at Tabib (3), Jinsafut (1), Qarne Shomron Rd 55 (1)	39
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Bruqin (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Deir Istiya (3).	6
Ramallah / Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho / Jordan Valley	-	-
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (4), Al Ram (5)	9
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refugee camp (3), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	22
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1 (6), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (4), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (3), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (2)	25
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>131</b>

## 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), Balata refugee Camp (1), Salim (1), Áwarta (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Áskar camp (1), Al Badhan CP, Zaatara CP, Beit Iba CP	9	26
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (4), Qabatiya (1), Birqin (2), Kafr Dan (1), Jaba (1), 'Arraba (2), Zububa (2), Al Áraqa (1), Ti'nnik (1), Az Zababida (1), Misliya (1)	23	30
Tubas	Tubas (1), Áqqaba flying CP	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (6), Tulkarm refugee camp (2), Seida (1), Íllar (1), Shufa (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Ánabta (1), Kafriat CP	13	6
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (5), 'Azzun (5), Ras Átiya (1), Baqat al Hatab (1), Jayyus (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), DCO flying CP	14	8
Salfit	Marda (2), Biddya (2), Kifl Haris (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2), Salfit (1), Haris (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	10	6
Ramallah / Al Bireh	Ramallah (3), Beituniya (2), Al Bireh (1)	6	14
Jericho / Jordan Valley	Za'atara, Atara Checkpoint, Al Auja (1)	1	9
Jerusalem	Salah a-Din St. Jerusalem	-	11
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (3), Za'tara (3), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (2), Beit Fajjar (2), Husan (2), Beit Jala (2)	33	12
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (2), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (3), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (2), Bani Na'eem (2), Beit Kahil (2)	25	22
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>135</b>	<b>145</b>
Gaza Strip	Bureij	-	3
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>135</b>	<b>148</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 31 January – 6 February 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
<b>'Anabta</b>	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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 subject to security checks.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> 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.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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.
<b>Al Tur</b> 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.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Closed)</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for all traffic.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. On 3 February the checkpoint was closed for several hours

due to a security alert.

#### Jenin:

<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians

#### Tubas:

<b>Bisan</b> 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.
<b>Tayasir</b> 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.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> 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.
<b>Hamra</b> 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/Ai Bireh:

<b>Qalandiya</b>	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 a daily basis.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	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.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open. Some delays reported.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	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	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.
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settlement	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 have 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.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> 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 passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<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.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> 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.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> 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.
<b>Jaba'</b> At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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.
<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 though 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<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.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> 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.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> 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.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> 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 for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> 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 (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.
<b>Meitar</b> 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.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access

Road 317.	Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> 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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> 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.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> 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.
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> 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.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	<p>Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases.</p> <p>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.</p>



Open all week for selective categories for movement. On 31 January the crossing was closed between 1pm and 3pm maintenance.

<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing was open for one day: 6 February from 8:15 -11:50am and from 2:55 – 6:30pm. 578 people arrivals and 410 departures.
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**Commercial checkpoints:**

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	An Israeli private company 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.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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.
<b>Qusin Checkpoint (NEW)</b>	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
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Open for five days. Closed on 2 and 3 February.
<b>Karni</b>	Open for five days. Closed on 2 and 3 February. 4 February: open 9am - 11:30am
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open for three days on 31 January, and 1and 5 February.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Open for five days. Closed on 2 and 3 February.

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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.