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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

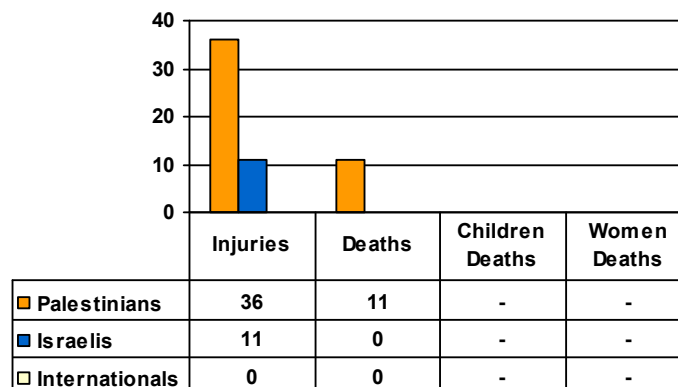
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed 11 Palestinians, including a teacher at the agriculture school north of Beit Hanun, and injured 31 others, including three children.
- On four occasions, Israeli patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea.
- On 7 February, Israel reduced the amount of electricity it supplies to the Gaza Strip by 0.5 megawatt, further straining the electricity deficit. Most Gaza Strip households (except those in Rafah) have power cuts lasting at least eight hours every day and the Gaza power plant is still only able to produce 55 megawatts due to restrictions on fuel supplies by the Israeli authorities. At present, the electricity requirement in the Gaza Strip is 230 megawatts.
- IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated agriculture land east of Deir El Balah while IDF tanks provided covering fire. As a result, 17 dunums of olive trees were uprooted.
- 81 rockets and 44 mortars were fired towards Israel, which resulted in the injury of four Israelis, including two women and one child. Moreover, 7 rockets and 111 mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.

West Bank:

- Five Palestinians were injured, including two children and a 56-year-old mentally-disabled man. Seven Israelis were injured, including one woman, one child and one IDF soldier.
- Between 6 and 12 February, the IDF closed numerous roads in the northern West Bank by constructing earth mounds and setting up flying checkpoints on major road junctions connecting cities and villages due to a high security alert. In addition, since 5 February, the IDF continues to prevent Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from Jenin and Tulkarm governorates from travelling southwards through checkpoints.
- The IDF prevented Palestinian males from Jenin aged 16 - 35 years from crossing through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints to access the northern Jordan Valley area. The age restriction is ongoing.
- The IDF forcibly entered several money changing shops in Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm and Hebron cities and confiscated money, computers and documents.
- The IDF demolished 26 structures, which resulted in the displacement of 89 Palestinians (Salfit, Qalqiliya, Tubas, Jericho and Jerusalem).
- 107 curfew hours were imposed on localities in the Nablus and Qalqiliya governorates.
- 102 flying checkpoints, 104 IDF search operations and 74 arrests were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **6 February:** One armed Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of armed Hamas members. The IAF attack took place following the firing of two rockets from east of Jabaliya towards the western Negev (North Gaza).
- **6 February:** One Palestinian man was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of Hamas members east of Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **6 February:** Two Israeli women (sisters) were injured by Qassam rockets fired from north of Beit Hanun towards the western Negev and Sderot. According to Israeli media reports, one rocket struck Kibbutz Be'eri in the western Negev and another rocket struck Sderot, damaging a house. The armed wing of Hamas claimed responsibility for the attacks (North Gaza).
- **6 February:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting the area northwest of Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **6 February:** Two Palestinians were injured and several houses were damaged when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting a storehouse in an orange grove west of An Nuseirat Camp. The targeted storehouse was reportedly filled with weapons by the armed wing of Hamas (Central Gaza).
- **6 February:** An 80-year-old Palestinian woman was injured by shrapnel when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting a shop adjacent to a police building in Abassan east of Khan Younis. The damaged store was owned by a Hamas leader (Khan Younis).
- **7 February:** A 41-year-old Palestinian teacher was killed and three others (all aged 17 years) were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired one surface-to-surface missile targeting the agricultural school north of Beit Hanun and hit the school building during operating hours (North Gaza).
- **7 February:** Six armed Palestinians (aged 20, 22 (2), 25, 26 and 40 years) were killed and four others were injured when IDF soldiers fired three surface-to-surface missiles towards armed Palestinians guarding the border line and after an IAF aircraft fired three missiles targeting armed Hamas and Islamic Jihad members who were reportedly attempting to launch rockets from east of Jabaliya towards the Green Line (North Gaza).
- **7 February:** A 34-year-old Palestinian died of wounds sustained on 6 February 2007 due to IDF shelling (a missile) on Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **9 February:** According to Israeli media reports, two Israelis (brothers aged 8 and 19 years) were injured as a result of a rocket attack from east of Sheik Zayed City towards Sderot (North Gaza).
- **9 February:** A 20-year-old Palestinian (member of the Palestinian Resistance Committees (PRC)) was injured when an IAF helicopter fired one missile towards PRC members east of Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **9 February:** A 22-year-old armed Hamas member was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians in the Brazil quarter of Rafah (Rafah).
- **10 February:** A 34-year-old armed Hamas member died of wounds sustained on 7 February 2007 due to IDF shelling (surface-to-surface missile) on Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **10 February:** Ten Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a metal workshop in Zaitoun quarter of Gaza City. As a result, the workshop and several nearby houses sustained damage (Gaza).
- **10 February:** A 21-year-old armed Palestinian was killed during an exchange of fire between the IDF and armed Palestinians east of Shuja'iya and Tufah quarters. The killed Palestinian was part of a group of armed Palestinians who were monitoring the borders before they located an IDF Special Forces unit (Gaza).
- **10 February:** One Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians east of Gaza City. This took place following an exchange of fire between IDF soldiers stationed at the eastern border and armed Palestinians (Gaza).
- **11 February:** One Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border opened fire towards a group of Palestinians near the border in Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).
- **11 February:** A Palestinian man (bystander) was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a vehicle carrying Hamas members. The rocket missed the target (Rafah).
- **12 February:** Two Palestinians were injured during clashes between armed Palestinians and an IDF Special Forces unit (that had entered the Gaza Strip) in the eastern part of Zaitoun quarter. Ten IDF military vehicles, supported by two IAF helicopters, entered Gaza to reinforce the Special Forces unit. In the course of the operation, the IDF

conducted search operations and opened heavy gunfire while armed Palestinians fired seven home-made rockets and 73 mortar rounds at the IDF (Gaza).

- **12 February:** Two Palestinians were injured during clashes between armed Palestinians and IDF soldiers who had entered 1 kilometre into Al Qarrara east of Khan Younis (ten IDF tanks and one bulldozer). At 0930 hours, an IAF helicopter hovered over Al Qarrara and opened fire at the armed Palestinians. At 1140 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **6 February:** Armed Hamas members opened fire at an IDF jeep patrolling the border east of Al Qarrara. The IDF responded with Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **6 February:** An IAF aircraft fired one missile towards an open area north of Jabaliya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **6 February:** Armed Hamas members opened HMG fire towards an IAF helicopter hovering over Abassan village east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **6 February:** Israeli patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).
- **7 February:** Israeli patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Beit Lahiya, forcing the boats to return to shore. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **8 February:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border discovered and detonated a road-side bomb east of Al Bureij Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **8 February:** The IDF launched a surveillance balloon over Kerem Shalom crossing to monitor the area (Rafah).
- **8 February:** Israeli patrol boats opened HMG fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).
- **9 February:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile towards a group of armed Palestinians in Beit Hanun. The missile missed its target and no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **9 February:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a Hamas military base east of Abassan in Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **11 February:** Approximately 17 IDF armoured vehicles entered 700 metres into Gaza. The tanks were deployed between Nahal Oz and the Islamic cemetery east of Jabaliya. Armed clashes erupted between the IDF and armed Palestinian. An IAF aircraft fired two missiles towards the armed Palestinians, who responded by firing 25 mortar rounds at the IDF soldiers. No injuries were reported. At 0900 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border line (North Gaza).
- **11 February:** An IDF Special Forces unit entered approximately 500 metres into Gaza southeast of Al Shouka village. Subsequently, clashes erupted between armed Palestinians and the IDF. No injuries were reported. At 1130 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Rafah).
- **11 February:** Israeli patrol boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).
- **12 February:** An IDF Special Forces unit entered approximately 200 metres into Gaza east of Rafah and stationed itself at the Gaza International Airport. The unit conducted house and tunnel search operations under the cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. At 1200 hours, armed Hamas members fired five mortar rounds at IDF soldiers, who responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported. The IDF troops withdrew at 1700 hours. The IDF operation is ongoing (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **7 February:** A mentally-disabled Palestinian man (aged 56 years) was injured in Qabatiya by live ammunition during an IDF search and arrest campaign (Jenin).
- **7 February:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man from the H2 area of Hebron City was injured when a group of settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassa threw stones and bricks at his house located in the vicinity of the settlement (Hebron).
- **8 February:** An eight-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in 'Atuf village by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire in the air during a search and arrest campaign. One of the bullets ricocheted off the zinc roof of a house and injured the child (Tubas).
- **8 February:** Two Israelis, a woman and a child, were injured near 'Awarta when Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli settler vehicle passing near the village (Nablus).
- **8 February:** An Israeli man was injured near 'Azzun when Palestinian youngsters threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling on Road 55 near the village (Qalqiliya).
- **8 February:** An 18-year-old Palestinian male was injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by IDF soldiers during the weekly demonstration held by Palestinian, Israeli

and international activists in Bil'in village against the construction of the Barrier on village land. Several cases of Asphyxia were also reported (Ramallah).

- **9 February:** Two Israeli men were injured near 'Azzun when Palestinian youngsters threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling on Road 55 near the village (Qalqiliya).
- **10 February:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy from Tubas was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during an IDF search and arrest campaign (Tubas).
- **11 February:** An Israeli man was injured near Huwwara when Palestinian youngsters threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles passing on Road 60 near the village (Nablus).
- **12 February:** An IDF soldier was injured when a Palestinian stabbed him at a flying checkpoint near 'Ajja village (Jenin).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **5 February:** The Israeli police prevented Palestinians from East Jerusalem from setting up a mourning tent in honor of the founder of the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Dr. George Habash, who passed away on 26 January 2008.
- **7–8 February:** Following stone throwing by Palestinian at Israeli settler vehicles, the IDF entered 'Awarta village and ordered all males aged 16 – 50 years to gather in the yard of the village mosque and interrogated many of them from 2300 hours on 7 February until 0300 hours on 8 February. Subsequently, the IDF imposed curfew on the village from 0500 to 1600 hours (Nablus).
- **7 February:** Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli bus travelling near Hizma village. No injuries or damage were reported (Jerusalem).

2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **8 February:** A 25-year-old Palestinian was killed during a dispute between two local families that escalated into an exchange of gunfire (Gaza).
- **8 February:** Four Palestinians were injured during an armed dispute between local families in Al Maghazi Camp (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **6 February:** Egyptian Security Forces permitted 200 residency holders to cross from Rafah to Egypt. Fifty Palestinians were also permitted to cross from Egypt to Gaza through Salah Ed-Din gate (Rafah).
- **7 February:** A home-made bomb exploded in an internet café in Rafah. It is believed that the attack was carried out by a Palestinian group that objected to the café's provision of internet access (Rafah).
- **10 February:** Hamas organised a rally in front of Salah Ed-Din gate in Rafah to congratulate the Egyptians for winning the African Football Championship. Approximately 1,000 people participated in the rally, which ended peacefully at 2240 hours (Rafah).
- **11 February:** Approximately 100 students and teachers demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the death of the teacher who was killed due to IDF shelling on the agricultural school north of Beti Hanun on 7 February. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. At 1100 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **11 February:** Egyptian Security Forces permitted 100 residency holders to enter Egypt through Rafah crossing (Rafah).

West Bank:

No incidents to report.

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **6 February:** PA teachers and health employees held a strike to protest against a new policy that requires people to obtain a clearance letter from the Palestinian water and electricity providers stating that they are free of debt before they are entitled to be issued any official document from PA departments.

² 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.

10 February: A female Palestinian lawyer from Dura village (Hebron) was reportedly kidnapped in Ramallah City by an unknown perpetrator. An investigation by the Palestinian police is ongoing (Ramallah).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **7 February:** PRC members affiliated with two different leaders exchanged fire in Beit Hanun near Salah Ed-Din Road. The incident took place after one PRC leader was not permitted to pay his condolences at a wake on 05 February (North Gaza).

West Bank:

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
06/02/2008	Haris, Salfit	1	0	-	1
06/02/2008	'Azzun 'Atma, Qalqiliya	1	0	-	14
06/02/2008	Hadidiya, Tubas	15	0	30	N/A
06/02/2008	Al Jiftlik, Jericho	7	0	29	N/A
06/02/2008	Old City, Jerusalem	1	0	30	N/A
06/02/2008	Abassan, Khan Younis	0	1	-	1
06/02/2008	An Nuseirat Camp, Central Gaza	0	3+	-	3+
07/12/2008	Beit Hanun, North Gaza	-	1	-	N/A
10/02/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	0	3+	-	3+
10/02/2008	Rafah, Rafah	1	2+	N/A	2+
12/02/2008	Hizma, Jerusalem	1	0	-	1
Total		27	10+	89+	25+

- **6 February:** The IDF demolished a shop in Haris village due to the lack of a building permit. The shop is located in Area C (Salfit).
- **6 February:** The IDF demolished two rooms in Area C, built as extensions to a metal-roofed house and an animal pen, in 'Azzun 'Atma. In the house, 14 people were affected. The demolition was due to the lack of building permits (Qalqiliya).
- **6 February:** Two IDF jeeps, two jeeps from the Israeli Civil Administration, four others from a demolition contractor and a bulldozer arrived at Al Hadidiya and demolished fifteen structures (4 residential tents, 9 barracks for animals, 1 barrack used as a kitchen, and 1 tent used as a guesthouse) that belong to three Bedouin families residing in the area. As a result, 30 Palestinians (non-refugees) were displaced. The residents were allowed to remove personal items from the structures before they were demolished. On 7 February, the ICRC delivered tents and other assistance. The families reported that they have been living in the area for over 20 years. They have been evicted from different locations within the same area several times before and several demolitions have also taken place. The Israeli court order used to notify the residents of the demolition stated that the eviction is necessary because the area is considered a closed military zone. The residents stated that they have official documents and maps that demonstrate they have been living in an open area, not a closed military zone. They stated that they pay rent and have signed an official lease contract with the land owner, who is a resident of Tubas City (Tubas).
- **6 February:** Two IDF jeeps, two jeeps from the Israeli Civil Administration, several vehicles from the demolition contractor and a bulldozer demolished seven structures in four different locations in Al Jiftlik. These include three residential tents, a residential structure with three rooms (15x4 metres), a barrack for animals, a small grocery shop, and a small residential house under construction) and belong to four Bedouin families

residing in the area. As a result, 29 Palestinians (non-refugees) were displaced. The residents were allowed to remove personal items, including grocery items from the store before the structures were demolished. On 7 February, the ICRC delivered tents and other assistance. The families are all registered as Al Jiftlik residents on their identification cards and have been living in the area for over 30 years. According to the eviction orders that they received, some were being evicted because they were living in a closed military area and others for construction in Area C without a permit (Jericho).

- **6 February:** The IDF arrived demolished a two-story house on Al Buraq Street in the Old City of Jerusalem due to the lack of building permit. As a result, 30 Palestinians were displaced (Jerusalem).
- **6 February:** An IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting a shop adjacent to a police building in Abassan east of Khan Younis. The damaged store was owned by a Hamas leader (Khan Younis).
- **6 February:** Two Palestinians were injured and several houses were damaged when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting a storehouse in an orange grove west of An Nuseirat Camp. The targeted storehouse, which was damaged, was reportedly filled with weapons by the armed wing of Hamas (Central Gaza).
- **7 February:** A Palestinian teacher was killed and another three were injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired one surface-to-surface missile targeting the agricultural school north of Beit Hanun during operating hours. The school building sustained damage (North Gaza).
- **10 February:** Ten Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a metal workshop in Zaitoun quarter of Gaza City. As a result, the workshop and several nearby houses sustained damage (Gaza).
- **10 February:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a two-storey house owned by a Hamas leader in Rafah. The building was totally destroyed and several nearby houses were damaged (Rafah).
- **12 February:** IDF jeeps and a bulldozer entered Hizma village, closed the area and demolished a mini-market. No information is available at present regarding the reason for the demolition (Jerusalem).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **6 February:** The IDF distributed 14 demolition orders in Al Beqa'a area in Hebron City against one health clinic, a water cistern, one building (has four shops), and 11 houses of which three were previously demolished and rebuilt by the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) (Hebron).
- **12 February:** The IDF occupied a two-storey house in Deir Istiya for 21 hours and converted it into an observation tower (0300 – 2400 hours). The family was allowed to use the first floor. Last week, the same house was occupied for 30 hours (Salfit).
- **12 February:** The IDF forcibly entered several money changing shops in Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm and Hebron cities and confiscated money, computers and some documents. The IDF claimed that the money was being transferred from abroad to local militant groups. In Hebron City, the IDF confiscated four computers and some files from the house of one of the top money exchangers in the H1 area before they escorted him to three of his shops and confiscated additional files and money. In Nablus City, the IDF ordered the closure of two money changing shops for one year. In addition, the IDF arrested five owners of money changing shops in Nablus City and two in Jenin City after searching their houses.

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

No incidents to report.

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

No incidents to report.

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm and Salfit Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

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

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.
 - 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.

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 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 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.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
 - Since **26 November 2007**, Barrier construction has been halted between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages due to budget constraints.
- 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.
- A new “fabric of life” road between Anata and Az Za'ayim (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Az Za'ayim without using the entrance lane off Road 1 near Za'ayim checkpoint.

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 but building of the patrol road along this section was started.
 - 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 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 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:

- **8 February:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered Gaza east of Al Qarara village. The bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations. At 1700 hours the IDF withdrew to the border line (Khan Younis).
- **12 February:** Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 1 kilometre into Gaza east of Deir El Balah. The IDF bulldozers levelled and excavated agriculture land while the tanks provided covering fire; 17 dunums of olive trees were uprooted. At 1100 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Incidents of curfews

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
08 February 2008	'Awarta, Nablus	11 hours
08 February 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	10 hours
09-12 February 2008	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	83 hours
11 February 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	3 hours
Total Week		107 hours

8 February: The IDF imposed curfew on 'Awarta village for 11 hours from (05:00 – 16:00), after ordering all males aged 16 – 50 years to gather in the yard of the village mosque. This took place following stone throwing by Palestinians at Israeli settler vehicles passing near the village (Nablus).

8 - 9 February: The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village for 10 hours (19:00 – 05:00) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling on Road 55 (Qalqiliya).

9 - 12 February: The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village for 83 hours (from 1300 hours on 9 February to 24:00 on 12 February) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling on Road 55 (Qalqiliya).

11 February: The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village for three hours (08:00 – 11:00) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling on Road 60 (Nablus).

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

- **9 - 12 February:** Schools were closed in 'Azzun village due to the curfew imposed by the IDF (from 1300 hours on 9 February to 24:00 on 12 February). Among the four days, only the 9th was a weekend day.
- **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 escort the children from and to the school in At Twani. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. It needs to be noted that the escort decision indicated that the soldiers must be walking with the children. The soldiers, however, 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 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

5 February to date: The IDF continues to prevent Palestinian males from Jenin and Tulkarm aged 16 – 35 years from crossing through Ar Ras, Enav, Huwwara, Beit Iba, and Tappuah checkpoints. Delays and long queues were reported at these checkpoints.

6 February to date: The IDF prevented Palestinian males from Jenin aged 16 - 35 years from crossing through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints to access the northern Jordan Valley area.

Nablus Governorate:

During the reporting period: Delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Tappuah checkpoints.

8 – 10 February: The IDF closed the main road between Bizzariya and Ramin with an earth mound due to a security alert. This road is the main alternative for Road 60 connecting Jenin with Tulkarm and Nablus with the southern West Bank. On 10 February, Palestinians removed the earth mound but the IDF set up a flying checkpoint in the area restricting Palestinian access and enforcing the age restriction (denial of access to males between 16 and 25 years of age).

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 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:

7 February: The IDF closed with earth mounds three roads connecting Al Judeida with Sir, Tubas and Meithalun due to a security alert.

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:

6 February: The IDF closed with an earth mound the main road connecting Tubas with Jenin. The closure was placed at the road segment between 'Aqqaba and Al Kufeir due to a security alert.

Tulkarm Governorate:

8 February: The IDF closed with earth mounds four roads connecting Bal'a with Road 57, 'Anabta, Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba due to a security alert.

Ongoing incidents:

- **5 February to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Al Masqufa and Shuweika with an earth mound (Tulkarm).
- **12 December to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

9 February to date: The IDF closed the northern entrance of 'Azzun with concrete blocks and an earth mound. They also closed with earth mounds the road connecting 'Azzun with 'Asla and a dirt road connecting 'Azzun with Kafr Laqif, after stones were thrown at Israeli settler vehicles travelling on Road 55 near the village.

10 - 11 February: The IDF closed the Qalqiliya DCO and Izbat Jal'ud partial checkpoints from 22:00 to 06:00 due to a security alert.

Ongoing incidents:

- **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:

6 February: The IDF closed the road connecting Haris with Kifl Haris with five earth mounds after Palestinians removed the earth mound which was closing the road last week.

Ongoing incidents:

- **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 2007 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.

- **As of 2 January:** The Dead Sea checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. Palestinians and Palestinian plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area. However, all Palestinians and their vehicles have been denied access by the Israeli Border Police whenever the checkpoint is manned, particularly during the weekends.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **As of 10 January:** Additional installations were added to Ramot checkpoint and the Israeli Border Police presently checks all vehicles and IDs of Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves.

Bethlehem Governorate:

8 February: IDF soldiers obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles at the southern entrance to Bethlehem City (a.k.a. Al Nashash) due to the weekly anti-barrier demonstration held in Al Khader town.

Hebron Governorate:

6 February: IDF soldiers placed a road block on the road connecting the village of Twani, located south of Yatta, to the village of Karmil.

6 and 11 February: IDF soldiers closed Al Fawwar gate for two hours on each day.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, senior Palestinian businessmen and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. National UN staff members continue to be denied entry to Israel, even with permits and prior co-ordination. (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 two days this week 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 open on six days this week. It was closed on 9 February. 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 closed this week 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 six scheduled operating days this week.
- 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
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Nablus	Bizariya (3), Talluza (2), Al Badhan (1), An Nasariya (1), Jamma'in (1)	8
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Sir (4), 'Anin (1), Al Yamun (1), Jab'a (5), Al Kufeir (5), Haifa road (5), 'Ajja (1), Meithalun (1), At Tayba (1), Sanur (2)	28
Tubas	'Aqaba (1), Al Far'a village (2)	3
Tulkarm	Bal'a (2), Ramin (3), Al Jarushiya (4), Deir al Ghusun (1), Beit Lid (1), Kafr Sur (2)	13
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (5), A Elyasn Nabi (1), Wadi Qana (3), Izbat at Tabib (5), Jayyus (1), Kafr Laqif (4), Habla Tunnel (3), Immatin (1), Ras 'Atiya(3)	26
Salfit	Deir Istiya (2), Kafr ad Dik (1)	3
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (4), Tuqu' (3), Obaidiya (1), Al Ubayyat area (1)	9
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Halhul (3), Beit Kahil (1), Al Fawwar RC (4)	12
Total West Bank		102

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

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

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 (2), Camp No. 1 (2), Salem (1), 'Awarta (1), Beita (1), 'Azmut (1), Huwwara village (2), 'Aqraba (1),	16	20
Jenin	Jenin RC (4), Jenin City (4), Qabatiya (3), 'Arraba (1), Jalqamus (1), Al Yamun (1), 'Anin (1), Kafr Dan (1)	16	13
Tubas	Tubas City (3), Tammun (1), Al Far'a village (1), 'Atuf (1), 'Aqqaba (1)	7	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (3), Tulkarm RC (1), Beit Lid (1)	5	3
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (5), 'Azzun (6), Jayyus (4), An Nabi Elyas (1), Kafr Qaddum (4), Hajja (4), Kafr Laqif (1), Jit (1), Habla (1), 'Asla (1), Kafr Thulth (2)	30	6
Salfit	Deir Istiya (2), Kafr ad Dik (2), Marda (1)	5	4
Ramallah	Ramallah City (3), Al Mazra'a al Qibliya (1), Qatanna (1)	5	5
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem ²	Silwan village (1), Jerusalem (1)	2	8
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (2), Tuqu (1), Ubeidiya (1), Ad Dhuheisha RC (1), Artas (1), Nahalin (1)	7	5
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (7), Arrub RC (1), Beit Ummar (1), Tarama (1), Dura (1), Khallet Al Mayya (1)	12	8
Total Week West Bank		104	74
Rafah	Rafah (2)	2	9
Central Gaza	East of Deir El Balah (1)	1	14
Khan Younis	Al Qarrara	0	10
Total Gaza Strip		3	33
Total oPt		107	107

¹ Figures exclude the number of West Bank Palestinians arrested in Israel due to the lack of work permits.

² **On 6 February**, the IDF detained Mr. Hatim Abdul-Qader, the Palestinian Prime Minister's advisor for Jerusalem Affairs, from his house in Shu'fat and took him to an interrogation centre in the Neve Ya'akov settlement.

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 (2,6)	2	6
Jenin	Jenin City (2,3)	2	3
Tubas	Tammun (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (3,5)	3	5

Salfit	Salfit (1,5)	1	5
Ramallah	Kobar (1,4)	1	4
Total Week West Bank		10	24
Total Gaza Strip		0	0
Total oPt		10	24

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

Appendix: Checkpoints: 6 – 12 February 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. On 5 February, delays and long queues were reported. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported and an age restriction continued to be imposed that prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing due to a security alert.
Jubara	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported and an age restriction continued to be imposed that prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing due to a security alert.
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:	
Deir Ballut	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem 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. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported and an age restriction continued to be imposed that prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing due to a security alert.
Beit Iba 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. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported and an age restriction continued to be imposed that prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing due to a security alert.
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 <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	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 <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505. During the reporting period, delays and long queues were reported and an age restriction continued to be imposed that prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing due to a security alert.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	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.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP	Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	A crossing for workers and traders to enter Israel. Operating between 0530 to 2000 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0530 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Reikhan/ Barta'a <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Operating between 0500 to 2200 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	
Bisan <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.
Tayasir <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. Since 6 February , the IDF prevented Palestinian males from Jenin aged 16 - 35 years from crossing through Tayasir checkpoints to access the northern Jordan Valley area.
Maale Efrayim <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.
Hamra <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. Some delays were reported during the reporting period. Since 6 February , the IDF prevented Palestinian males from Jenin aged 16 - 35 years from crossing through Hamra checkpoints to access the northern Jordan Valley area.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	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. As of 14 January, a Border Police company is in charge of manning the checkpoint.
'Atara Bridge	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.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually Open.
At Tayba <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arajat 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.
Makkabim <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 East Jerusalem and Israel.
Ni'lin	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.
Rantis	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.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. As of 26 September 2007, all West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Palestinians from the north of the West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint and are hence forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint. All other West Bank ID-holders may exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint or Yitav.
Al Auja (Yitav) <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. Delays were reported on a daily basis.
Gate opposite Allenby <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.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea Became a partial checkpoint as of 2 January 2008	Located on Road 90 near the Dead Sea. Was a permanent checkpoint between 1 July 2007 and 01 January 2008. As of 31 October 2007, it is manned by the Border Police and until 2 January 2008 operated on a daily basis 24 hours/day allowing passage only to Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. As of 2 January 2008, the checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles are denied access to the Dead Sea area whenever the IDF is present, at random during weekdays and 24 hours per day on the weekends.
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 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 facing pedestrians continue to be reported on a daily basis.
Hizma <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.
Az Za'ayyem <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.
Ar Ram <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 Bared who 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.

Bir Nabala / Atarot <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.
Ramot Alon <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 IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID cards. As of 10 January, additional installations were added to the checkpoint. The Israeli Border Police now checks all vehicles and IDs of Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves. Since 14 January 2008, delays of up to 20 minutes have been reported on a daily basis by Palestinians crossing the checkpoint westwards to reach Beit Iksa village.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	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.
Container ("Wadi nar") <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.
Az Zaytoun (olive) <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.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion <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.
Jaba' <i>Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by IDF soldiers. During the reporting period, delays were reported on a daily basis. Long delays of up to 30 minutes were experienced during the morning and evening rush hours.
Atarot junction <i>At roundabout leading to bypass Road 45</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Vehicle checks for those travelling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <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 show their IDs. 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 after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning. 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.
An Nu'man <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.
Ein Yallow / Al Walaja <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	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 <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <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.
Settler checkpoint: 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 <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 hour for Palestinians with work permits to cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
Mitzpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa, Partial CP <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.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Family visits coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were cancelled between 7 and 9 January and are expected to resume on 10 January. 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 Tarqumiya Terminal.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work places inside Israeli through this checkpoint. 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.
Shani <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.
Beit Yatir <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. 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 their names are not on the list.
Prayers Road, H2 <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.
Shohada street, H2 <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.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <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.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <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.
Qarantina, H2 <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 and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.

Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <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.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Ibrahimi Mosque. 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.
Abu Rish, H2 <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.
Ar Ramadin <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.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <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.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 6 and 11 February, the IDF erected a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar Camp, east of Al Fawwar partial checkpoint.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of senior Palestinian traders as well as diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. It was closed on 9 February. The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 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 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <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.
Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Tubas	
Bisan <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.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya <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.
Hebron	
Tarqumiya <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. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on two days this week (6 and 11 February) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, Karni remained closed for all other imports

	and all exports.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was open on all six days this week, it was closed on 9 February. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was closed this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days this week. On 9 February, they were closed for the weekend.

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Method and Sources

The information used to compile these Briefing Notes comes from a range of sources with a field presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The accuracy of the reported information is ensured through the corroboration of reports by two additional sources. Typically, the OCHA Field Coordination Unit (FCU) receives an initial incident report from a source, which is verified through visits to the incident site in addition to further corroboration with a third source, such as an NGO. In addition, OCHA FCU collects military orders as documentary evidence and provides information on incidents witnessed in person.

In the interests of timeliness and readability, the sources are not listed for each incident within the texts of the report. Listed below are the sources relied upon each week in compiling this Briefing:

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health 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.