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# Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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# Of note this week

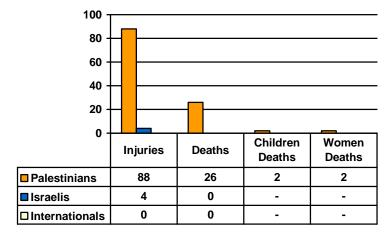
### **Gaza Strip:**

- 23 Palestinians were killed and 70 others were injured in the Gaza Strip.
- The Israeli Air Force carried out 15 air strikes on the Gaza Strip.
- A commercial strike was organised in several areas of the Gaza Strip to protest against the IDF operation in Gaza City (Gaza).
- Between 18 and 22 January, crowds of people gathered in front of bakeries and petrol stations throughout the Gaza Strip in anticipation of the exhaustion of fuel supplies.
- The Gaza power plan shut down on 21 January. More than 800,000 people were affected and hospitals had to declare a state of emergency.
- On 22 January, the Israeli authorities allowed the entry of 765,000 litres of industrial fuel into Gaza, enabling the power plant to resume operations for three days. In addition, 13 out of 50 scheduled truckloads of food and medicine were delivered to the Gaza Strip by international organisations.
- 255,000 litres of diesel entered the Gaza Strip but none was delivered to stations due to a strike by the Palestinian Gas Station Owners Association (distributors).
- 147 Qassams and 82 mortars were fired towards Israel. Three Israelis were injured by Qassam rockets this week.

#### West Bank:

- Three Palestinians were killed and 12 others were injured by the IDF. In addition, Israeli settlers injured six Palestinians in the H2 area of Hebron City.
- One IDF soldier was injured in an exchange of fire in Tulkarm.
- Israeli settlers cut down 23 and 20 olive trees in land belonging to Palestinians from 'Einabus and As Sawiya villages, respectively (Nablus).
- For the second week in a row, Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves using the only dirt track road available and crossing through Ramot Allon checkpoint experienced long delays of up to 30 minutes due to prolonged ID checks by the Israeli Border Police.
- The IDF evicted five Bedouin families (30 people) from an area near Al Jib (Jerusalem) and ordered them to disassemble their tents (five), two storage structures and four animal pens.
- 40 curfew hours, 55 flying checkpoints, 98 IDF search operations and 127 arrests were reported.
- Seven search operations by Palestinian security forces and 19 arrests were reported.

# Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:1



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

# Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **16 January:** Two Palestinians (adults) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of PRC members who were reportedly attempting to fire rockets from east of Jabaliya towards Israel (North Gaza).
- 16 January: An armed Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting a group of armed Palestinians located southeast of Jabaliya Camp (North Gaza).
- 16 January: Three Palestinian bystanders from the same family (two brothers and a 13-year-old boy) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a vehicle carrying suspected Islamic Jihad members travelling on Al Nafaq Street in Gaza City. The rocket missed the target vehicle and hit the family vehicle, killing all three passengers (Gaza).
- 16 January: Armed Hamas members fired three rockets from east of Beit Lahiya towards Sderot. According to Israeli media reports, a Qassam rocket hit a house, lightly injuring one Israeli woman (North Gaza).
- **16 January:** Two Palestinians (aged 25 and 28 years; PRC members) were killed and a bystander was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a vehicle carrying PRC members travelling on Salah Ed-Din road in Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- 17 January: Two Palestinians (a PRC member and a bystander) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired an air-to-surface missile targeting a vehicle travelling in Sheikh Zayid City (North Gaza).
- 17 January: Two Qassam rockets were fired form east of Gaza City towards the Green Line. According to Israeli media reports, 15 Qassam rockets were fired at Israel, injuring one person and causing damage to one house (North Gaza).
- 17 January: A Palestinian man (Fatah member) died of wounds sustained due to IDF firing shelling in Beit Hanoun on 15 January (North Gaza).
- 17 January: Two Palestinian bystanders (a mother aged 53 years and her 23-year-old son) were killed and seven others were injured when an IAF aircraft fired one missile targeting a donkey cart in Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- 17 January: Three Palestinians (aged 23, 24 and 25 years; armed Hamas members) were killed and three others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired three missiles targeting a group of Hamas members situated southeast of Gaza. One of the injured men died of his wounds on 19 January (Gaza).
- 17 January: A Palestinian farmer (adult) was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Deir El Balah opened gunfire towards Palestinian farmers working in the area (Central Gaza).
- 17 January: Three Qassam rockets were fired from east of Jabaliya towards Sderot. According to Israeli media reports, one Israeli woman was wounded due to the firing of Qassam rockets at Sderot (Israel).
- 18 January: Two Palestinians (aged 17 and 20 years; Hamas members) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- 18 January: An elderly Palestinian woman was killed and 45 others were injured, including at least four children, by flying debris when an F16 helicopter fired a missile targeting the Ministry of Interior in Gaza City. The building was destroyed and several nearby houses sustained damage. Most of the injured people were taking part in a nearby wedding party (Gaza).
- 19 January: Two Palestinians (aged 24 and 25 years) were killed and seven were injured during armed clashes between an IDF Special Forces unit and armed Palestinians east of Jabaliya near the Islamic cemetery. An IAF aircraft intervened and fired two missiles targeting armed Palestinians in the area but no injuries were reported as a result. At 0530 hours, the Special Forces unit withdrew to the border (North Gaza).
- 20 January: A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired three surface-to-surface missiles targeting a group of militants west Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- 20 January: A 25-year-old Palestinian (members of Fatah Al Mujahdeen Brigades) was killed and two others were injured when the IAF fired a missile targeting a group of armed Fatah Al Mujahdeen Brigades in Sheikh Radwan quarter in Gaza City (Gaza).
- 21 January: A 22-year-old Palestinian (Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades member) died of wounds sustained during IDF shelling in Beit Hanoun on 15 January (North Gaza).
- **22 January:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during IDF shelling in Jabaliya on 20 January (North Gaza).

 22 January: A 35-year-old armed Palestinian (Hamas member) was killed during armed clashes between an IDF Special Forces unit and armed Palestinians. The IDF unit had entered approximately 700 metres into Gaza northeast of Rafah. At 0530 hours the IDF Special Forces unit withdrew to the border (Rafah).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **16 January:** An IDF patrol boat fired two shells targeting an open area west of Beit Lahiya. No injures were reported (North Gaza).
- **16 January:** An IDF patrol boat opened gunfire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Beit Lahiya, forcing the boats to return to shore. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- 16 January: Hamas claimed responsibility for firing two Qassam rockets from east of Rafah targeting Kerem Shalom crossing. The IDF responded with Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire at the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **16 January:** An IDF patrol boat opened gunfire on Palestinian fishing boats west of Deir El Balah, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **16 January:** An IDF patrol boat fired two rockets targeting an open field in the former Yam settlement west of Rafah City. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **17 January:** The IDF fired one surface-to-surface missile targeting the area near Erez crossing. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- 17 January: Three Qassam rockets were fired from southeast of Jabaliya towards the Green Line. In response, IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired two surface-to-surface missiles targeting the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- 17 January: An IDF patrol boat opened gunfire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Deir El Balah, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- 17 January: IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Khan Younis opened gunfire targeting an open area east of Al Qarara. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- 17 January: One Qassam rocket was fired from east of Sheikh Zayed City towards the Green Line. According to Israeli media reports, a Qassam rocket hit a power line in Sderot and caused a power blackout in several areas of the town (North Gaza).
- 17 January: Islamic Jihad members fired three RPGs shells targeting an IDF jeep passing along the border east of Al Bureij Camp. The IDF responded with HMG fire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **17 January:** An IDF patrol boat opened gunfire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Rafah, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- 17 January: Two IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from Kissufim military base and entered about 200 metres into the Gaza Strip east of Al Maghazi Camp. At 1230 hours an IDF tank fired one shell towards an open area east of Al Maghazi Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- 18 January: Armed Palestinians fired two Qassam rockets from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot. The IDF responded by firing one tank shell at the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **18 January:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Erez crossing. In response, the IDF fired two surface-to-surface missiles targeting the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- 18 January: Two Qassam rockets were fired from southeast of Al Maghazi Camp towards the Green Line. IDF soldiers stationed at the eastern border responded by opening fire in various directions. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- 18 January: An IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting a Hamas marine base west of Deir El Balah Camp. The base had been evacuated prior to the strike. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- 18 January: Eight Qassam rockets were fired from east of Al Qarrara towards the IDF Kissufim military base. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire targeting an open area east of Al Qarrara. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **18 January:** An IDF patrol discovered and safely detonated a roadside bomb at the border fence east of Khuza'a. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **18 January:** An IDF patrol boat fired two shells at a Hamas marine military base west of Jabaliya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- 19 January: An IAF aircraft fired one missile targeting a vehicle carrying suspected armed Palestinians travelling east of Gaza City. The missile missed the targeted vehicle (Gaza).
- **19 January:** An IDF patrol boat opened gunfire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Rafah, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- 20 January: Two Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line. In response, an IAF helicopter fired one missile targeting the rocket launching site. No injures were reported (North Gaza).

- **20 January:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot. According to Israeli media reports, two Qassam rockets landed in Sderot in the evening of 20 January, one of which hit a road and damaged a nearby building (North Gaza).
- **21 January:** An IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting a group of armed Palestinians east of Jabaliya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- 21 January: Three mortar shells were fired from east of Gaza City towards the Green Line. In response, the IDF fired two surface-to-surface missiles targeting the mortar launching site. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- 22 January: An IDF patrol boat opened gunfire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea west of Khan Younis, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported. At 0830 hours, the IDF ordered the fishermen by loudspeakers to approach the IDF boats. Three Palestinian fishing boats were held by the IDF for inspection (Khan Younis).
- 22 January: Armed Hamas members opened fire towards an IDF jeep near Kissufim military base. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire and two tank shells targeting an open area east of Al Qarrara. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
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- 22 January: Armed Hamas members fired two mortar rounds from southeast of Al Bureij
  Camp targeting the Western Negev. IDF soldiers stationed at the eastern border
  responded with heavy gunfire in all directions. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- 22 January: Armed Palestinians fired three mortar shells from Abu Al Ajeen area towards IDF Kissufim military base; one of the mortars landed in Gaza. The IDF responded with HMG fire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

### West Bank:

- **16 January:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man from Birqin village was killed during an exchange of fire when Palestinians and the IDF when the IDF surrounded a house in Qabatiya village. Four Palestinians were arrested in the operation (Jenin).
- 17 January: A 28-year-old Palestinian man from the town of As Samu was injured with a rubber-coated metal bullet during clashes with IDF soldiers in the area of Bab Al Zawiya in the H1 area of Hebron City (Hebron).
- 18 January: A 22-year-old Palestinian man was killed and three Palestinian men (aged 21 and 22 (2)) were injured by live ammunition in Balata refugee camp during an exchange of fire after the IDF surrounded a house in the camp. A three-year-old boy was also injured by shrapnel. The three injured Palestinians were arrested in the operation (Nablus).
- 18 January: Three Palestinians were injured with rubber coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during the weekly demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists against Barrier construction in Bil'in village. One of the injured Palestinians sustained serious injuries in the head and was hospitalized for a week. In addition, two Palestinians and four international activists were arrested during the demonstration. The four arrested internationals were subsequently released (Ramallah).
- **18 January:** One Palestinian man was injured with rubber coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during clashes between Palestinians and IDF soldiers manning the Qalandiya checkpoint. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported (Jerusalem).
- 19 January: Six Palestinians (four women aged 32, 35, 36 and 45 years; and two children aged 10 and 12 years) from Wadi Al Hussein neighbourhood in the H2 area of Hebron City were injured when Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Al Rajabi House attacked and physically assaulted them while they were inside their homes (Hebron).
- 19 January: A 32-year-old Palestinian man from the H1 area of Hebron City was physically assaulted and injured by IDF soldiers while he was covering settler attacks in Wadi Al Hussein are for B'Tselem human rights organisation. He was later detained for two days and released on bail pending his trial (Hebron).
- **20 January:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man from Tulkarm city was physically assaulted by the IDF at Beit Iba checkpoint (Nablus).
- 21 January: A 23-year-old Palestinian man was killed and one IDF soldier was injured during an exchange of fire in Dhinnaba after the IDF surrounded the house where the Palestinian hid. Six Palestinians were arrested in the operation (Tulkarm).
- 21 January: A 19-year-old Palestinian man from the town of Sa'ir was injured with live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire at stone throwing Palestinians in Ras Al Arroud area of the town. The man was arrested and transported to Hadassa Hospital in Israel (Hebron).

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

- **16-18 January:** The PA announced a three-day mourning period in response to the killings in Gaza. All official ministries and entities (except for schools) were closed for the duration of the mourning period.
- 18 January: The IDF entered Jayyus, met the Mayor and warned that if Palestinian children did not stop throwing stones at the Barrier, the IDF would undertake punitive measures, including cutting the electricity supply, stopping the issuance of permits, shooting at stone throwers and closing the main village entrance (Qalqiliya).
- 21 January: A commercial strike and demonstrations were held by Palestinians in the Jerusalem and Ramallah governorates in support of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and to protest against the silence of the international community vis-à-vis the Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip.
- **21 January:** Palestinians held demonstrations in Jenin, Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm governorates to protest against the siege on the Gaza Strip.
- 21 January: While the IDF was searching Palestinian vehicles at Einav checkpoint they forced three Palestinians to take off their clothes and then arrested them.

# 2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>

### Gaza Strip:

- 17 January: Three Qassam rockets were fired from east of Jabaliya towards Sderot. According to Israeli media reports, one Israeli woman broke her leg while running to a shelter when Qassam rockets landed in Sderot (Israel).
- 18 January: A 30-year-old Palestinian was killed during an armed internal dispute between cousins in Rafah. The police arrived and brought the situation under control. On 20 January, three police men and one family member were reportedly injured when family members related to the person killed on 18 January arrived at the suspected killer's house in Al-Junaina area and opened fire at police officers stationed in front of the house. The police arrested two members of the family (Rafah).
- **20 January:** A 25-year-old Palestinian was killed and two others were injured during a family dispute between two local families in Gaza City. The two families exchanged fire and hurled bombs at each other (Gaza).
- 21 January: Egyptian Security forces discovered a tunnel under the Gaza-Egypt border, on the Egyptian side of Salah Ed-Din gate. An exchange of fire took place between the Egyptians and the tunnel owners. One Egyptian was killed and another one was arrested (Rafah).
- 22 January: Approximately 5,000 women and 100 patients demonstrated in front of Rafah terminal demanding that the patients be permitted to cross to Egypt through Rafah terminal for medical treatment. One thousand protesters succeeded in breaking through the Rafah gate and entered Egypt before Egyptian Security Forces used water cannons to force them back to Gaza. As a result, fifty demonstrators were reportedly lightly injured at the Rafah terminal. At 1430 hours, Hamas representatives requested the demonstrators to return to Gaza and opened fire in the air. Two demonstrators were reportedly injured. By 1500 hours, all of the demonstrators had returned to the Gaza Strip (Rafah).

## Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **18 January:** A group of gunmen driving a white military jeep opened fire at a house belonging to a local family west of Rafah. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **20 January:** The Palestinian Popular Committee against the Gaza Siege organised a candlelight vigil protesting the siege imposed on the Gaza strip. Approximately 2,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 2100 hours (Gaza).
- **21 January:** An explosive device was detonated in front of a barber shop in Gaza City. The shop was damaged, but no injuries were reported. The motive behind the attack is unknown (Gaza).
- 21 January: Approximately 1,500 members of the Palestinian Popular Committee against the Gaza Siege demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest the closure of the crossings and the siege on Gaza. The demonstrators handed over a letter

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

- addressed to the UN Secretary General. At 1400 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **20 January:** Approximately 400 people demonstrated in An Nuseirat Camp to demand an end to the Israeli blockade on Gaza. At 2250 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- 21 January: Approximately 1,000 people, including Hamas PLC members and hospital patients, gathered in front of Rafah terminal demanding that the crossing be re-opened. At 1230 hours the protest ended peacefully (Rafah).
- 22 January: A hundred members of the National Work Committees (NWC) demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the closure of the crossings and the siege on Gaza. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. At 1100 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- 21 January: The Palestinian Popular Committee against the Gaza Siege organised a candlelight vigil to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. The demonstration took place in front of the Saraya military complex. Approximately 1,500 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 2030 hours (Gaza).
- 22 January: A hundred members of Beit El Maqdes Fighters movement demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. At 1200 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- 22 January: Forty members of the NWC gathered at UNRWA's Khan Younis Relief and Social Service Office (RSSO) to hand over a letter to the Chief of RSSO to be sent to the UN Secretary General. In the letter, NWC expressed its appreciation for UNRWA's service for Palestinian refugees and its attempts to have the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip lifted (Khan Younis).
- 21 January: Approximately 100 people gathered at the UNRWA RSSO in Rafah demanding an increase in JCP opportunities. The group handed over a letter to the Area Operations Officer to be sent to the Director of UNRWA Operations (Rafah).

### West Bank:

• 19 January: A Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Ras at Tira due to family dispute (Qalqiliya).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

• 22 January: Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) employees in emergency and ambulance departments in the West Bank held a sit-in to protest against salary-related problems.

### Inter-factional violence

# Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

## Other incidents (not involving casualties):

• 20 January: A press conference was organised by Al Qassam, Saraya Al Quds and Al Naser Salah Ed-Din Brigades. The organisers threatened to use explosives to destroy the border fence with Egypt to open the crossing if the Egyptian government did not take action to open the crossing within the next 24 hours (Rafah).

### West Bank:

No incidents to report.

# 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
16 January 2008	Al Jib, Jerusalem	11 (evacuated structures and		30	-
16 January 2008	Road 55, Qalqiliya	-	2	-	2
21 January 2008	Dhinnaba, Tulkarm	-	1	5	-
Total	<u>'</u>	11	3	35	2

• 16 January: The IDF arrived at a field located near Al Jib and evicted five Bedouin families (30 people) residing in five tents. The IDF demanded the families to

disassemble their tents, two storage structures and four animal pens (11 structures); otherwise, the IDF threatened to demolish them. Those directly affected are part of 90 Palestinians residing in the area (located in Area "C") and all were previously issued eviction orders due to the lack of building permits. The remaining 60 people are also expected to be evicted in the coming week. The five evicted families have moved to several nearby locations and stayed with other Bedouin families in An Nabi Samwil, Bir Nabala and Al Jib. All 90 Bedouins are registered as residents of An Nabi Samwil on the western side of the Barrier; however, the IDF has not given them permission to officially move to An Nabi Samwil since the village lies in Area "C" and it would be difficult for them to acquire building permits to reside therein (Jerusalem).

- 16 January: Israeli settlers from Qedumim settlement threw stones at Palestinian vehicles travelling on Road 55, causing damage to two public transportation vehicles (Qalqiliya).
- 21 January: The IDF damaged part of a house (comprised of three rooms) in Dhinnaba during a military operation. The house was damaged such that it has been rendered un-inhabitable and five people were displaced (Tulkarm).

## Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

• Throughout the reporting period, Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Al Rajabi House occupied a piece of land belonging to Palestinians in Abu Al Hussein neighbourhood, located in the H2 area of Hebron City. Frequent attacks by the settlers on nearby houses and Palestinians passing by, including a Palestinian working for B'tselem organization, were reported. The B'tselem employee was physically assaulted by the IDF and placed in jail for two days before being released on bail (Hebron).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage): No incidents to report.

# **Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:**

• 22 January: Unidentified persons set fire to a Palestinian vehicle in Jayyus (Qalqiliya).

# 4. Natural Resources

# Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</sup>

# **Nablus Governorate:**

**19 January:** Israeli settlers cut down 23 olive trees in land belonging to Palestinians from 'Einabus village. The farmers submitted a complaint to the Israeli Police and the case is currently under investigation.

**21 January:** Israeli settlers from Eli settlement placed about 20 new caravans on land belonging to Palestinians from Al Lubban ash Sharqiya.

**22 January:** Israeli Settlers from Eli settlement cut down 20 olive trees in land belonging to Palestinians from As Sawiya village. The farmers submitted a complaint to the Israeli Police and the case is currently under investigation.

# Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Qalqiliya, and Salfit Governorates:

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.
  - 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.

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

- 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 GoI 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.

### Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

### 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 3km 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 of the Barrier between the neighborhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. One detour route for pedestrian and vehicular traffic continues to connect these two neighbourhoods, but when the Barrier is completed, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank. The iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remained closed during the week for all pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The gate is planned to be used only by Israeli security patrol vehicles.
  - 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 Dahiyet Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyet 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'ayyem.
  - 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 is ongoing. 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.

### **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 suspended land levelling and asphalting 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 suspended 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, Allon Shevut 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:**

17 January: Two IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from Kissufim military base and entered about 200 metres into the Gaza Strip east of Al Maghazi Camp. The bulldozers undertook levelling and excavation operations. At 1210 hours the IDF moved further inside the Gaza Strip, reaching the Al Musdar area (Central Gaza).

# Access and Movement for Civilians

## a) Incidents of curfews

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
16 January 2008	Al Mughayyir, Ramallah	7 hours
16 January 2008	Deir Istiya, Salfit	5 hours
16 January 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	5 hours
16 January 2008	Bab Al Zawiya region of the H1 area of the City of Hebron and some parts of the Old City of Hebron (H2), Hebron	8 hours
17 January 2008	Bab Al Zawiya region of the H1 area of the City of Hebron and some parts of the Old City of Hebron (H2), Hebron	8 hours
18 January 2008	Balata Camp, Nablus	2 hours
21 January 2008	Dhinnaba, Tulkarm	5 hours
Total Week		40 hours

- 16 January: The IDF entered al Al Mughayyir village and imposed curfew for 7 hours (0400—1100 hours). The IDF conducted house searches looking for weapons. As a result, village students were unable to access their schools in and outside the village (Ramallah).
- **16 January:** The IDF continued to impose curfew on Deir Istiya village for 5 hours (2400 0500 hours) during a search and arrest campaign (Salfit).
- **16 January:** The IDF continued to impose curfew on Huwwara village for 5 hours (2400 0500) after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 60 that passes through the village (Nablus).
- 16 and 17 January: IDF soldiers imposed commercial closure and curfew on shops and Palestinians in Bab Al Zawiya area of the H1 section of Hebron City as well as

parts of the Old City of Hebron (H2 area) that began in the early morning hours on each day. This took place in the aftermath of continued clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers who were protesting against the death of Palestinians in Gaza by the IDF (Hebron).

- **18 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on Balata Camp for 2 hours (0500 0700 hours) during a search and arrest campaign (Nablus).
- **21 January:** The IDF imposed curfew on Dhinnaba for 5 hours (0300 0800 hours) during a military operation (Tulkarm).

### 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

 16 January: A group of Israeli settlers entered the playground of As Sawiya School, alleging that school students had thrown stones at their vehicle. The IDF subsequently evacuated the settlers (Nablus).

# c) Access to employment

During the reporting period: Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were present in the early morning 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 were present in the early morning hours at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel on schedule (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 Palestinian 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:**

- **16 January:** The IDF opened the southern entrance of Qaryut to allow farmers to plough their land.
- **18 January:** The IDF closed Huwwara and 'Awarta checkpoints for three hours from 0530 to 0730 hours. No reason was given for the closure.
- 21 and 22 January: Delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.

### Ongoing incidents:

- 8 December to date: The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of 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 destinations.
- 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 access to ambulances with emergency cases.
- 29 August to date: The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).
- 28 March to date: The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).

# Jenin Governorate:

- 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:**

Ongoing incidents:

 12 December to date: The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

# Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- 23 November to date: The IDF continues to close 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.

### **Salfit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- 18 December to date: The IDF continues to close the road connecting Haris to Kifl Haris with an earth mound.
- 27 November to date: The IDF continues to close the entrance of Kifl Haris with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

### 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.

### 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'ayyem 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.

# Jerusalem Governorate:

**During the reporting period:** For the second week in a row, Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves using the only dirt track road available and crossing through Ramot Allon checkpoint experienced long delays of up to 30 minutes due to prolonged ID checks by the Israeli Border Police.

### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

# **Hebron Governorate:**

**21 January:** IDF soldiers imposed movement restrictions on Palestinians in the Old *Souq* (market) of the Old City of Hebron, located in the H2 area of Hebron City, due to the presence of Israeli settlers visiting the *Souq*.

## **Gaza Strip**

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was closed this week except for urgent medical cases and the movement of diplomats and international humanitarian workers. (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. It was last open on 9 June.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on one day (17 January) 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 was closed this week. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities (it had been closed since 28 October).
   Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on two days this week (17 and 22 January) for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, Kerem Shalom was effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on three scheduled operating days (16, 17 and 22 January).
- 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	-	0
Jenin	'Arraba (1), Deir Abu Da'if (1), Kafr Dan (2), Al Yamun (1), Al Judeida (1)	6
Tubas	Al Far'a (1)	1
Tulkarm	Bal'a (1), Shufa (1), Beit Lid (1), Kafr Sur (2), Ramin (1)	6
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (4), Wadi Qana (3), Izbat at Tabib (1), Jayyus (3), Kafr Laqif (2)	13
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Haris (3), Kifl Haris (2), Bruqin (1)	7
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	Bypass road 1 to Jericho (1)	1
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (3), Tuqu' (2), Beit Jala (1), Deir Salah (1)	7
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4) Halhul (3), Road between Nuba and Beit Ula (1), Beit Kahil (2), Beit Einoon (1), Al Fawwar RC (1), Zif (1), As Simiya (1)	14
Total West Bank		55

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# **Search/Arrests/Detentions**

Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)<sup>1</sup>

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (5), Balata RC (3), Camp No.1 (2), Askar RC (2), Aqraba (1), Qusin (2), Salem (1), Balata (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP	18	41
Jenin	Jenin RC (1), Jenin City (3), Qabatiya (1), Zbuba (2), Ya'bad (1), Al 'Araqa (2), Siris (1), Deir abu Da'if (1)	12	4
Tubas	Tubas City (3), Al 'Aqaba (1)	4	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (3), 'Anabta (2), Zeita (2), Kafr Jammal (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Qaffin (1), 'Attil (1), Dhinnaba (1), Enav CP	12	23
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (4), 'Azzun (4), Jayyus (3), Kafr Qaddum (3), Ras Tira (1), Jit (3), Habla (3), Immatin (3), Ras 'Atiya (4), Jinsafut (2), Kafr Thulth (1), Qalqiliya eastern entrance (DCO) CP	31	7
Salfit	Marda (2), Deir Ballut (1)	3	2
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1), Bil'in demonstration, 'Atara CP	1	8
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Abu Dis CP	0	1
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (2), Ad Duheisha RC (1), Beit Jala (1), Dar Salah (1), Ubeidiya (1)	6	6
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), Arrub RC (3), Beit Ummar (1), Tarqumiya (1), Tabaqa (1), Khirbet Al Salamah (1), Abu Sneinah Neighbourhood of H2 (1)	11	35
Total Week West Bank		98	127
North Gaza	East of Jabaliya (1)	1	5
Rafah <sup>2</sup>			12
Total Gaza Strip		2	17
Total oPt		100	144

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures exclude the number of West Bank Palestinians arrested in Israel due to the lack of work permits.

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 City (2,4)	2	4
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (1,6), 'Illar (1,3), Bal'a (1,1)	3	10
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Salfit City (1,2)	1	2
<b>Total Week Wes</b>	t Bank	7	19
Gaza Strip*			
Total Gaza Strip		0	0
Total oPt		7	19

<sup>\*</sup>Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On **21 January**, five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 1 kilometre into Gaza northeast of Rafah. The IDF conducted house and tunnel search operations under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. The IDF arrested 12 Palestinians during the military operation and withdrew to the border at 0810 hours (Rafah).

Appendix: Checkpoints: 16 – 22 January 2008

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green Line CP)	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.
Kafriat	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 Jubara.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
Jubara	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	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.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)	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.
Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP	Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
Ras 'atiya	Barrier Checkpoint.
'Azzun Atme	Barrier Checkpoint.
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between
Deir Ballut	Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Kasem</b> On Road 5	Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	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. On 18 January, it was closed for three hours. On 21 and 22 January, delays and long queues were reported.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	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. On 21 and 22 January, delays and long queues were reported.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint	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.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	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.
Tappuah South, main road to Ramallah	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages	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
Yizhar, Partial CP	including to ambulances with emergency cases.  Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.

Controls access to areas north of Road 505.  Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
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into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need procoordination.
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Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
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Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint
officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday
0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jew
holidays. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits
enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for internation
organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint
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checkpoint is open for all Palestinians from the West Ba
governorates using public transportation as well as commercial truc
West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossi
An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is
longer required.
Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600
2200 hours. Only Palestinians with a Jordan Valley address on the
ID cards or possess an Israeli permit that allows them to be presen
the Jordan Valley area are permitted to cross. The same restriction
apply to commercial trucks.  Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operat
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West Bank Palestinians using public transportation and commerce
trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited fr
crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via t
checkpoint is no longer required. Delays of up to 20 minutes w
reported during the reporting period.
Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600
2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, fore
passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisatio
PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electric
companies and Palestinians with special work permits. Manned
IDF reserve soldiers but as of 14 January, a Border Police compa
will be responsible for manning the checkpoint.
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checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehic and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
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Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramal
governorate and the Jordan Valley. No permits are required to cro
the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint h
become a permanent one and there have been random checks of
vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passpholders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, exc
those with permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.
Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, a
foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC car
workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israel
permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs a
foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cro

Operating 24 hours/day. No permits are required for Jericho residents, holders of foreign passports, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards,

Main checkpoint off Road 1

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Al Auja (Yitav)	Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitariar 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 Septembe 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint. Al vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to cross unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.  Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate
On Road 90	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.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	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> North Jericho	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern Wes Bank.
Dead Sea Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. Was a permanen checkpoint between 1 July 2007 and 01 January 2008. It is manned by the Border Police as of 31 October 2007. Operating 24 hours/day for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. As of 2 January 2008, the checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. During the reporting period, Palestinians holding Wes Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles were denied access to the Dead Sea area during the week days when the IDF was randomly manning the checkpoint and during the weekend when the checkpoin is in operation for 24 hours/day.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	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 Wes Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestriar lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are presen at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks Delays facing pedestrians continue to be reported on a daily basis.
<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 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> North eastern entrance, on Road 1	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permi 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> Northern entrance, on Road 60	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working fo international organisations and residents of the southern part on Dahiyat al Bareed 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> 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 beer requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID cards.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	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.  During the reporting period, delays of up to 20 minutes were reported on a daily basis by Palestinians crossing the checkpoint westwards to
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	reach Beit Iksa village.  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. Commercia trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shu'fat Camp

#### Al Walaja Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line

Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.

### Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP Entrance to Beit Jala

Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.

# Tunnels

Road 60 at Har Gilo

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. On 4 January, the Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint demanded to search a UN vehicle. The driver refused to allow the border police to search the vehicle and he was delayed for 1 ½ hours before being allowed to access Jerusalem without having the vehicle searched.

### Mizpe Shalem - Efrata

Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.

### **Gush Etzion** On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout

Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.

### Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line

Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.

Al Jab'a	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisation
Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line	Operating from 0500 to 1900 hours. Palestinians with worker permi can cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Betar Illit Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
Mitzpe Shalem On Road 90, along Dead Sea	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	Creating on Dood 254 Mannad by the Border Delice Operating C
Beit Awwa, Partial CP At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 2 hours with occasional ID checks. Employees for MSF (Médecins Sar Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) reported experiencing thoroug checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinia families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarqumiya	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding
Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.	valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hour Family visits coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Isra were cancelled between 7 and 9 January and are expected to resum on 10 January. During the reporting period, long delays of truckir movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hou Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operate from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks a conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with val permits are permitted to cross. During the reporting period, Palestinia workers were allowed to reach their work places inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid wo permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
Shani	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cros
At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.	Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the moveme
On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line	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 canow access their village without having to cross the checkpoint Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint have their names listed with the IDF to allow them passage. Friends and family members holding Palestinian IDs cannot visit their relatives in the area since the names are not on the list.
Prayers Road, H2	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israel
Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents fro accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the T Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians ar internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector. On January, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed for 25 minute a Palestinian man and his pregnant wife who were going to hospita. The wife gave birth to a baby boy at 0320 hours at the checkpoin after which she was allowed to be transferred to a Palestinia ambulance waiting for her beyond the checkpoint.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents livir near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to the homes. On 28 December, the IDF and Israeli Border Police mannir the checkpoint delayed Muslims heading to perform Friday Prayers Al Ibrahimi Mosque through increased ID checks and prolonge detentions.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the roablocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks ar ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitaria organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being ab to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north towa the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declare the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry

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3	anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those wi
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Ibrahimi Mosque. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go throug several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to parat a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for internation organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to
Ar Ramadin	through a mobile metal detector.  This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located intersection between As Portsection and Post 2007.
Not on the Green Line.  Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP  Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)  Al Fawwar, Partial CP	intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.  Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.  On Road 60. Monitored from the people observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP A <i>l Fawwar-Dura junction</i> Tarqumiya – Idhna,	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.  On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Bord
Partial CP Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Police.  Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	temporary basis by the IDF.
Erez crossing	Erez was closed this week except for urgent medical cases and for the movement of diplomats and international humanitarian worked 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> <li>16 January: Erez was closed, except for urgent humanitarian cases</li> <li>17 January: Erez was open for internationals and Palestinians w special coordination arrangements. Twenty Palestinian patier crossed to Jordan via Erez for medical treatment.</li> <li>18 and 19 January: Erez was closed.</li> <li>20 January: Erez was open for internationals and Palestinians w special co-ordination arrangements only. 18 internationals enter Gaza and 11 left, 146 medical cases left through Erez and seven Palestinians crossed to Israel.</li> <li>21 January: Erez was open for internationals and Palestinians w</li> </ul>
	special co-ordination arrangements. Between 0930 and 1230 hou the pedestrian was closed.  22 January: Erez was open for internationals and Palestinians w special co-ordination arrangements only.
	The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 Mar 2006.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya Taybeh (Green Line CP)	A private Israeli company controls traffic movement. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hour Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
Nablus	,
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003	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. On 18 January, it was closed for three hours.
Jenin Al Jalama (Green Line CP) Main commercial checkpoint	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Tubas Bisan	Located north of Tuhas Since 9 January 2007 the checknoint
ыsan Main entrance to Israel	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint 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 expo

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

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	offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.
Hebron	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> West of Hebron on Road 35	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. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on one day this week (17 January) 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.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was closed this week. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on two days this week (17 and 22 January) for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods.
	<ul> <li>17 January: Kerem Shalom was open for the import of food commodities and medicine and the export of carnations.</li> <li>22 January: Kerem Shalom was open for the import of food commodities. UNRWA was scheduled to receive nine truckloads of rice, seven of milk and one of materials for manufacturing nylon bags but only eight trucks of rice entered Gaza. WFP, ICRC and WHO also received some supplies.</li> </ul>
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on three scheduled operating days (16, 17 and 22 January). On 19 January, they were closed for the weekend.
	<b>22 January:</b> Nahal Oz was open; 765,000 litres of industrial fuel, 200 metric tonnes of cooking gas and 255,000 litres of diesel entered Gaza. None of the diesel was delivered to stations due to a strike by the Palestinian Gas Station Owners Association (distributors).

#### **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.