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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

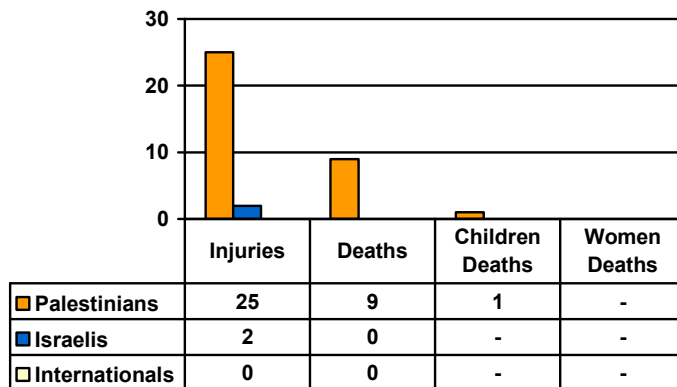
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed eight Palestinians, including a 10-year-old boy, and injured 16 others, including one woman (Central Gaza, Rafah and Khan Younis).
- The Egyptian authorities and Gaza police permitted 334 Palestinians who had been stranded in Egypt to return to the Gaza Strip through Salah Ed-Din gate on 18 February. However, about 150 people of various nationalities were not allowed to enter Egypt through Salah Ed-Din gate.
- The IDF carried out three land levelling and excavation operations in the North Gaza and Rafah governorates.
- 50 rockets and 15 mortars were fired at Israel. In addition, 16 mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.
- The IDF carried out three air strikes, compared to 15 during the preceding week.
- Palestinians farmers and exporters of carnation flowers demonstrated at Sufa crossing on 14 and 15 February to protest against being disallowed to export their products.

West Bank:

- One 56-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained on 7 February during an IDF military operation in Qabatiya town.
- The IDF injured nine Palestinians, including a journalist, two men in their 60s, one woman and a 17-year-old boy.
- The IDF demolished seven structures and forced Palestinians to disassemble four other structures; as a result, 76 Palestinians, including eight women and 50 children, were displaced (Ramallah and Hebron).
- During the IDF military operation in Beit Ummar, the IDF closed all roads leading to the town with earth mounds and caused damage to two water networks and roads. The IDF also conducted a house-to-house search operation, damaged the main doors and furniture of houses and shops and arrested 45 people (Hebron).
- The IDF imposed 110 curfew hours on localities in the Nablus, Qalqiliya and Hebron governorates.
- The IDF imposed an age restriction at nine checkpoints in the northern West Bank, one partial checkpoint and all flying checkpoints. The policy—which has hitherto lasted one day to 15 days—prevented Palestinian males between 16 and 35 years of age from travelling southwards to the central and southern West Bank or eastwards to access the northern Jordan Valley area.
- 77 flying checkpoints, 108 IDF search operations and 119 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

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **13 February:** A Palestinian boy (UNRWA student) was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Deir El Balah opened fire in the direction of a group of people near the border (Central Gaza).
- **13 February:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF troops stationed at the border, east of Abu El 'Ajeen, opened fire towards Palestinians living in the area (Central Gaza).
- **17 February:** An armed Palestinian (aged 21 years; Hamas member) died of wounds sustained during the IDF incursion into Al Qarara on 12 February (Khan Younis).
- **17 February:** Three armed Palestinians (aged 23, 33 and 40 years) and a 24-year-old Palestinian civilian were killed and 13 others (including one woman) were injured during armed clashes between the IDF and armed Palestinians. This took place when seven IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved 1,700 metres into Gaza to reinforce the IDF soldiers unit that had already entered into El Jaradat southeast of Rafah on 16 February. The IDF expanded the incursion by moving into the airport. Armed Hamas members opened fire targeting an IAF helicopter hovering over the area and fired three mortar shells at the IDF, who responded with heavy gunfire. An IAF aircraft fired one missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians in Al Shouka. At 1445 hours, the IDF withdrew to the border (Rafah).
- **18 February:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during an IDF incursion into El Jaradat southeast of Rafah on 17 February (Rafah).
- **19 February:** A 24-year-old armed Palestinian was killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the border east of Deir El Balah opened fire at two armed Palestinians who reportedly approached the fence in a suspected attempt to infiltrate into Israel (Central Gaza).
- **19 February:** A 10-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and another was injured during armed clashes between armed Palestinians and an IDF patrol east of Deir El Balah. The IDF had entered the area earlier in the day and remained there before they were supported by additional IDF reinforcements. While the IDF was conducting search operations, two helicopters hovered over the area and provided covering fire. During the clashes, Hamas members fired three Qassam rockets targeting the IDF Kissufim military base and five mortar shells at IDF soldiers. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire and withdrew to the border at 1900 hours (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **13 February:** Sixteen IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers entered the former Erez Industrial Zone. No action was taken against them. On 14 February, the IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers withdrew to the border (North Gaza).
- **13 February:** The IDF launched a surveillance balloon over Kerem Shalom crossing (Rafah).
- **13 February:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile at an open area east of Jabalia Camp. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **13 February:** Two helicopters were hovering over the area east of Shuija'iya and intermittently opening fire towards open areas. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **16 February:** Israeli patrol boats opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah, forcing the boats to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **16 February:** An IDF Special Forces unit entered El Jaradat area southeast of Rafah and carried out search operations. Armed clashes erupted between the IDF and armed Palestinians and an IAF aircraft fired several missiles targeting armed Palestinians in El Jaradat area. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **17 February:** IDF armoured vehicles entered the former Nisanit settlement and Erez Industrial Zone. No action was taken against them. At 1715 hours the IDF armoured vehicles withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **17 February:** Israeli patrol boats opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats west of Beit Lahiya. No injuries or damage was reported (North Gaza).
- **17 February:** Armed Palestinians detonated a road-side bomb northeast of Al Bureij Camp targeting an IDF Special Forces unit attempting to enter Gaza (Central Gaza).
- **18 February:** An IAF helicopter hovered over Beit Hanun and opened fire at an open area, following the firing of two rockets from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **18 February:** Armed Palestinians fired one Qassam rocket from east of Jabaliya towards Sderot. According to Israeli media reports, a Qassam rocket landed in the yard of a house in Sderot. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **13 February:** A 26-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and detained for several hours by the IDF at Beit Iba checkpoint. The man is a taxi driver and had a verbal confrontation with the soldiers manning the checkpoint. The soldiers beat the man and then transferred him to a military base in Shave Shomeron settlement where he was again beaten. An IDF liaison officer called the Palestinian liaison officer to send an ambulance for the evacuation of the injured man. The man filed a complaint that he submitted to the IDF (Nablus).
- **13 February:** A 65-year-old Palestinian man from Beit Ummar was injured by live ammunition during an IDF operation in the town. The man was in his house yard feeding his animals when a bullet fired by the IDF hit him. At the time, the IDF was opening fire at Palestinian stone throwers in the area (Hebron).
- **14 February:** A 56-year-old Palestinian man from Qabatyia town died of wounds sustained on 7 February by live ammunition fired by the IDF during a military incursion in the town (Jenin).
- **14 February:** Two Palestinians (aged 26 and 60 years; bystanders) were injured in 'Anabta village by IDF live ammunition. A confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers was ongoing in the village when the 60-year-old man, who owns a money changing shop, was shot and the customer in his shop was injured by shrapnel (Tulkarm).
- **15 February:** A 35-year-old Palestinian journalist was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets shot at him 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 the village land. Several cases of Asphyxia caused by tear gas were also reported (Ramallah).
- **15 February:** Twenty to thirty Israeli settlers from Beit El settlement entered Beitin village and threw stones at a Palestinian house where two elderly Palestinians reside in an attempt to take over the house. Clashes erupted between the settlers and Palestinian youth who arrived at the scene and started throwing stones back at the settlers in order to protect the house and the two elderly people. By the time the IDF arrived, the settlers managed to escape and one of them was lightly injured by a stone (Ramallah).
- **17 February:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured by the IDF in Al Walaja area (Bethlehem).
- **18 February:** A 57-year-old Palestinian woman was physically assaulted by the IDF in Tulkarm refugee camp when she tried to prevent the arrest of her son. The woman was evacuated to hospital (Tulkarm).
- **18 February:** One Israeli man was injured when Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli bus travelling near Pisgat Ze'ev settlement. The IDF conducted a search operation in the area but no one was arrested (Jerusalem).
- **18 February:** Two Palestinians (a 17-year-old boy and a 19-year-old man) from the H2 area of Hebron City were physically assaulted and injured by the IDF (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

2. [Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²](#)

Gaza Strip:

- **14 February:** Two members of the Palestinian Resistance Committees (PRC) were injured while they were handling an explosive device in An Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **15 February:** Two armed Palestinians were injured whilst attempting to fire a mortar shell from east of Al Qarrara. The mortar exploded prematurely (Khan Younis).
- **15 February:** Eight Palestinians (aged 5, 12, 16, 17 (2), 24, 39 (f), 41 years) were killed and approximately 60 were injured, including 20 children and 23 women, in an explosion in Al Bureij Camp at the home of a leader in the military wing of Islamic Jihad. He was killed along with his wife, three children and three of his neighbours. The explosion

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.

completely destroyed six houses and damaged dozens of houses beyond repair. The IDF refuted responsibility for the attack. It remains unknown who the perpetrators are (Central Gaza).

- **16 February:** A 22-year-old Islamic Jihad member died of wounds sustained due to the mishandling of an explosive device on 15 February (Khan Younis).
- **19 February:** Three Palestinians were injured when a Qassam rocket fired from east of Sheikh Zayed City towards Sderot exploded prematurely in the Gaza Strip (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **13 February:** Approximately 50 students and teachers from Beit Hanun Agriculture School organised a demonstration in front of the UNICEF office and proceeded to the UNRWA Field Office to protest against the killing of a school teacher due to IDF shelling on the Beit Hanun Agriculture School on 7 February. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the head of UNICEF office and the UNRWA Director of Operations (Gaza).
- **13 February:** Approximately 100 students from government-sponsored secondary schools demonstrated in front of Al Awda mosque in Rafah to protest against the difficulty of the school curriculum. At 1130 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **14 February:** Approximately 200 secondary school students demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the closure of the crossings and the siege of Gaza. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1300 hours (Gaza).
- **14 February:** Hamas, the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) organised a demonstration at Rafah crossing to demand that the Egyptian government open it and allow food commodities to enter Gaza. Approximately 2,000 people participated in the demonstration. The demonstration ended at 1330 hours (Gaza).
- **14 February:** A Hamas delegation, including senior Hamas leader Mahmoud Al-Zahar, crossed to Egypt through Rafah crossing to discuss arrangements for opening the crossing (Rafah).
- **15 February:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Jabaliya, Al Bureij and An Nuseirat camps to protest against the re-publishing of the Danish cartoons of Prophet Mohammed. Thousands of people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully (North and Central Gaza).
- **15 February:** A dispute broke out between two local families in the Sabra area of Gaza City that involved a sporadic exchange of gun fire. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **17 February:** Fatah organised a parade in Al Bureij Camp in support of the families of those killed in the explosion east of Al Bureij Camp. Approximately 1,000 members participated in the military parade, which ended peacefully at 1645 hours (Central Gaza).
- **18 February:** The Egyptian authorities and the Gaza police allowed 334 Palestinians who had been stranded in Egypt due to the closure of Rafah crossing to return to the Gaza Strip through Salah Ed-Din gate. On the other hand, approximately 150 people of various nationalities gathered in front of Salah Ed-Din gate in order to get into Egypt, but at 2030 hours Egyptian Security Forces closed the gate without allowing those on the Palestinian side to enter Egypt (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **14 February:** A 65-year-old Palestinian woman died in Deir al Ghusun village after the IDF refused to allow a Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) ambulance to evacuate her to hospital. The family tried to take the woman to Tulkarm hospital in a private civilian car but were not allowed to pass through a flying checkpoint. The PRCS ambulance also tried to reach Deir al Ghusun village but was denied access by IDF soldiers manning a flying checkpoint in Tulkarm City. Despite several hours of coordination with the IDF, the woman died in her village before the ambulance was able to reach her (Tulkarm).
- **17 February:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy from Beit Ummar was injured when a gas canister exploded in his hand after he found it in the yard of his house. It was apparently left during the IDF military operation in the town on 13 February (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 February:** Five policemen entered the UNRWA Nuseirat Distribution Centre looking for three people. The police left the facility after 10 minutes of searching for the men but did not find them (Central 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
13/02/2008	Al Filik area, Ramallah	6	8	76	76
13/02/2008	Beit Ummar, Hebron	-	19	-	N/A
13/02/2008	Beit Ummar, Hebron	1	-	-	1
13/02/2008	Erez industrial Zone, North Gaza	3+	-	-	-
15/02/2008	Beit Hanoun, North Gaza	-	1	-	-
15/02/2008	Bureij Camp, Deir al-Balah	6	24+	N/A	N/A
Total		16+	51+	76+	77+

- **13 February:** The IDF accompanied by the Israeli Civil Administration and a bulldozer arrived at Al Filik area east of Rammun (Ramallah) and demolished six structures (4 residential tents and 2 barracks for storing animal fodder) belonging to four Bedouin families residing in the area. Another four families were forced to disassemble their structures (4 residential tents and 4 animal barracks) that the bulldozer was not able to reach. A total of 76 Palestinians (non-refugees), including 8 women and 50 children, were displaced. The eight families were forced to move to the nearby Wadi Alseek valley, which is located along a very rough road and is 2 kilometres away from Al Filik area. Furthermore, the IDF confiscated 4 ploughs, 300 meters of fencing and 2 trailers that belonged to those families and informed the Palestinian governor in Ramallah that they will be fined 10,000-15,000 NIS in order to get them back. ICRC delivered four tents and other assistance on 17 February 2008. However, the residents were unable to set up the tents due to the nature of the valley and were, therefore, forced to secure the children in caves found in the valley while the rest had to seek shelter at the homes of their neighbours and relatives. The families reported that they have been living in the area for many years and they possess official papers to prove their ownership of the land. They stated that the land is located in an open area and not a military zone area as the IDF claimed.
- **13 February:** During a military operation in Beit Ummar, the IDF damaged the main doors of 14 shops and houses and forcibly entered the Zakat committee and Mada Society damaging the doors and confiscating computers and files. The IDF also damaged two water networks and the main road between Beit Ummar and Safa village while erecting earth mounds in the area (Hebron).
- **13 February:** The IDF demolished the zinc extension of a stone-cutting factory located on Road 60 between Al Arroub Camp and Beit Ummar due to the lack of building permit. The owner was given a stop building order two months ago but did not use legal proceedings to follow up on it (Hebron).
- **13 February:** Sixteen IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers remained stationed at the former Erez Industrial Zone. Tanks were deployed in the area and the bulldozers carried out demolition operations. Several explosions were heard, and there were reports that the IDF demolished several evacuated buildings, including an abandoned factory. According to the Israeli media, the IDF is conducting controlled-detonations of deserted structures in the former Erez Industrial Zone that are allegedly used by Palestinians to launch rockets and mortars towards Israel (North Gaza).
- **15 February:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired one surface-to-surface missile targeting Ezbet Beit Hanoun. The missile hit and damaged a house owned by a local family. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **15 February:** Eight Palestinians (aged 5, 12, 16, 17 (2), 24, 39 (f), 41 years) were killed and approximately 60 were injured, including 20 children and 23 women, in an explosion

in Al Bureij Camp at the home of a leader in the military wing of Islamic Jihad. He was killed along with his wife, three children and three of his neighbours. The explosion completely destroyed six houses and damaged dozens of houses beyond repair. The IDF refuted responsibility for the attack. It remains unknown who the perpetrators are (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **13 February:** The IDF occupied the roof of a six-storey building in Beit Ummar and converted it into an observation post during a military operation in the town. At the time, the IDF was imposing curfew on the town and residents in the building were unable to leave their houses (Hebron).
- **14 February:** The IDF occupied a four-storey house in Nablus City for 10 hours and converted it into an observation post. The 22 residents of the house were held in one room (Nablus).
- **15 February:** A group of settlers from Israeli settlements in the West Bank entered Balata village and went into Joseph's tomb near the village. Several hours later the IDF entered the area and took the settlers away. The IDF demanded that the Palestinian police patrols the area and prevents any attempt to sabotage the site. The PA deployed a Palestinian Police patrol in the area between **600 hours and midnight**, which is the time period they are allowed by the IDF to deploy police forces (Nablus).
- **16—19 February:** Israeli settlers and the IDF were present at Joseph's tomb near Balata village and the IDF restricted the movement of Palestinian police in the eastern area of Nablus between **midnight and 700 hours** (Nablus).
- **17 February:** The IDF handed over a demolition order against a house made of zinc in Khirbet Jubara village located in the buffer zone west of the Barrier due to the lack of building permit. Four people live in the house (Tulkarm).
- **19 February:** The IDF entered Al Barra' charitable society in Jenin City and confiscated computers and files. The IDF also sealed the main door of the society's premises and posted a leaflet announcing the closure of the society. In the same raid the IDF entered the Emirates charitable society in Jenin and searched its premises (Jenin).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

No incidents to report.

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **15 February:** Unknown gunmen broke into the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) inside the library, resulting in severe damage to the building. No injuries were reported (Gaza).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm and Salfit Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

16 February: The IDF started leveling land and erecting a fence about 30 meters south of Road 55 and along the northern built-up area of 'Azzun village. No damage to the trees was reported. According to the IDF, the fence will prevent stone throwing from the village at Israeli settlers living in settlements in the area.

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.

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

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

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:

- **13 February:** Five IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from Kerem Shalom military base and entered approximately 1,500 metres into Gaza near the Gaza International Airport. The tanks provided covering fire, while the bulldozers conducted excavation and levelling operations. IDF soldiers and vehicles withdrew at 0700 hours (Rafah).
- **17 February:** Eight armoured vehicles and bulldozers entered approximately 800 metres into the area north of Beit Lahiya under the cover of heavy gunfire. Tanks were deployed in the area, while bulldozers resumed excavation operations. At 0815 hours the IDF withdrew to the border line (North Gaza).
- **18 February:** Twelve IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers entered the former Erez Industrial Zone under the cover of heavy gunfire. The bulldozers carried out levelling and excavation operations. At 1830 hours the IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers withdrew to the border line (North Gaza).

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

a) *Incidents of curfews*

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
13/02/2008	Huwwara, Nablus	15 hours
13/02/2008	Beit Ummar, Hebron	21 hours
13—14/02/2008	'Azzun village, Qalqiliya	35 hours
14—15/02/2008	'Azzun village, Qalqiliya	35 hours
19/02/2008	Huwwara village, Nablus	4 hours
Total Week		110 hours

13 February: The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village for 15 hours (from 2000 on 13 February to 1100 on 14 February) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 60 from and to Israeli settlements in the area (Nablus).

13 February: The IDF imposed curfew on Beit Ummar for 21 hours (02:00 – 23:00) during a military operation (Hebron).

13-15 February: The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village for three days, lifting the curfew for two hours to allow people to buy essential goods. According to the IDF, the curfew was imposed after Palestinians threw stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli vehicles traveling on Road 55 from and to Israeli settlements in the area (Qalqiliya).

19 February: The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village for four hours. According to the IDF, the curfew was imposed after Palestinians shot at an Israeli settler bus traveling on Road 60. No injuries were reported but the bus sustained some damage (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

- **13 February:** Eleven schools were closed in Beit Ummar due to the curfew imposed on the town (Hebron).
- **17 February:** Students and staff at UNRWA Al Shouka Elementary Co-educational School and UNRWA Al Shouka Health Centre were evacuated at 0830 hours as a result of armed clashes between the IDF and armed Palestinians. This took place following an IDF incursion into Gaza to reinforce the IDF unit that had entered into El Jaradat southeast of Rafah on 16 February. Services were disrupted at the school and the clinic until 1445 hours when the IDF withdrew to the border (Rafah).
- **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

- **13 February:** IDF soldiers delayed two UNRWA vehicles at the Tunnels checkpoint for 3 hours and 45 minutes and one UNRWA vehicle for one hour after the staff members refused to allow the soldiers to search the vehicles. Following liaison with the Israeli DCL, the vehicles were allowed to pass without being searched (Bethlehem).
- **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**Age Restrictions on Access**

5—19 February: The IDF continues to prevent Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from exiting Tulkarm through Ar Ras and Enav checkpoints (Tulkarm). Between 1130 on 14 February and 1230 on 15 February, *all* traffic was prevented from crossing (see Tulkarm Governorate below).

5—19 February: The IDF prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Jenin and Tulkarm from traveling southwards through Huwwara, Beit Iba, 'Awarta, and Tappuah checkpoints as well as through all the flying checkpoints north of Tappuah.

6—19 February: The IDF continues to prevent Palestinian males from Jenin aged 16 - 35 years from crossing through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints to access the northern Jordan Valley area.

14—19 February: The IDF prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Jenin, Tulkarm and Nablus from traveling southwards through Deir Ballut checkpoint.

14—16 February: The IDF prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Nablus from crossing through Huwwara, Beit Iba, 'Awarta and Tappuah checkpoints.

17 February: The IDF was present at Yitzhar partial checkpoint on Road 60 and prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Jenin, Tulkarm, and Nablus from traveling southwards. Long queues and major delays were reported.

Nablus Governorate:

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

14 February: The IDF was present at Al Badhan partial checkpoint on Road 57. The IDF prevented Palestinians from leaving Nablus City through Road 57 for several hours. As a result, long queues and major delays were reported (Nablus).

17 February: The IDF was present at Al Badhan checkpoint on Road 57. Long queues and major delays were reported.

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:

Ongoing incidents:

- **7 February to date:** The IDF continues to close three roads connecting Al Judeida with Sir, Tubas and Meithalun with earth mounds.
- **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:

Ongoing incidents:

- **6 February to date:** The IDF continues to close the main road connecting Tubas to Jenin with an earth mound. The closure was placed on the road segment between 'Aqqaba and Al Kufeir.

Tulkarm Governorate:

14–15 February: The IDF closed for all traffic the two permanent checkpoints (Enav and Ar Ras) south of Tulkarm City and a number of flying checkpoints north and east of the city from 1130 on 14 February until 1230 hours on 15 February. Ambulances and other humanitarian cases required protracted liaison with the IDF to cross. Thousands of Palestinians were held at the checkpoint for several hours. The IDF claimed that the closure was due to a high security alert.

14 February: The IDF closed the road connecting Beit lid and Kur villages with an earth mound.

15 February: The IDF closed the road connecting Shuweika with Iktaba villages with an earth mound.

Ongoing incidents:

- **8 February to Date:** The IDF continues to close four roads connecting Bal'a with Road 57, 'Anabta, Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba with earth mounds.
- **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:

13 February: The IDF closed the Qalqiliya DCO and Izbat Jal'ud partial checkpoints for three hours (1000 – 1300 hours) during a military operation in Qalqiliya City (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- **9 February to date:** The IDF continues to close the northern entrance of 'Azzun with concrete blocks and an earth mound. The IDF 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 vehicles travelling on Road 55 en route to Israeli settlements.
- **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:

- **6 February to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Haris with Kifl Haris with five earth mounds.
- **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'ayem 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:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

13 February: During a military operation in the town, IDF soldiers closed Beit Ummar metal gate and all dirt roads connected to the town with earth mounds. The access prevention continued until 14 February when residents removed the earth mounds.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on five days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, senior Palestinian traders 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 one day 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 four days this week, it was closed on 15, 16, 19 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
Nablus	Bizzariya (3), Yasid (1)	4
Jenin	'Arraba (4), Jab'a (2), Al Kufeir (1), 'Ajja (3), Meithalun (1), Misliya (1), 'Anin (1), 'Anza (2), Rummana (1), Sanur (1)	17
Tubas	Tammun (1)	1
Tulkarm	Nur Shams (1), 'Anabta (2), Bal'a (2), Ramin (2), Al Jarushiya (3), Deir al Ghusun (1), Faro'un (2), Ash Sha;arawyia (1), Illar (3), Kafr Ra'i (1), Qaffin (1)	19
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (5), A Elyas Nabi (1), Wadi Qana (6), Izbat at Tabib (4), Kafr Laqif (2), Immatin (1), Ras 'Atiya (2), Kafr Thulth (2)	23
Salfit	Iskaka (1)	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (1), Dar Salah (1), Al Ubayyat area (1), Al Khader (1)	4
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Yatta (1), Al Fawwar RC (2)	8
Total West Bank		77

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), Huwwara (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Sabastiya (2), Huwwara CP, Furush Beit Dajan (1), Qabalan (1), Beit Furik CP	14	14
Jenin	Jenin RC (1), Jenin City (2), Qabatiya (3), Kafr Ra'i (1), Ar Rama (1), Reikhan CP, Misiya (1), Silat Adh Dhaher (1), Sanur (1), Az Zababida (1)	12	10
Tubas	Tubas City (5), Tammun (1), Al Far'a (1), 'Aqqaba (2), Al Far'a RC (2)	11	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (5), Tulkarm RC (1), 'Anabta (2), Qaffin (2), Enav CP, Irtah (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Zeita (1), Izbat Shufa (1)	14	7
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (5), 'Azzun (6), Jayyus (4), Kafr Qaddum (3), Jit (4), Habla (3), Jinsafut (1), Immatin (2)	28	2
Salfit	Deir Istiya (3), Kafr ad Dik (1), Marda (3), Salfit City (1), Iskaka (1)	9	1
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2), Deir Abu Mash'al (1), Bir Nabala (1), Kharbatha al Misbah (1), Beituniya (1)	6	13
Jericho	Jericho City (1)	1	4
Jerusalem	Jerusalem City (1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Al Khader (1), Ar Rashida (1), Bethlehem (1)	3	8
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Idhna (1), Beit Ummar (1), Yatta (1), Al Fawwar RC (1)	9	60
Total Week West Bank		108	119
Central Gaza	East of Deir Al Balah (1,14)— 13 were subsequently released ; Abu Al Ajeen area (1,5)	2	19
Rafah	Al Jaradat area (2,19)	2	19
Total Gaza Strip		0	0
Total oPt		108	119

¹ 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 (0,2), Duma (0,1), Talluza (1,3)	1	6
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (0,1), 'Attil (1,4)	1	5
Salfit	Salfit (0,1)	0	1
Ramallah	Ramallah City (2,3)	2	3
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1,1)	1	1
Hebron	Hebron (1,1)	1	1
Total Week West Bank		6	17
Gaza Strip			
North Gaza	Beit Hanun (1,2+)—following an exchange of fire among PRC members	1	2+
Total Gaza Strip		1	2+
Total oPt		7	19

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

Appendix: Checkpoints: 13 – 19 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. 5–19 February: The IDF continues to prevent Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from exiting Tulkarm through Ar Ras checkpoint.
Jubara	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. 5–19 February: The IDF continues to prevent Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years from exiting Tulkarm through Enav checkpoint.
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. 5–19 February: The IDF prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing through Huwwara checkpoint. Between 14 and 16 February 2008 , the age restriction additionally affected Nablus residents.
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. 5–19 February: The IDF prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing through Beit Iba checkpoint. Between 14 and 16 February 2008 , the age restriction additionally affected Nablus residents.
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 <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505. 5–19 February: The IDF prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing through Tappuah checkpoint. Between 14 and 16 February 2008 , the age restriction additionally affected Nablus residents.
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. On 17 February , the IDF was present at Yizhar partial checkpoint on Road 60 and prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Jenin, Tulkarm, and Nablus from traveling southwards. Long queues and major delays were reported.
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. 6 February 2008 to date , Palestinian males from Jenin between 16 and 35 years of age are not allowed to cross 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. 6 February 2008 to date , Palestinian males from Jenin between 16 and 35 years of age are not allowed to cross to access the northern Jordan Valley area.
Ramallah/Al 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'arrajat road that links Road 90 to Road 458)</i>	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
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. During the reporting period, delays of up to one hour were reported on a daily basis for people leaving Jericho through the checkpoint.
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 of up to 45 minutes were reported on a daily basis during the reporting period.
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'arrajat 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. On 18 February, delays of up to two hours were reported at the pedestrian lane during the morning hours.
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	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for

<i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	international organisations and residents of the southern part of 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.
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 this week 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	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of

<i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	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 five 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 14 and 16 February. On 14 February, Erez was closed due to an IDF military operation but internationals with special coordination arrangements were able to exit Gaza between 0900 and 1000 hours. 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. 5–19 February: The IDF prevented Palestinian males aged 16 – 35 years who are residents of Jenin and Tulkarm from crossing through Awarta checkpoint. Between 14 and 16 February 2008 , the age restriction additionally affected Nablus residents.
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/Al 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 one day this week (14 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 four days this week; it was closed on 15, 16 and 19 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 16 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.