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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

## 5 – 11 December 2007

### Of note this week

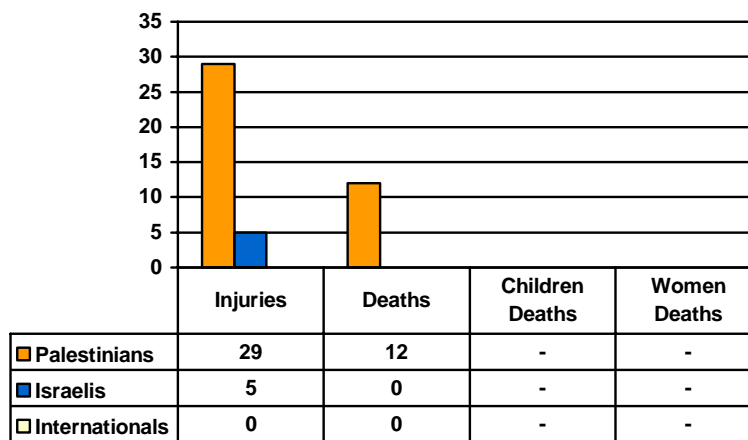
#### **Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed 11 Palestinians and injured 15 others in the Gaza Strip.
- Four IDF soldiers were injured when their tank was hit by a missile in Khan Younis.
- On 5 December, the union of Gas Station Owners announced the end of the week-long strike, allowing the resumption of daily fuel supplies to the Gaza Strip. However, fuel cutbacks that Israel implemented since 28 October are still in place.
- Between 7 and 11 December, the Palestinian strawberries association went on a strike to protest against the limited amount of crops they were allowed to export through Kerem Shalom crossing (17.5 tons/day). The association estimated its daily export capacity at more than 30 tons/day. Meanwhile, an average of 150,000 flowers/day continued to be exported through the crossing.
- Following prior coordination with the PA in Ramallah, Israel continued to allow a limited number of Palestinians to travel out of Gaza through the Erez-Kerem Shalom route. Between 9 and 11 December, 371 Palestinians, including students and Palestinians holding residency permits in foreign countries, were permitted to go to Egypt via Erez. However, 134 were denied access by the Egyptian authorities.
- 18 Qassam rockets and 66 mortars were fired towards Israel, of which four Qassams exploded prematurely in the Gaza Strip. In addition, 31 mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.

#### **West Bank:**

- The IDF killed one PA security officer in Bethlehem City and injured 14 other Palestinians, including two journalists, in the West Bank.
- The IDF imposed 25 curfew hours on communities in the Ramallah and Qalqiliya governorates.
- On 10 December, a group of Israeli settlers took over a hilltop to establish an outpost (Giv'at Halhul) near Halhul town. The IDF evacuated them later the same day (Hebron).
- On 10 December, PA teachers and Education directorates held a half day strike in Bethlehem and Hebron governorates demanding that the PA solve their salary problems.
- 21 search operations and 59 arrests by Palestinian security forces were reported.
- 56 flying checkpoints, 66 IDF search operations, and 83 arrests were reported.

#### **Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **05 December:** Two armed Palestinians (aged 28 and 36 years; Hamas members) were killed and another two armed persons were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired four surface-to-surface missiles targeting a group of Hamas members who were reportedly attempting to fire mortars from north of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **05 December:** A 23-year-old armed Palestinian (Hamas member) was killed and another two were injured when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) prematurely exploded while he was attempting to plant it east of the Gaza border fence (North Gaza).
- **06 December:** A 34-year-old Palestinian man was killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Jabaliya opened fire in his direction (North Gaza).
- **07 December:** A 23-year-old Palestinian farmer was killed when IDF soldiers guarding the border opened gunfire towards the area east of Khuza'a village in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **11 December:** One armed Palestinian (aged 27 years; Islamic Jihad member) was killed and another two armed Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket in their direction north of Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **11 December:** Five armed Palestinians were killed (three affiliated with Islamic Jihad, aged 23, 22 and 19 years; and two affiliated with the Palestinian Resistance Committees (PRC), both aged 23 years) and nine people, including two journalists, were injured during an IDF ground operation three kilometres into Al Foukhary area southeast of Khan Younis. In addition, four IDF soldiers were injured when their tank was hit by a missile fired by armed Palestinians. In total, Palestinians fired three Rocket-Propelled Grenades (RPGs) and 27 mortar shells towards IDF tanks and bulldozers participating in the operation (Khan Younis).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **05 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanun targeting Sderot. One rocket exploded prematurely at the launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **05 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from north of Beit Hanun towards the Green line. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **05 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from north of Beit Hanun targeting the western Negev. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **05 December:** A group of armed Palestinians opened fire from Gaza City towards an IDF outpost located at the border south of Karni crossing. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **05 December:** Three mortar shells were fired from southeast of Al Maghazi Camp towards the Green line. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **05 December:** Five mortar shells were fired from Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah targeting the IDF Kissufim military base. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **05 December:** Six IDF tanks moved from Kerem Shalom military base and entered approximately 1,500 metres into Gaza. The tanks were deployed around the Gaza International Airport. An exchange of gunfire took place but no injuries were reported. The IDF withdrew at 0300 hours (Rafah).
- **06 December:** The IDF stationed at the border line north of Beit Lahiya fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians situated near the border. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **06 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from north of Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **06 December:** Two mortar rounds were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **06 December:** 13 mortar shells were fired from east of Gaza City towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **06 December:** Two mortar rounds were fired from east of Deir El Balah towards the Green line (Central Gaza).
- **06 December:** Armed Hamas members fired two mortar rounds from east of Deir El Balah towards the IDF Kissufim military base (Central Gaza).
- **06 December:** Armed Hamas members fired seven mortar rounds from east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis targeting the Kissufim IDF military base (Khan Younis).
- **07 December:** Armed Palestinians fired three mortar rounds from east of Deir El-Balah towards the Green Line. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

- **07 December:** Four mortar rounds were fired from Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir El-Balah targeting the IDF Kissufim military base. One of the rounds landed in Gaza. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **07 December:** Armed Islamic Jihad members fired one RPG shell from east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis targeting Kissufim military camp. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **08 December:** Three mortar shells were fired from east of Beit Hanun towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **08 December:** Eight mortar rounds were fired from east of Gaza City towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **08 December:** Hamas claimed responsibility for firing five mortar rounds from east of Gaza City towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **08 December:** Three mortar rounds were fired from east of Gaza City towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **08 December:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border southeast of Al Bureij Camp shot at Palestinian farmers and houses near the border area. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **08 December:** Two mortar rounds were fired from east of Johr Ed-Dik northeast of Al Bureij Camp towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **08 December:** Nine IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from Sufa crossing and entered approximately 800 metres into Al Fokhari area southeast of Khan Younis. Some gunfire was reported in the area. The tanks and bulldozers withdrew to the border at 1725 hours (Kahn Younis).
- **09 December:** Armed Palestinians fired one Qassam rocket from Beit Hanun towards the western Negev. According to Israeli media reports, a Qassam rocket hit a factory yard in Sderot (North Gaza).
- **09 December:** A group of armed Palestinians opened fire from Gaza City towards an outpost located at the border south of Karni crossing. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **09 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from Al Maghazi Camp towards the Green line. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **09 December:** Armed Islamic Jihad members fired an RPG towards the IDF Kissufim military base. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **09 December:** IDF vessels opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of Rafah. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **09 December:** Two IAF helicopters hovered over the former Morag settlement in Rafah. Armed Hamas members opened fire towards the helicopters, which responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **10 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards the Green Line (North Gaza).
- **10 December:** Armed Palestinians attempted to launch a Qassam rocket from the area east of Shuja'iya quarter towards the western Negev but it exploded prematurely in Gaza City. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **10 December:** IDF vessels opened fire for 10 minutes targeting Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to the seashore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **10 December:** The Egyptian border police discovered 500 kg of explosives on the Egyptian side of the border before it could be smuggled to the Gaza strip through tunnels (Rafah).
- **11 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot. One rocket exploded in the Palestinian area. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **11 December:** Armed Palestinians fired two Qassam rockets from north of Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line (North Gaza).
- **11 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot (North Gaza).
- **11 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from east of Sheikh Zayed City towards Sderot (North Gaza).
- **11 December:** A Qassam rocket exploded prematurely when armed Palestinians were attempting to launch it from the area east of Beit Lahiya towards the western Negev. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **11 December:** Salah Ed-Din Brigades claimed responsibility for the firing of four mortar shells from Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah towards the IDF Kissufim military base (Central Gaza).
- **11 December:** IDF patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to the shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).

**West Bank:**

- **5 December:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Jenin City. The man was injured when he escaped from the IDF. He was not arrested (Jenin).
- **5 December:** A 36-year-old Palestinian man (PA security officer) was shot dead in Bethlehem City by an IDF undercover unit when he tried to stop a Palestinian-plated vehicle for checking (Bethlehem).
- **5 December:** Two Palestinian men (aged 20 and 22 years) were physically assaulted in Yatta during an IDF search and arrest campaign (Hebron).
- **6 December:** An 18-year-old Palestinian male was run over and injured by an IDF vehicle in 'Anabta village. The IDF detained him for several hours and physically assaulted him (Tulkarm).
- **7 December:** Three Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during the weekly demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors in the western villages of Ramallah against the Israeli policy of banning Palestinians from using bypass Road 443. The demonstration took place near the blocked intersection between Kharbatha al Misbah village entrance and Road 443. Another two Palestinians were detained during the demonstration (Ramallah).
- **7 December:** Four Palestinians were physically assaulted by the IDF when Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors demonstrated against Barrier construction in Bil'in and demanded that the IDF implement the Israeli High Court of Justice decision to change the route of the Barrier in the village (Ramallah).
- **7 December:** Two Palestinian journalists (aged 38 and 45 years) were physically assaulted by the IDF during a demonstration against Barrier construction in Al Me'sara village. The two were subsequently arrested (Bethlehem).
- **9 December:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured with plastic-coated metal bullets in 'Azzun village during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. The IDF had entered the village and imposed curfew after Palestinians threw stones and Molotov cocktails at an Israeli settler's vehicle passing near the village on Road 55 (Qalqiliya).
- **9 December:** An Israeli female settler was injured by glass near 'Azzun village after Palestinians threw stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli settlers' vehicles passing near the village on Road 55. Four Israeli-plated vehicles were also damaged in the incident (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

**2. [Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>](#)****Gaza Strip:**

- **05 December:** One Palestinian who had escaped from prison was shot in the leg in an exchange of fire that lasted for 10 minutes between the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government and people accompanying the escapee. The police re-arrested the injured escapee and his son (Rafah).
- **06 December:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government found the body of a 15-year-old boy who was kidnapped by members of a local family three days earlier. The police arrested the suspected killers (Rafah).
- **09 December:** A member of the PA National Security forces sustained gunshot wounds when unknown gunmen opened fire at him in Gaza City. The motive is unknown (Gaza).
- **10 December:** One PRC member was injured when the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government opened fire at a vehicle carrying armed PRC members in Al Shaboura quarter in Rafah. This took place after the driver refused to stop at a checkpoint the police was manning (Rafah).
- **10 December:** One Hamas member in a vehicle sustained gunshot wounds when the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government opened fire towards the vehicle on Salah Al Din road in An Nuseirat Camp. This took place after the driver refused to stop at a checkpoint the police was manning (Central Gaza).

<sup>2</sup> Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. 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.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **06 December:** A tunnel collapsed under Al Jal'a junction in Gaza City. The police arrived with bulldozers and levelled the area. No injuries were reported (Gaza City).
- **09 December:** Approximately 50 patients gathered in front of Rafah terminal demanding that the crossing be opened (Rafah).
- **11 December:** Approximately 100 Professional Syndicate Union members whose salaries were suspended by the PA government in Ramallah organised a demonstration in Gaza City. The protestors proceeded from Al Sheikh Zayed mosque to the WHO and World Bank offices and handed over a letter addressed to the heads of WHO and the World Bank (Gaza).

**West Bank:**

- **11 December:** A 20-year-old Palestinian was killed and two others (in their 20s) were injured when a home-made explosive device exploded near them in Nablus City. Al Aqsa Brigades group announced that the person killed is a member in the Brigade and that they do not bear any responsibility for the incident. The IDF also announced that they are not responsible for the explosion; according to the IDF liaison officer in Nablus, no IDF unit was operating in that area on 11 December. The cause for the explosion remains disputed (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

No incidents to report.

**Inter-factional violence****Gaza Strip:**

- **06 December:** One Palestinian was injured upon being abducted, along with two other Fatah members, by unknown gunmen in Gaza City. They were released the following day (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **07 December:** An IED was detonated in front of Al-Saraya complex in Gaza City. Minor damage to adjacent buildings was reported (Gaza City).
- **08 December:** Unknown gunmen planted an explosive device under a police jeep used by the bodyguards of the Police Chief in Gaza City. The guards discovered the bomb and safely detonated it (Gaza).

**West Bank:**

- **9 December:** Two Palestinian men (both aged 20 years; one wanted by the PA police) were injured after their vehicle turned over when they refused to stop at a PA checkpoint in Tulkarm City (Tulkarm).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

No incidents to report.

**3. Shelter and Property**

**Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers**

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
11 December 07	Khan Younis	-	4	-	N/A
<b>Total</b>		-	<b>4</b>	-	<b>N/A</b>

- **11 December:** One house was partially damaged when it was hit by four tank shells fired by the IDF during the military incursion into Al Foukhary area southeast of Khan Younis. Damage to two power pylons and parts of the water network was also reported.

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **10 December:** The IDF handed a stop building order for a section in Al 'Arrub Agricultural College due to the lack of a building permit (Hebron).
- **10 December:** A group of Israeli settlers took over a hilltop to establish an outpost (Giv'at Halhul) near Halhul town. The IDF evacuated them later the same day (Hebron).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara (Nablus) and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **07 December:** Armed PRC members broke into the Fatah office located at the main entrance of Al Bureij Camp. They caused damage to the building and some equipment before leaving (Central Gaza).
- **07 December:** Armed PRC members whose salaries were suspended by the PA in Ramallah broke into Al Maghazi Youth Centre, opened fire into the air, and demanded that their salaries be paid. The police arrived and ordered them to leave. Damage to the building was reported (North Gaza).
- **08 December:** An IED was detonated at the main gate of Al-Quds shop opposite Al-Azhar University in Gaza City. The blast damaged the shop but no injuries were reported. The police arrested three suspects (Gaza).
- **10 December:** Unknown gunmen detonated an IED near a police jeep while it was parked on a street in Tal al Hawwa area south of Gaza City. The jeep was damaged but no injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **11 December:** An IED was detonated inside the police office of An Naser hospital in Khan Younis. The blast caused some damage but no injuries were reported. The police arrested five persons from the neighbourhood for questioning (Khan Younis).

**4. [Natural Resources](#)****Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</sup>****Nablus Governorate:**

**11 December:** The IDF began leveling land near Yitzhar partial checkpoint allegedly to expand the checkpoint.

Ongoing incident:

- **8 August to date:** The IDF continues construction work to upgrade the lanes at Beit Iba checkpoint.

**Jenin Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

Ongoing incident:

- Land levelling continues around Avne Hefez and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**10 December:** The IDF began installing fences near the main entrance to 'Azzun.

Ongoing incident:

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

**Salfit Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has totally stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.

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

- Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
- Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has stopped pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction of four "fabric of life" roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to closures and Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
  - Construction of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
  - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The road is in its final stage but work to complete it has been frozen temporarily due to budget constraints.
  - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya. Work to complete the road has been frozen temporarily due to budget constraints.

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#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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#### **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 has been stopped along a 3-km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
  - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank. The gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood. Additional construction and infrastructure continues to be carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
  - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
  - **26 November to date:** Barrier construction was stopped between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Al 'Eizariya without using the entrance lane near Al Za'ayim checkpoint. 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 and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

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#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint

- The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).
  - The Barrier contractor halted land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
  - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was suspended in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
  - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was suspended around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was halted during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
  - Construction of buildings for new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
  - Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
  - Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, Elizar, and Efrat settlements.

#### Hebron Governorate:

##### Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings continued west of Tarqumiya checkpoint.
- Construction of new buildings continued in Karmil, Susyia, Kiryat Arb'a and Shani settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road – parallel to Road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Metar checkpoint – continued during the reporting period.

#### Gaza Strip:

- **11 December:** During the IDF military incursion into Al Foukhary area southeast of Khan Younis, 130 dunums planted with almond and citrus trees were levelled (Khan Younis).

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

### a) *Incidents of curfews*

**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
5 December 2007	Beit Sira, Ramallah	7 hours
6 December 2007	Jayyus, Qalqiliya	3 hours
9 December 2007	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	15 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>25 hours</b>

**5 December:** The IDF imposed closure on Beit Sira village from 0200 to 0900 hours following two incidents in which Palestinian youth threw stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli vehicles travelling on bypass Road 443 (Ramallah).

**6 December:** The IDF imposed curfew on Jayyus village for three hours. The IDF entered the village and opened fire in the air. No searches or arrests were reported. The village residents were not informed of the reason for the curfew (Qalqiliya).

**9 December:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village for fifteen hours. The curfew was imposed after Palestinians threw stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 55 near the village (Qalqiliya).

##### Other incidents:

- **11 December:** Between 0500 and 2230 hours, residents of Al Foukhary area southeast of Khan Younis were forced to stay inside their houses for 17.5 hours (self-imposed curfew) and were thus denied access to all services (including hospitals, schools and markets), until the IDF military operation ended.

##### Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (northeast of Beit Hanun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahiya) continue to maintain a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

### b) *Access to education*

- **10 December:** All students in the PA schools in Bethlehem and Hebron governorates were sent home after 1000 hours as PA teachers held half a day strike.
- **During the reporting period:** The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their



homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid came on schedule to meet the students. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. However, while the escort decision stipulates that the soldiers walk with the children, the soldiers usually stay in the jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF jeep (Hebron).

**c) Access to employment**

- **During the reporting period:** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel arrive at around 0300 hours in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their work places inside Israel on time. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits start queuing at 0300 hours in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel (Hebron and Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply to 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 of age, married with at least one child, and with no security file.

**d) Closures/movement restrictions**

**Nablus Governorate:**

**8 December:** The IDF closed the southern entrance to Qaryut village with an earth mound. The road connects the village to Road 60. Palestinians travelling southwards have to take a long detour route to reach their destination.

**8 December:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one and a half hours, during which it arrested a 17-year-old Palestinian boy allegedly because he was carrying explosives.

Ongoing incidents:

- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'n village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).

**Jenin Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have continued to allow 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products into Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

**Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**5 December:** The IDF opened the main entrance of 'Azzun village that had been closed since 2 December.

**9 December:** The IDF opened the main entrance of Izbat at Tabib village.

**9 December:** The IDF re-closed the main entrance of 'Azzun village with road blocks. Palestinians travelling from the village to Qalqiliya City have to take a long detour route.

Ongoing incidents:

- **23 November to date:** The IDF closed the northern entrance of Jinsafut with an earth mound preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.
- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun village with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the partial checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City.

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#### Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **27 November to date:** The IDF closed the entrance of Kifl Haris with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

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#### Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July to date** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis were permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

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#### Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF has announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or to 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.
- **26 April to date:** Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents through Hamara and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

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#### Jerusalem Governorate:

**During the reporting period:** Delays of up to 30 minutes were reported at Jaba' checkpoint for Palestinians travelling to Ramallah.

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#### Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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#### Hebron Governorate:

No incidents to report.

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#### Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- Rafah crossing continues to be closed. However, it was opened on 7 December on an exceptional basis to allow for the passage of 27 Palestinian pilgrims from the Gaza Strip to Egypt. The crossing was last open on 9 June.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on two days (5 and 10 December) to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing continues to be closed since 28 October, following a Gol decision to close it indefinitely. Although the Gol subsequently announced that the crossing will be re-opened on 25 November, it continues to be closed. However, this week, 23 truckloads of gravel for the sewage project in North Gaza were exceptionally allowed

- entry into Gaza on 10 December. Prior to its closure, Sufa had been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on six days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 December, 22 truckloads carrying 20.5 tons of strawberries and 820,000 flowers were allowed to be exported through the crossing. Since the closure of Sufa on 28 October, Kerem Shalom is now effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
  - Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. The daily average amount of fuel import has increased compared to the previous week; petrol supplies increased from 45,000 to 49,000 litres/day whereas diesel increased from 190,000 to 231,000 litres/day.
  - Gaza fishermen continue to be permitted 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. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north of Beit Hanun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF.

**Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (1), Tell (1), Majdal Bani Fadil (1)	3
Jenin	Al Suweitat (1), 'Arraba (2), Zababida (1), Fahma (2), 'Ajja (1), Ti'innik (1), Ya'bad (1), Al 'Araqa (1), Jenin Road 60 (1)	11
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	Bal'a (1), Illar (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Beit Lid (2), Far'un (1)	6
Qalqiliya	Immatin (1), Habla (1), Izbat at Tabib (1), Jayyus (1), 'Azzun (4)	8
Salfit	Marda (1), Salfit City (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Dir Istiya (1), Iskaka (2), Bruqin (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Kifl Haris (1)	9
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bypass Road 60 (2)	2
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Intersection between Bethlehem western entrance junction and Road 60 (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (1)	5
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Dir Samit (1), Idhna (1), As Samu'(1), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Aroub RC (2), Halhul (1)	12
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>56</b>

## 6. [Search/Arrests/Detentions](#)

**Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Jenin RC (1), Huwwara CP, Tappuah CP, Camp # 1	10	5

	(1), Balata RC (1), Nablus City (3), Qabalan (1), 'Asira ash Shamaliya (2), 'Askar RC (1)		
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Jenin RC (1)	3	2
Tubas	Al Far'a RC (1)	1	2
Tulkarm	Illar (1), Tulkarm City (2), Shufa (1), Qaffin (1), Nazlat 'Isa (2)	7	3
Qalqiliya	Ras 'Atiyah (1), Qalqiliya City (3), Ras Tira (1), Jayyus (1), 'Azzun (1), Jit (1), Kafr Qaddum (1)	9	11
Salfit	Marda (2), Iskaka (1), Az Zawiya (1)	4	0
Ramallah <sup>1</sup>	Ramallah (2), Ni'lin (1), Burhan (1), Deir Ghassaneh (1), Beit Sira (2), near bypass road 443	7	43
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (3), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Al Ma'asara (1), Ad Duheisha RC (1)	7	8
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), H2 Area of Hebron City (2) Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (2), Khursa (1), Halhul (1), Dura (1), Al 'Arrub RC (2), Surif (1), Sa'ir (1), Al Majd (1), Idhna (1), Flying CP in Hebron City	18	9
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
Khan Younis <sup>2</sup>	Southeast of Khan Younis (2)	2	60
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>143</b>

<sup>1</sup> 24 out of 31 Palestinians detained from Beit Sira village were released the following day (Ramallah).

<sup>2</sup> In one incident, 60 Palestinians were detained and taken for questioning in Israel. 59 were subsequently released while one remains in custody.

**Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus (0,7);* Nablus (0,1)—arrested at a PA checkpoint; Nablus (1,3)	1	11
Jenin	Silat Adh Dhaher (1,1), Jenin (2,3), Mirka (1,7)	4	11
Tubas	Tubas (0,1)	0	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1,2), Dhinnaba (1,1), Tulkarm (0,1)	2	4
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (0,2)	0	2
Salfit	Salfit (0,4)*	0	4
Ramallah	Ramallah (4,N/A), Ni'lin (1,N/A), Jalazun RC (1,N/A), Deir Jarir (1,N/A), Khirbet Abu Falah (1,N/A)	8	13
Jericho	Jericho City (2,3)	2	3
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (2,8), Dura (1,1), Beit 'Awwa (1,1)	4	10
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Gaza Strip**</b>			
North Gaza	Deir El Balah (1,5)—police intervened in a dispute between Fatah and Hamas supporters at the Palestine Technical College and arrested five students	1	5
Gaza	Gaza City (1,3)—suspected of being linked to the explosion at the main gate of Al Quds shop	1	3
Khan Younis	Khan Younis (1,30) – affiliated with Fatah and arrested following a series of explosions targeting Hamas-affiliated establishments; Khan Younis (1,5)—for questioning following a blast inside a police office in An Naser hospital	2	35
Rafah	Rafah (1,2)—suspected of killing a 15-year-old boy whose body was found by the police on 6 December; Rafah (1,2)—a person who had escaped from prison and his son	2	4
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>106</b>

\* Were summoned to go to the PA security headquarters and were arrested upon arrival.

\*\* Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 5 – 11 December 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm :</b>	
<b>Ephraim (Green Line CP)</b>	Operating from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Operating 24 hours. Divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jbara.
<b>Ar Ras/ Kafriat</b>	Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
<b>Jubara</b>	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier.
<b>Enav</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	Operating 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras at Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances travelling from Qalqiliya City to these five villages need prior coordination with the DCL.
<b>Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)</b>	Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP</b>	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP</b>	Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Ras 'atiya</b>	Barrier Checkpoint.
<b>'Azzun Atme</b>	Barrier Checkpoint.
<b>Jit Junction, Partial CP</b>	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Kasem On Road 5</b>	Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara Southern main entrance</b>	Operating from 0500 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to cross between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours 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. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to cross.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint</b>	A major linkage between Nablus and the Jordan Valley area. Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours. Palestinians travelling out of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan must enter Nablus City through this checkpoint and then cross through other Nablus checkpoints to reach their destinations.
<b>Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin</b>	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
<b>Tappuah South, main road to Ramallah</b>	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</b>	As of 29 August 2007, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases. Since 29 October 2007, the IDF has closed a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing all access through the checkpoint including to ambulances with emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar, Partial CP</b>	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP</b>	Controls access to areas north of Road 505.

<b>Al Badhan, Partial CP</b>	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
<b>Jenin :</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b>	A crossing for workers to enter Israel. Operating between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
<b>Reikhan/ Barta'a</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Operating between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700 hours. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Salim DCO (Green Line CP)</b>	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
<b>Mevo Dotan</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas :</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, this checkpoint is open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates using public transportation as well as commercial trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 to 2200 hours. Only Palestinians with a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or possess an Israeli permit that allows them to be present in the Jordan Valley area are permitted to cross. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians using public transportation and commercial trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers.
<b>'Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays were reported this week.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open. Was in operation on 2 December and delays were reported.
<b>At Tayba</b> <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that links Road 90 to Road 458)</i>	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> <i>On Highway 443</i>	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>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
<b>Rantis</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. No permits are required for Jericho residents, holders of foreign passports, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az

	Za'ayyem and As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders who do not belong to the above categories need permits to cross. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to cross unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians who are non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs travelling northward to Al Auja and the northern Jordan Valley area are prohibited from crossing unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling from and to Ramallah.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became Permanent as of:</b> <b>1 July 2007</b>	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. As of 31 October 2007, it is manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours/day for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except holders of permits to work in Israeli settlements.
<b>Jerusalem :</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers and their family members are allowed to cross while staying inside the vehicle. All other persons, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. Delays were experienced by pedestrians on a daily basis this week.
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated terminals into Jerusalem.
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareded whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated terminals into Jerusalem.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	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 IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID cards.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with East 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shu'fat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Abu Dis</b> <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al</i>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.

<i>'Amoud</i>	
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Was moved northward to the new Israeli-built Rafat road and has become closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion.
<b>Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</b>	Random checks by IDF soldiers. Delays of up to 30 minutes were reported on a daily basis this week.
<b>Atarot junction</b> <i>At roundabout leading to bypass Road 45</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Vehicle checks for those traveling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu'man and 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. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers from 0600 to 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
<b>Ein Yallow/AI Walaja</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
<b>Mizpe Shalem – Efrata Settlers' CP</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>AI Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Betar Illit</b> <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs.
<b>Mitzpe Shalem</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa, Partial CP</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks. Employees for MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) reported experiencing thorough checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
<b>Tarquimiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours.



<i>(back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel have been carried out as normal through this checkpoint. During the reporting period long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Targumiya Terminal.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	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> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH staff have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP</b> <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Targumiya – Idhna, Partial CP</b>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura, Partial CP</b>	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of Palestinian traders as well as diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 9, 10 and 11 December, 371 Palestinians, including students and Palestinians holding residency permits in foreign countries, were allowed to exit Gaza via Erez to go to Egypt. However, 134 were denied access by the Egyptian authorities.</li> </ul> The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.

<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	On 7 December, Rafah crossing was opened on an exceptional basis for the passage of 27 Palestinian pilgrims from the Gaza Strip to Egypt. Since 3 December, a total of 2,335 Palestinian pilgrims and 150 Egyptian passport holders crossed to Egypt on an exceptional basis. Rafah was last open on 9 June.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh (Green Line CP)</b>	A private Israeli company controls traffic movement. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system). Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in place. Long delays of commercial trucks were reported this week.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on two days this week (5 and 10 December) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing continues to be closed since 28 October. However, on 10 December, the crossing was open for the import of general construction material (mainly gravel) used in the sewage project.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open on six days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 December, 22 truckloads carrying 20.5 tons of strawberries and 820,000 flowers were allowed to be exported through the crossing.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 8 December, they were closed for the weekend.

**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 Organisation (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.