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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

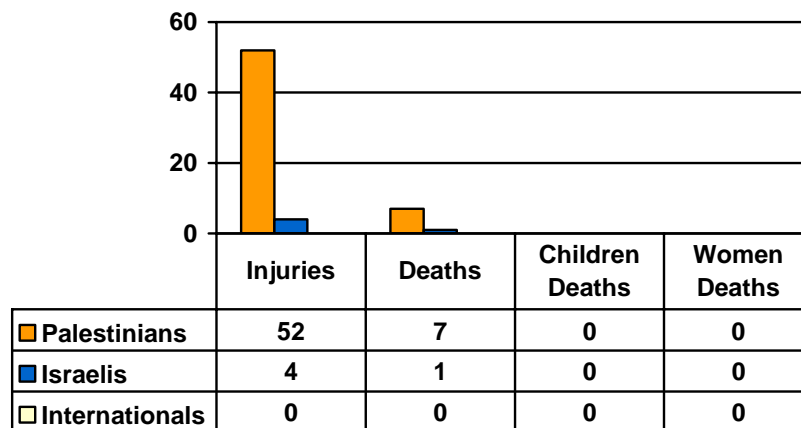
7 – 13 December 2005

Of note this week

- IAF targeted air strikes and IDF artillery shelling in the Gaza Strip. Stricter closure with many flying checkpoints, IDF search and arrest campaigns/operations, especially in the northern West Bank. Age restrictions re-imposed on Palestinians leaving Nablus. Killing of one IDF soldier at Qalandiya checkpoint and subsequent closure.

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



- **7 December:** Palestinians threw stones at an IDF vehicle in Hebron city. One IDF soldier was injured.
- **7 December:** One 15 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Kafr Dan (Jenin) when IDF opened fire during a search campaign.
- **7 December:** One 18 year-old Palestinian male was injured in Nablus city (Nablus) when IDF opened fire during a search campaign.
- **7 December:** One 29 year-old Palestinian male was killed and five passers-by injured in an IAF air strike targeting a vehicle in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **8 December:** Two 33 year-old Palestinian males were killed and two Palestinians injured, including a six year-old girl, in an IAF air strike on an abandoned house in Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip).
- **8 December:** A Palestinian male stabbed and killed an IDF soldier at Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem) at around 4:00pm. The Palestinian was detained by the IDF and Qalandiya checkpoint was totally closed following the incident.
- **9 December:** Three Palestinians were injured during a demonstration organized by Palestinians, international and Israeli activist against the Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah). The Israeli Border police fired tear gas canisters towards the convoy of the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights who was in Bil'in for a briefing.
- **9 December:** Clashes erupted between a group of Palestinian youth and Israeli police in the Old city of Jerusalem. One Palestinian male and one Israeli policeman were injured.
- **10 December:** One 30 year-old Palestinian male died wounds received in an IAF attack on Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip) on 8 December.
- **10 December:** One 37 year-old Palestinian male was killed at sea when an IDF naval vessel patrolling the Gaza coast west of Rafah opened fire. The Palestinian man was attempting to smuggle weaponry, according to the IDF.
- **11 December:** One 18 year-old Palestinian male was injured when an IDF naval vessel opened fire on a Palestinian fishing boat west of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).

- **11 December:** The IDF fired tear gas and rubber coated metal bullets during a house search in Deir Abu Mash'al (Ramallah) at around 9:00pm. One Palestinian male was injured.
- **11 December:** One 20 year-old Palestinian male was killed in Balata camp (Nablus) when IDF shot him in the hand while attempting to throw a hand grenade.
- **11 December:** Two Palestinians in "Askar Camp (Nablus), 15 and 17 years old, threw stones at an IDF vehicle. The IDF opened fire and injured them.
- **13 December:** One 22 year-old Palestinian male was shot dead by IDF in Nablus city (Nablus) during an IDF operation in the city centre. 34 other Palestinians were injured, including five medics, during confrontations between Palestinian stone throwers and the IDF.
- **13 December:** Two IDF soldiers were injured when Palestinians hurled an explosive device at their vehicle in Nablus city (Nablus).
- **13 December:** One 44 year-old Palestinian was died following an explosion near his farm in Abassan area, east of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). The circumstances causing the explosion are not clear.¹
- **13 December:** IDF shot and injured one Palestinian male attempting to throw a Molotov cocktail at an IDF patrol near 'Asira ash Shamaliyya (Nablus).

2. Shelter and Property:

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
8 Dec	Barta'a ash Sharqiyya, Jenin	13	0	0
12 Dec	Jabal al Mukabbir and At Tur, Jerusalem	2	1	12
Total Week		15	1	12

Incidents:

- **8 December:** The IDF demolished three houses under construction and ten commercial shops and a greenhouse in Barta'a ash Sharqiya (Jenin) for lack of construction permits.
- **12 December:** The IDF demolished two houses and damaged one house in Jabal al Mukabbir and At Tur (Jerusalem) due to lack of building permits.

Other property related incidents:

- **6 December:** The IDF began sealing off windows of Palestinian houses along the new security road built on the eastern side of the Tomb of the Patriarchs to shorten the walk to the settlement of Kiryat Arba (Hebron).
- **7 December:** The IDF delivered orders of a two-year closure to three Islamic Charitable Societies in Hebron city (Hebron).
- **7 December:** The IDF delivered orders of a two-year closure to one Islamic Charitable Societies in Jenin city (Jenin) after they confiscated computers and files.

3. Natural Resources:

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

7 December: The IDF issued military order T/208/05 requisitioning 1.6 Dunum of land in Yatma village for the construction of an observation tower.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land along side Road No. 505 near Jamma'in village to install a security fence.

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

¹ Not included in the casualty section.

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

13 December: The IDF issued military order T/192/05 requisitioning 20m² (0.2Dunum) in Beit Dajan village for the construction of an observation tower near Khamra settlement.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

7 December: The IDF prevented Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Qalqiliya.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.
- Israeli contractors continue levelling land from Jayyus in the seam zone area to expand Zfim settlement.

Salfit Governorate:

12 December: Israeli settlers from Kfar Tapu'akh cut down a number of olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Yasuf.

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli contractors continue levelling land north of Salfit city, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages for the construction of the Barrier.
- The IDF continues levelling land and the installation of a security fence alongside Road No. 505 near Marda, Kifl Haris and Haris villages.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

11 December: The IDF issued military order no. T/211/05 requisitioning 1.6 Dunums from Al Mazra'a al Qibliya lands to build a military base overlooking Talmon settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- The Barrier between Budrus to south of Al Midya is in the final stages. The construction between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah) is continuing. Barrier construction also continues between Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu, south of Beit Liqya, and north and south of Rantis checkpoint.
- The IDF is continuing land clearing in Beit Liqya village in order to build a new road between Beit Liqya in Ramallah district and Beit Anan in Jerusalem district. According to the municipality in Beit Liqya, the purpose of this road construction is not clear since there is an old road that only needs some rehabilitation.
- The IDF is continuing land clearing in the western side of 'Abud village and parallel to bypass road 465 for the construction of the "special security arrangement" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

10 December: The IDF issued order T/194/05 to confiscate 12m² (0.12 Dunum) of land belonging to Palestinians from Dura to erected video surveillance equipment around the settlement of Negohot.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling for the construction of a fence around the settlement of Adora continues following confiscation orders issued for the expansion of its security buffer zone.
- Work continues on the stretch of the Barrier running from Imneizel to Ar Ramadin.

Bethlehem Governorate:

7 December: The IDF issued military order T/210/05 to confiscate 85 dunum of land at the intersection of Al Khadr with Husan. It is understood that this area will host the future tunnel that will run under Road no. 60 to connect the western villages of the Governorate with Bethlehem, once the Barrier is built.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling is taking place on the side of the "Tunnels" checkpoint.

- Land levelling and new housing construction is ongoing in the settlements of Efrat and its two northern outposts (Givat Hatamar and Givat Hadagan), as well as northeast of Neve Daniel, and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.
- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in the last section around Rachel's Tomb north of the building hosting the Al Waqf.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariyya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
- The IDF closed the road from Qalandiya checkpoint towards Atarot Checkpoint; construction is taking place in the area to continue the part of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram area for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The borders are also being enforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.
- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military zone.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.

4. Access for Medical Assistance:

Date	Location / Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
12 December	Shu'fat CP, Jerusalem	PRCS	1	0	Beating of staff.
Total Week	1 Incident		1	0	Beating of staff.

- **12 December:** A PRCS ambulance on route to Jerusalem with a sick person was stopped and denied access at Shu'fat checkpoint (Jerusalem). The staff was ordered out of the ambulance and beaten by the IDF soldiers at the checkpoint when trying to persuade the soldiers to allow them access.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians:

a) Curfew

- No incidents to report.

b) Access to Education

Jericho:

- **8 - 13 December:** Due to a closure on Al "Auja village all students were unable to reach their school for two days on 10 and 11 December.

Ramallah:

- **11 December:** The IDF detained a Palestinian female student from Qatanna at a flying checkpoint near Kharbatha al Misbah for at least one hour. The student was delayed for her exam at Beir Zeit University and her ID card was confiscated by the soldiers.

Hebron:

- Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron governorate. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.

Jenin:

- **10 and 11 December:** All PA schools in Jenin city were closed due to the IDF military operation in the city.

c) Access to Employment

Palestinian workers or traders were allowed access to Israel starting from 13 December after a general closure was imposed on the oPt in the aftermath of the Palestinian suicide bombing in Netanya 5 December. Palestinian workers and traders from Jenin and Tulkarm governorates are still prohibited from entering Israel.

West Bank: Permits issued; December

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	845	605
Jenin	721	36
Tubas	77	77
Tulkarm	73	450
Qalqiliya	903	370
Salbit	738	200
Ramallah and Al Bireh	639	1,100
Jericho	N/A	650
Jerusalem	299	N/A
Bethlehem	733	N/A
Hebron	1,766	N/A
Total Permits Issued West Bank	6,794+	3,488+

The Gaza Strip:

As of 31 November the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is **5,361**. All overnight permissions (about 1,000) were cancelled in the aftermath of the Netanya suicide bombing 5 December. The closure on the Gaza Strip imposed from 6 December was lifted for Palestinian workers and traders to Israel on 12 December.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel
7 December	C L O S E D	
8 December		
9 December		
10 December		
11 December		
12 December	5,300	230
13 December	4,723	270

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

After the Palestinian suicide attack in Netanya 5 December, the IDF imposed a general closure on the oPt starting from 6 December. This was lifted 13 December with the exception on Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarm governorates still being prohibited from entering Israel and Jerusalem.

Nablus Governorate:

7 December onwards: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint and denied access for Palestinians from the North West Bank heading south. Palestinians heading north are allowed access

7 December onwards: The IDF restricted Palestinian movement on Al Badhan road by two flying Checkpoints. Long queues and delays were reported.

9 December: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint twice for one hour, both times after arresting a Palestinian in possession of home made bombs.

10 December onwards: The IDF re-enforced age restrictions for Nablus residents. All aged between 16 to 30 years are not allowed to exit the city.

12 December: The IDF closed a dirt road connecting Sabastiya with Road No. 60 with an earth mound.

13 December: The IDF prevented all Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarm to leave Nablus through Huwwara checkpoint

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked with earth mounds.

- The dirt road connecting Tulkarm with Road No. 60 near Sabastiya (at the junction with Road No. 57) continues to be blocked with earth mounds.

Jenin Governorate:

10 – 12 December: The IDF announced Jenin city as a closed military area and closed all entrances connecting the city with the district by earth mounds and checkpoints. The IDF closed Dahiyat Sabah al Kheir, 'Aba entrance, Wadi Birqin, 'Arab as Suweitat and the road to the garbage dump site with earth mounds. Two checkpoints were established on Haifa road and at the southern entrance of Jenin near (Jannat). On 12 December, the IDF lifted the closure and allowed the Palestinian Authority to remove the earth mounds.

Ongoing incidents:

- Road No. 585 from Mevo Dotan settlement entrance to Kharmesh settlement entrance remains closed with two checkpoints.
- The metal gate at a road leading from Ya'bad town and the two checkpoints on Road No. 585 near Mevo Dotan and Kharmesh settlements entrances are hindering Palestinian movement. Palestinians are using dirt roads to reach there charcoal factories and olive groves in the area.
- The IDF restricted the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave to 35 trucks a day carrying food products.

Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Tayasir checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan Valley. Medical personnel and teachers are allowed access.
- The IDF closed Bisan checkpoint for Palestinian and Israeli commercial trucks transporting vegetables from Jordan Valley into Israel. The trucks had to go to Al Jalama crossing via Hamra checkpoint.

Tulkarm Governorate:

7 December onwards: The IDF restricted vehicular movement at 'Anabta gate and prevented Palestinians from other districts to enter Tulkarm.

7 December onwards: The IDF intensified restrictions at Kafriat checkpoint and prevented the vehicular and pedestrian movement in and out of Tulkarm except for Tulkarm residents.

7 December onwards: The IDF established a flying checkpoint near Kafriat tunnel and intensified restrictions by preventing vehicular and pedestrian movement in and out of Tulkarm except for Tulkarm residents.

7 December onwards: The IDF announced Tulkarm district as a closed military area and restricted the movement of Palestinians in and out of the district.

12 December: The IDF, after being stoned by Palestinians, forced the shops owners to close their shops on both sides of the main road in 'Anabta.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF continues to close the roads between Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba, Bal'a and Tulkarm by earth mounds.
- The IDF continues to prevent access to the garbage dump sites in al Jarushiya and Deir al Ghusun with earth mounds.
- The IDF continues to close the road between Bal'a and Al 'Attara with an earth mound.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

12 December: The IDF opened the north Qalqiliya crossing and allowed Palestinians with valid permits to enter Israel.

Salfit Governorates:

7 – 8 December: The IDF closed Kafr Ad Dik gate for two days.

7 December onwards: The IDF intensified the checking at Deir Ballut checkpoint and delays were experienced during the week.

Ongoing incidents:

- The western entrance of Deir Istiya remains closed with an earth mound.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

8 December onwards: At around 4:00pm, the IDF closed Qalandiya checkpoint for all vehicular and pedestrian movements following the killing of one IDF soldier at the checkpoint by a Palestinian. The checkpoint re-opened on 11 December only for Jerusalem ID card holders and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are not allowed access through Qalandiya and will have to travel to Jerusalem/Jericho and Abu Dis via Atara partial checkpoint and then on bypass road 60. The checkpoint will reportedly remain closed for Palestinians until the new terminal is opened on Sunday 18 December.

11 December: The IDF closed the gate at An Nabi Salih partial checkpoint between 9:00am and 12:00am; Palestinians had to take the alternative road via 'Abud to move out of the Bani Zeid cluster.

Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates:

No movement restrictions are active on bypass roads in Bethlehem district (367, 375 and 60). Restrictions on Road No. 60 still apply to any movement below the city of Hebron: traffic is discouraged by the presence of the IDF on the road and the closure of all turn-offs, except settlements.

Hebron

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Zif gate from Road No. 317.
- The IDF continues to close Yatta gate with earth mounds off Road No. 60.
- No access is possible along the original road to the village of Imneizil as construction for the Barrier in the area is being completed.
- The IDF continues to patrol the H1 area of Hebron city and to perform random checks on Palestinians in violation of the Hebron Protocol.

Bethlehem

8 December: Traffic along Wadi Nar road stopped following the closure of the "Container" checkpoint preventing northbound movement.

9 December: UN local staff were denied access at Jerusalem checkpoints following new checkpoint entry requirements (i.e. provision of list of critical staff approved by Bet El) introduced by the IDF during the week. The requirements were dropped on 12 December allowing UN local staff with permits to access Jerusalem.

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed with road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

8 December: At around 9:00pm, the IDF closed Container checkpoint and prohibited all movements through. The checkpoint was re-opened on 9 December at around 6pm.

8 December onwards: Qalandiya checkpoint was closed after an IDF soldier was stabbed to death. The checkpoint will reportedly remain closed for Palestinians until the new terminal is opened on Sunday 18 December. Travel from the West Bank for permit and Jerusalem ID holders to Jerusalem is through Surda and Ar Ram or the pedestrian gate in Abu Dis.

12 December onwards: The pedestrian gate in Abu Dis was closed.

Jericho Governorate:

8 December onwards: The IDF imposed a tight closure on Al 'Auja. According to the IDF stones had been thrown at a military vehicle during a patrol in the village. The closure is still ongoing, and village residents are not allowed to move in/out of the village.

9-13 December: The IDF stopped all cars going in/out of Jericho via the DCO checkpoint for IDs inspections and searches. Long delays were reported during the day.

9-13 December: Long delays were reported at Yitav Checkpoint during the day due to the IDF car searches and IDs inspections.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prohibit all Palestinians from going to the Jordan valley unless they have a Jordan Valley addresses on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan valley areas. Palestinians, even with Israeli permits are not allowed to stay over night in the area, and if they are caught by the IDF patrols, then their IDs are confiscated and they will have to go collect them at the Palestinian DCL in Jericho.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	At Al Badhan Road (14). Road No. 60 near; Yits'har junction (7). Near; Deir Sharaf (7).	28
Jenin	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Tubas	Entrance off; Tammun, Tubas city, 'Aqqaba.	3
Tulkarm	Junctions off; Ar Ras (3), Al Jarushiya (3), Bal'a (5), Qaffin (3), Ramin (2). Near; Kafriat tunnel (7), 'Anabta gate (7).	30
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Qalqiliya city – DCO (4), Hajja (3), Jit junction (4), 'Azzun, Jayyus. Between; 'Azzun and Jayyus, Jit and al Funduq.	15
Salfit	Entrance off: Salfit city, Kafr ad Dik, Marda, Deir Istiya (2), Az Zawiya.	6
Ramallah and Al Bireh	On Road 60 near; Sha'ar Binyamin. Entrance off; 'Abud, Kharbatha al Misbah.	3
Jerusalem	Atarot junction (7).	7
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Al Ubeidiya (1), Bethlehem (1), Dar Salah (1), Wadi Nar road (1), Al Khadr (1).	5
Hebron	Wadi Sa'ir (1), Beit Ummar (2), Sa'ir (1), Kharsa (1), Halhul (2), Hebron (5), Nabi Yunis (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Dura road (1).	17
Total West Bank		114

6. Additional Protection Issues:

- During the reporting period **37** home made rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip towards targets in Israel. IDF fired about **138** artillery shells into open areas northeast of Beth Hanoun and other targets in the Gaza Strip.
- 7 December onwards:** The Palestinian Authority arrested 21 Islamic Jihad activists in the North West Bank (11 from Jenin, seven from Tulkarm and five from Salfit). On 5 and 6 December a total of 69 Islamic Jihad activists were arrested in the West Bank by PA police forces.
- 7 December:** Settlers from Beit Hadassah attacked Palestinians in Hebron-H2 (Hebron).
- 7 December:** PA security forces discovered a tunnel opposite Al Shouka area east of Rafah (Gaza Strip). The police dismantled the tunnel.
- 10 December:** The IDF uncovered a deep tunnel running under the Erez crossing north of the Gaza Strip.
- 12 December:** ICRC resumed the family visits to the prisoners in Israeli Jails.
- 13 December:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile at Hamas training camp in the former Neveh Dekalim settlement. No injuries were reported.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Beit Iba CP, Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP, Nablus city (3), Balata camp (1).	4	24
Jenin	Jenin camp (1), Kafr Dan (1), Jenin city (1), Flying CP near; Fahma, Kafr Ra'l, Haifa Road. Salem CP.	3	13
Tubas	Tubas city (1), Tammun (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Flying CP Tammun.	3	1
Tulkarm	Nur Shams camp (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), 'Anabta (2), 'Illar (1), Ar Ras (1), 'Anabta gate.	6	16
Qalqiliya	Jayyus (1).	1	1
Salfit	Az Zawiya (1), Salfit town (1).	2	7
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Kafr Ni'ma (1), Beit Liqya (1), 'Ein Arik (1).	3	27
Jerusalem	Old City (1), At Tur (1).	2	4
Jericho	No reported incidents.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al Fureidis (1), Al Khadr (1), Bethlehem (1), Tuqu (1).	4	4
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (1), Hebron (5), Hebron Old City (3), Bani Na'im (1), Sa'ir (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Karma (1).	15	20
Total Week West Bank		43	117
Gaza Strip	Green Line near Bureij.	0	3
Total Week oPt		43	120

Appendix: Checkpoints 7 – 13 December 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5:30am to 5:00pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 16 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Efrayim	The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. On 29 June the checkpoint became operational from 4:00am – 7:00pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Kafriat	The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 August the Tunnel near the checkpoint under Road No. 57 was opened reducing the need to use the checkpoint.
'Anabta	This gate was reestablished on 14 July 2005. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Qalqiliya:	
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned but with frequent flying checkpoints.
Jaljoulia	Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. On 12 December opened for all Palestinians with valid permits.
Qalqiliya North (new)	The IDF opened a new crossing point on 28 November north of Qalqiliya Barrier gate to Palestinian permit holders such as workers, traders and humanitarian cases. The crossing is open from 4:00am to 7:00pm. On 12 December opened for all Palestinians with valid permits.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6am and 6pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District. Delays were experienced this week.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 12 December opened for all Palestinians with valid permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted. Movement is allowed from 4:30am to 8pm. On 10 December age restrictions (16 -30) were imposed and delays and long queues were experienced.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. Movement is allowed from 6am to 8pm. On 10 December age restrictions (16 -30) were imposed and delays and long queues were experienced.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and open between 6am and 6pm. On 10 December age restrictions (16 -30) were imposed.

checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley

Shave Shomeron (Sabastiya) Northwest, main road to Jenin Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access.

Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.

Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.

Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah Vehicular movement for residents of northern west bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) is prohibited unless they have a special permit.

Jenin:

Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel Open between 7:00am to 4:00pm Sunday to Friday On 5 December closed for all Palestinians.

Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave Open between 7:00am to 9:00pm.

Tubas:

Bisan Main entrance to Israel Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks. On 5 December closed for all Palestinians.

Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas.

Ramallah/AI Bireh:

Qalandiya Totally closed between 8-11 December. From 12 December opened for internationals and Jerusalem ID holders.

Bet El/DCO Open daily from 6:00am to 10:00pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.

Atara Bridge (partial) Open.

An Nabi Salih gate (partial) Open until the 2 December, but in operation during morning rush hours on the 3 and 4 December.

At Tayba (partial) Open.

Makkabim On Road No. 443 Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road No. 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.

Ni'lin Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

Rantis Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

Jerusalem:

Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road No. 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road No. 1 Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road No. 60 north. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.

Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road No. 404 /Road No. 45 Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.

Ramot Alon Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank

North western entrance on Road NO. 436	and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxi and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plate cars are not allowed to cross.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road No. 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem :	
Rachel's crossing North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. A security incident took place on 10 December when a Palestinian was found with explosive devices attached to his body on the Bethlehem side of the checkpoint.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. No movement of Palestinians beyond it unless with a permit.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Not manned. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. Open from 7am to 10pm.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. UNRWA staff denied access on 6 December (<i>not reported previously</i>). Land levelling is taking place to expand the site of the checkpoint.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers are checking vehicles in both directions but are not always manning the checkpoint. Private Palestinian cars allowed passing.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. No crossings of Palestinians and goods allowed into Israel following the Netanya bombing on 5 December 2005. Crossing of workers re-started on 13 December.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. No crossings of Palestinians and goods allowed into Israel following the Netanya bombing on 5 December 2005. Crossing of workers re-started on 13 December.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 90. Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	No crossings of Palestinians and goods allowed into Israel following the Netanya bombing on 5 December 2005. ICRC detainees' family visits restarted on 12 December while crossing of workers on 13 December.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	No crossings of Palestinians and goods allowed into Israel following the Netanya bombing on 5 December 2005. Crossing of workers re-started on 13 December.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.

Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. The metal detector near the checkpoint is used to check all Palestinians including schoolchildren on their way to the Al Ibrahimmiyye school.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and extremely problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	New permanent checkpoint established in September 2005, manned by IDF soldiers who check and search Palestinian civilians travelling to and from a cluster of Palestinian villages (4,000 people) around Ar Ramadin area. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on road 325.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	New permanent checkpoint established in October 2005, partially manned by IDF soldiers; new cameras have been installed on the military observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	New checkpoint established in October 2005, partially manned by IDF soldiers. Palestinian taxis, buses and private vehicles are allowed to cross the junction between Dura and Al Fawwar.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	7 – 11 December: Closed for Palestinians, open for internationals. 12 December: Re-opened for Palestinian workers and traders.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah Crossing Terminal was partially open all the week. For the time being, it works for four hours per day, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 December: 375 arrivals, 425 departures. - 7 December: 502 arrivals, 493 departures. - 8 December: 404 arrivals, 560 departures. - 9 December: 500 arrivals, 525 departures. - 10 December: 523 arrivals, 434 departures. - 11 December: 505 arrivals, 602 departures. - 12 December: 500 arrivals, 524 departures.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5:00pm except on Saturday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6:00am to 2:00pm and closed on Saturday.
Jenin	

Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7:00am to 4:00pm, Sunday to Friday On 5 December closed for all Palestinians
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 7:00am to 5:00pm Sunday to Thursday, 7:00am to 1:00pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Partially open for construction materials only.
Karni	Karni was partially open.

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Method and Sources

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

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

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.