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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 28 February – 6 March 2007

### Of note this week

The IDF imposed a total closure on the West Bank during the Jewish holiday of Purim between 2 – 5 March. The closure prevented Palestinians, including workers, with valid permits, from accessing East Jerusalem and Israel during the four days. It is a year – the start of the 2006 Purim holiday – since Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from accessing jobs in Israel.

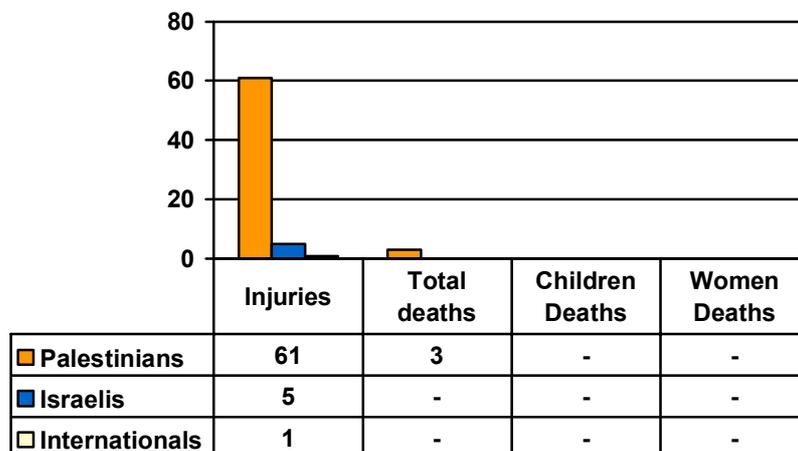
#### **West Bank:**

- On 28 February, the IDF re-entered Nablus for one day to continue its largest scale operation for three years, codenamed 'Hot Winter'. This second phase of the operation again saw a curfew imposed on the Old City, the occupation of schools and homes and house-to-house searches. The IDF also surrounded the three major hospitals in the area and checked all Palestinians entering and leaving. According to the Nablus Municipality 284 shops were damaged during the course of the operation.
- Israeli Security Forces were on high alert in and around the Old city of Jerusalem in anticipation of further demonstrations and clashes following Friday Prayers at Al Aqsa mosque. Due to the Jewish holiday of Purim over the weekend, the Israeli authorities declared a blanket closure from Friday 2 March until the morning of Tuesday 6 March and all major roads leading to the Old City were blocked. Access to the Old City of Jerusalem was prohibited to all Palestinians except Jerusalem ID card holders over 50 years old and residents of the Old City.

#### **Gaza Strip**

- 18 homemade rockets were fired towards Israel from the Gaza Strip. Six of the homemade rockets landed in Palestinian areas, three causing minor damage to two Palestinian homes.
- In three separate incidents the IDF entered the Gaza Strip to conduct levelling and excavation operations.
- Two Palestinians were killed and 11 others injured during incidents of Palestinian internal violence.

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



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

**West Bank:**

- **28 February:** Three Palestinian men aged 26, 32 and 35 years were shot dead in Jenin camp (Jenin) when an IDF undercover unit opened fire at their vehicle in the camp.
- **28 February:** One IDF soldier was injured in Jenin during a search and arrest campaign when Palestinian militants opened fire at the IDF.
- **28 February:** The IDF returned to Nablus Old City a day after they pulled out in continuation of the military operation codenamed 'Hot Winter'. Throughout the day, confrontations took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in which nine Palestinians were injured; three Palestinians (aged 14(2) and 19 years) were injured by live ammunition and six Palestinians (aged 7, 15, 19(2), 20 and 48 years) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets. One IDF soldier was also injured during the operation. During the operation the IDF imposed a curfew on the Old City and conducted house-to-house searches. Nine houses were occupied by the IDF and the Palestinian families confined to single rooms. The IDF occupied two Palestinian Authority schools and converted them into detention and interrogation centres. The IDF, using jeeps, surrounded the three local hospitals – Al Watani, Rafidiya and Al Itihad, checking all Palestinians entering and leaving. Thirty Palestinians were arrested during the operation, most of them were later released.
- **28 February:** At 5:00 pm in Beituniya (Ramallah) Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers during a search campaign. The IDF responded by firing rubber-coated metal bullets injuring five Palestinians.
- **28 February:** At 9:30 pm Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle in Ein Yabrud (Ramallah) injuring one Israeli.
- **28 February:** A 70-year old Palestinian man from Samoa' (Hebron) was stoned and injured by Israeli settlers from Shema' settlement while grazing his flock.
- **1 March:** Four Palestinians, including two Palestinian men aged 19 and 20 years, were injured by shrapnel in El Far'a camp (Tubas) during a military operation. During the operation a curfew was imposed, three Palestinians were arrested and ten houses and six vehicles damaged.
- **1 March:** One Israeli settler was injured near Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya) when Palestinians opened fire at his vehicle.
- **2 March:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian, Israeli and international activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Seventeen Palestinians were reported injured including a 12-year old boy who required four days of medical treatment in the ICU of Sheikh Zayed hospital after being hit in the head by a rubber-coated metal bullet. Another Palestinian was detained at the demonstration.
- **2 March:** At 3:00 pm at Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem), Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers who responded by firing live rounds and rubber-coated metal bullets injuring 18 Palestinians.
- **4 March:** A 55-year old Palestinian woman was injured in Qarawat Bani Hassan (Salfit) by sound grenade shrapnel during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **4 March:** A 61-year old Palestinian man from Tell (Nablus) was physically assaulted and injured by a group of Israeli settlers while he was crossing Road 60 to his land.
- **4 March:** At 2:00 pm Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers in Beituniya who responded with live rounds. One IDF soldier was reported injured.
- **5 March:** A 28 year-old Swedish male, serving as an observer, with the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) was hit in the face by a large stone thrown by an Israeli settler from Beit Hadassa settlement. He was admitted to Alia Hospital then transferred to Hadassah hospital where he was kept in overnight.
- **6 March:** At 3:10 pm Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers in Beituniya (Ramallah) who responded by firing live rounds and rubber-coated metal bullets injuring five Palestinians.

**Gaza:**

No incidents involving casualties reported.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **2 March:** A roadside bomb was detonated as an IDF bulldozer was travelling along the Green Line near Sufa crossing. The IDF responded with heavy machinegun fire for five minutes. No injuries were reported.
- **5 March:** Egyptian Security Forces and PA National Security Forces detonated four tunnels which were discovered under the borderline near Rafah. One tunnel was located

under the border opposite the Al Brazil area and the others were located in the Al Shouka area and were under construction. No injuries were reported.

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

### Gaza Strip:

- **28 February:** An El-Mujahideen member was injured during an exchange of gunfire northeast of Beach Camp between the Executive Support Forces (ESF) and the Fatah-affiliated El-Mujahideen Brigades. The incident apparently began when an ESF jeep was denied access through a crossing point controlled by the El-Mujahideen Brigades.
- **1 March:** A Hamas member was injured when he accidentally shot himself while he was handling his weapon in Bureij camp.
- **1 March:** A PA Policeman was shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **2 March:** A 42 year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed in Khan Younis during an apparent dispute over a football match.
- **2 March:** A Palestinian boy was injured by a bullet when he smashed it with a hammer in Beit Lahia. He was taken to Kamal Adwan hospital.
- **3 March:** An internet café owner from the Al Amal housing project in Khan Younis was abducted by unknown gunmen. He was released the next day after he had been beaten. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **5 March:** A PA National Security officer was injured when unknown gunmen travelling in a vehicle opened fire near the office of the Benevolent Association of Patients Junction in Gaza City.
- **5 March:** A 24 year-old Islamic Jihad member was killed when an explosive device he was handling detonated prematurely in Nuseirat Refugee Camp.
- **6 March:** An UNRWA Bureij Prep. Boys School teacher was injured, apparently by a stray bullet while walking home. He was taken to the Al-Aqsa hospital for treatment.
- **6 March:** Two Palestinian children aged two and eight years were injured when an IED detonated inside a house owned by the family in Jabalia Village. They were taken to Kamal Adwan hospital.

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **28 February:** Two homemade rockets were fired from an area north of Beit Hanoun towards the Green Line. The rockets detonated in the Gaza Strip near a house owned by a Palestinian family. No injuries, but minor damage to the house was reported.
- **28 February:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of the Fatah-affiliated El Fursan Al Arab Association in the Al Yarmouk quarter in Gaza City. The entrance to the Association was damaged but no injuries were reported. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **28 February:** ESF members abducted a PFLP activist in Al Maghazi Camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown. On 1st March members from the family closed the main entrance to Maghazi camp in protest at the abduction. At 12:00 he was released (he had been beaten) and the main entrance of Maghazi camp was reopened.
- **2 March:** PA National Security Forces discovered and detonated a homemade rocket in an open area east of Deir El Balah. No injuries were reported.
- **3 March:** A dispute erupted between members of two football teams who were playing sports on the premises of the UNRWA Beach Prep. Girls "A" School. Both teams apparently called in gunmen who arrived at the scene. Later on the police intervened and evacuated the school. No injuries were reported.
- **4 March:** Four students with guns opened fire on the campus of Al-Quds Open University in Khan Younis. The motive was apparently related to the students wanting scholarships. The University was evacuated and closed.
- **4 March:** Unknown gunmen abducted two Fatah members in Sheikh Zayed City northeast of Beit Lahia. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **5 March:** ESF and PA National Security Forces exchanged gunfire for five minutes in the Daraj area west of Salah Ed-Din road in Gaza City. Local reports indicate the gunfight

<sup>2</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 Israelis 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.

was the result of an apparent attempt by ESF to seize a PA National Security Forces base. No injuries were reported.

- **5 March:** Two boys entered the UNRWA Beach Prep Girls “B” School, and damaged two doors on the premises. The boys were arrested by the PA police. At 18:00 the boys were released after their families repaired the doors.

#### West Bank:

- **2 March:** Two Palestinians, a 16 year-old boy and 21 year-old man, were injured in Nablus city when an UXO exploded near them. The boy lost his arm.

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

- **2 March:** The Palestinian police arrested one man in Hebron city after a shooting incident between two families in the H1 area of Hebron city.

### 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
25, 26 and 28 Feb	Nablus old city/Nablus	-	284	NA	NA
28 Feb	A Tur, Jerusalem	2		NA	NA
1 Mar	El Far'a camp/Tubas	-	10	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

- **28 February:** The IDF damaged 284 houses and shops in Nablus city during operation ‘Hot Winter’ over the 25, 26 and 28 February.
- **28 February:** At 12:00 noon Israeli security forces demolished two Palestinian apartment buildings in A Tur (Jerusalem) for reportedly being built without permits. The buildings were uninhabited yet.
- **1 March:** The IDF damaged ten houses and six vehicles in El Far'a camp (Tubas) during an IDF military operation.
- **1 March:** The IDF handed a ‘stop building’ order for a house under construction that belongs to a Palestinian from Hajja (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **3 March:** The IDF issued four demolition orders against houses in the town of Ithna (Hebron). The reason stated on the orders is a lack of building permit in Area C.

### Natural Resources

#### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</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 earlier requisitioned on 10 July 2005 (Military 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.

<sup>3</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

**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.

**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 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 continue, however access is severely restricted and vehicles crossing through the Barrier have been stopped on several occasions this week. 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'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:**

**February 28:** Approximately 500 trees (almonds, olives and grapes) belonging to Palestinian farmers from Umm Salamuna (Bethlehem) were uprooted by the IDF in

preparation for the building of a section of the West Bank Barrier. Some of the trees were replanted nearby.

**March 4:** The Israeli Settlement of Betar Illit opened its sewage flow onto Palestinian lands in the village of Wadi Fukin (Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
  - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem).
  - Land levelling continues in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.
  - Land levelling continues in the vicinity of the settlement of Efrat, near Artas village.
  - 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. Additional sections of the Barrier have been erected in this section 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 continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- 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:

**3 March:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 150 metres into the Palestinian area east of Bureij Camp to conduct a levelling and excavating operation. At 11:10 the IDF withdrew to the border fence.

**3 March:** Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered 150 metres into the Palestinian area east of Maghazi Camp to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. They withdrew to the border at 13:15.

**6 March:** Six IDF armored personnel carriers and two bulldozers entered 200 metres into the Palestinian area north of Beit Hanoun to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. The tanks withdrew to the border fence next day.

## Access and Movement for Civilians

### a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
28 Feb.	Nablus Old City, Nablys	24 hours
1 Mar	El Far'a camp, Tubas	7 hours
4 Mar	Al Jalama village, Jenin	1 hour
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>32 hours</b>

**28 February:** The IDF imposed a curfew on the old city of Nablus for a day (24 hours) during a military operation in the city.

**1 March:** The IDF imposed a curfew on El Far'a camp (Tubas) for seven hours during a military operation.

**4 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Al Jalama village (Jenin) for one hour and conducted a search campaign after shoots were fired at al Jalama checkpoint.

#### **b) Access to education**

**28 February:** Two universities (An Najah and Al Quds Open University) and all the PA and UNRWA schools were closed during the IDF military operation in the Old City of Nablus.

**28 February – March 6:** During the reporting period the IDF and Israeli Police came an average of one hour late to escort Palestinian students from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid. 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**

**Ongoing since 16 February to date:** The PA health sector in the West Bank remains on strike. The governmental hospitals and the MoH clinics are on strike in the West Bank except for the emergency departments at the hospitals. The health clinics will open once every two weeks for vaccination and to distribute medicine for chronic diseases.

**28 February:** The IDF surrounded the three local hospitals in Nablus City – Al Watani; Rafidiya and Al Itihad - checking all Palestinians entering and leaving.

Ongoing incidents:

- All Palestinians must apply directly at the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years old, married with a child and with no security file. Criteria to apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone; a person should be above 21 years old, married with a child.

#### **d) Closures/movement restrictions**

**2 - 5 March:** The IDF imposed a total closure on the West Bank during the Jewish holiday of Purim. All checkpoints in the West Bank leading into Israel were closed and Palestinians with permits were not allowed to enter Israel during this time except staff from the UN, international organisations and medical cases.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 12 March 2006 no Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been able to access employment opportunities inside Israel.

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

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 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- 4 March:** The IDF prevented Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Tulkarm city.

#### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**1 – 4 March:** The IDF prevented Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Qalqiliya city.

**2 March:** The IDF prevented Palestinian farmers from Qalqiliya city from reaching their land behind the Barrier during the Jewish holiday of Purim.

#### **Salfit Governorates:**

**Ongoing incidents:**

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

**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:**

**4 March:** The IDF dismantled an observation tower north of Talita Kume School.

**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 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 and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron 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 all the week except on 3 March when the crossing is scheduled to be closed. On 4 March Karni was open but closed to containers.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian 'senior' traders. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis). The crossing continues to be closed for Palestinian workers (since 12 March 2006). On **28 Feb, 1 and 6 March:** Erez was open for internationals, Palestinian traders with appropriate permits and medical cases while between 2 – 5 March the crossing was closed to Palestinian traders coinciding with the Jewish holiday of Purim.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open all the week except on 3 March when the crossing is scheduled to be closed.
- Sufa crossing was open all the week except on 2 and 3 March when the crossing is scheduled to be closed.
- Kerem Shalom was open on 28 February and 1 March.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline with the exception of a 1 nm exclusion zone adjacent to the northern border with Israel and a 1.5 nm exclusion zone in the south adjacent to the border with Egypt. Continuous patrolling by IDF naval vessels and regular reports of firing at fishing boats in practice further limit this area.

**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 meters 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 organizations 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), Bizzariya (1)	2
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (2), Sanur (5), Ash Shuhada (1), Siris (1), Al Jalama (2), Bir al Basha (1), Fahma (1), Ájja (1), Al Kufeir (1), Jaba (1)	23
Tubas	El Fará camp (1),	1
Tulkarm	Ramin (1), Áttil (1), Balá (1), Kafr Sur (2), Íllar (3), Deir al Ghusun (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Dhinnaba (1)	12
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (5), An Nabi Elyas (7), Al Funduq (4), Jayyus (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Kafr Laqif (4) Ázzun tunnel (3), Izbat at Tabib (4)	45
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Deir Istiya (2), Yasuf (2), Marda (1), Haris (3)	9
Ramallah / Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho / Jordan Valley	-	-
Jerusalem	Al Ram (7)	7
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (2), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	15
Hebron	Yatta (1), Dura (1), Hebron city – H1(2), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (3), Sa'ir (1), Surif (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (1)	17
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>131</b>

## 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), Askar camp (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Deir Sharaf (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Burqa (1), Al Badhan village (1), Zawata (1) Zaatara CP, Beit Iba CP, Huwwara CP.	12	51
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (6), Jalbun (1), Qabatiya (3), Deir Ghazala (1), Az Zababida (1), Meithalun (1), Jalqamus (1), Birqin (1), Al Yamun (1), Kafr Dan (2), Kafr Raí (1)	25	8
Tubas	Tubas (4), El Fará camp (1)	5	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (6), Tulkarm refugee camp (4), Íllar (1), Átill (1), Deir al Ghusun (2), Irtah (1)	15	4
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Jayyus (1), Kafr Qaddum (1)	16	4
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (2), Iskaka (2), Marda (1), Haris (1), Deir Ballut (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Deir Istiya (1)	9	13
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Taybeh (1), Ramallah (1), Bet Rima (1), Bilin	3	25
Jericho Jordan Valley	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Al Zaayem, Al Ram	-	3
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (2), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Beit Fajjar (3), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	25	18
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (2), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (1), Bani Na'eem (1)	17	21
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>127</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
Middle Area	Maghazi Refugee Camp	-	5
Middle Area	Bureij Refugee Camp	-	2
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>127</b>	<b>157</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 28 February – 6 March 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. From 2 - 5 March closed due to the Jewish holidays of Purim.
<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. From 2 - 5 March closed due to the Jewish holidays of Purim.
<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. From 2 - 5 March closed due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
<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. From 2 - 5 March closed due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
<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.
<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.
<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>Áqraba 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.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays. From 2 - 5 March closed due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
<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
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<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.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<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 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 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'ayyem</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.

**Jericho:**

<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'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
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<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. 2-5 March Palestinian workers were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
<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 boarder police. On 23 February the IDF began manning the Tunnel terminal.
<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	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

and Bethlehem governorates	products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through. 2-5 March Palestinian workers were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
<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. 2-5 March Palestinian workers were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
<b>Shani</b> 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.
<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.
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### Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

<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> <p>On <b>28 Feb, 1 and 6 March</b>: Erez was open for internationals, traders and medical cases with the following breakdown of Palestinian movement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>28 February</b>: 380 merchants and 25 senior traders crossed.</li> <li>• <b>1 March</b>: 378 merchants and 22 senior traders crossed</li> <li>• <b>6 March</b>: 395 merchants and 29 senior traders crossed.</li> </ul> <p>On <b>2, 3, 4 and 5 March</b> Erez was open only for internationals and humanitarian cases due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.</p>
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	<p>Rafah crossing point continues to fail to operate continuously.</p> <p>On <b>28 Feb, 1 March</b> and between <b>3 – 5 March</b>: Rafah terminal was closed. On <b>2 March</b> and <b>6 March</b> Rafah terminal was open in both directions:</p> <p><b>2 March</b>: The crossing opened at 10:30 am to 12:30 pm for departures, and until 2:30 pm for arrivals allowing 619 to enter and 247 to exit the Gaza Strip.</p> <p><b>6 March</b>: The crossing opened at 9:15 am to 3:00 pm for departures and until 4:30 pm for arrivals allowing 1283 to enter and 1308 to exit the Gaza Strip.</p>

### 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 7:00 am to 7:00 pm 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. From 2 - 5 March closed due to the Jewish holiday of Purim.
<b>Ramallah/Al 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>	Sufa open all the week from 7:30 am except on 2 and 3 March the crossing is scheduled to be closed.

<b>Karni</b>	Open all the week except on 3 March when the crossing is scheduled to be closed. On 4 March it was closed for container traffic.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom opened on 28 February (from 10 am) and 1 March (from 9:30 am).
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Open all the week, except on 3 March when the crossing is scheduled to be closed.

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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.