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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

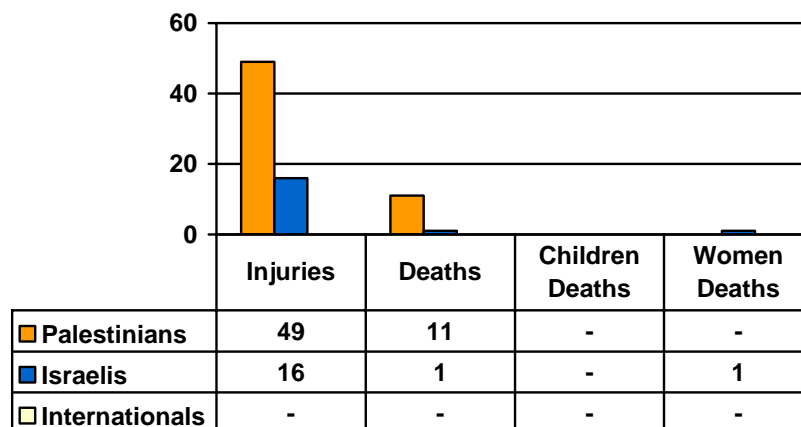
1 – 7 February 2006

Of note this period

- Nine Palestinians deaths and 14 injuries (including an 8-year-old girl) were reported after 4 IAF air strikes (targeted killings) in the Gaza Strip.
- A number of incidents involving violence perpetrated by both Israeli settlers and Palestinians in the West Bank towards each other (including physical attacks and stoning of vehicles) - four incidents involving violence towards Palestinian children were reported.

1. Physical Protection¹

Casualties



- **2 February:** Two Palestinians were injured after an Israeli settler entered a Palestinian plated bus near Al 'Arrub refugee camp (Bethlehem) and hit two Palestinian minors (15 and 16 years old) in the head with the butt of his gun.
- **2 February:** One female Israeli settler was injured near Madama village (Nablus) from Palestinians throwing stones at Israeli vehicles travelling along Road 60.
- **2 February:** Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at an IDF vehicle near Deir Istiya entrance (Salfit). The Molotov cocktail hit a Palestinian vehicle injuring two Palestinians.
- **2 February:** One Israeli settler was injured near Pisgat Ze'ev settlement (Jerusalem) from Palestinians throwing stones towards an Israeli bus.
- **3 February:** One Palestinian man was injured by the Israeli Border Police during demonstrations against the construction of the Barrier in Shufat camp (Jerusalem).
- **3 February:** One Palestinian and one Israeli activist were injured when the IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **3 February:** One Israeli was injured near Karnei Shomron settlement (Qalqiliya) when Palestinians stoned his vehicle.
- **3 February:** Five Palestinians were injured and transferred to hospital after an IDF vehicle collided with a Palestinian vehicle on Road 55 near Āzzun (Qalqiliya).
- **3 February:** Four Israelis (from one family) in Kibbutz Karmiya were injured after Palestinian militants fired a home made rocket from the Gaza Strip into the Negev (Israel).
- **3 February:** A 40-year-old Palestinian shepherd from Yatta (Hebron) was beaten and injured by a guard from the Israeli settlement of Peni Khever.

¹ Two of the Palestinian injuries were caused by Palestinian actions. One Israeli injured was caused by the IDF.

- **4 February:** Two Palestinian shepherds (31 and 35 years old) from Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron) were beaten and injured by Israeli settlers from Tene settlement.
- **4 February:** A 10-year old Palestinian boy had his arm broken after being attacked by Israeli settlers while returning home from school in H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **4 February:** Two Palestinian children (a brother and sister aged 6 and 7 years old) from Tuba (Hebron) near the Israeli outpost of Havot Ma'on were injured by masked Israeli settlers throwing stones.
- **5 February:** One Israeli female settler was stabbed to death and four others injured while traveling on a mini-bus near Betah Tekva by a Palestinian man from Sawiya (Nablus).
- **5 February:** One Palestinian and one IDF soldier were injured during an IDF operation in Kafr Dan (Jenin) when clashes erupted with Palestinians stone throwers.
- **5 February:** Three Palestinians were killed (18, 25 and 30 years old) and another five injured during an IAF air strike (targeted killing) on a building in Tel al Hawwa in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **5 February:** Two Palestinians were killed (both 31 years old) and another three injured during an IAF air strike (targeted killing) on a vehicle traveling on Salah Ed-Din road in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). Two days later (7 February) one of the injured Palestinians died from wounds sustained in the air strike.
- **6 February:** Two Palestinians (both 27 years old) were killed during an IAF air strike (targeted killing) on a vehicle near Abu Safia area in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **6 February:** Two Palestinians were injured after being assaulted by IDF soldiers in Kafr Dan (Jenin).
- **6 February:** One IDF soldier was injured after Palestinian gunmen opened fire at IDF soldiers at Qalandiya checkpoint (Jerusalem).
- **7 February:** IDF soldiers surrounded a Palestinian house during an IDF operation in Nablus city (Nablus) and an exchange of fire occurred with Palestinian gunmen. A 35-year-old Palestinian was shot dead and 12 Palestinians and two IDF soldiers injured.
- **7 February:** Three Palestinian school children (13, 14 and 15 years old) were injured by the IDF when they fired rubber-coated metal bullets in Al Yamun (Jenin) during a confrontation between IDF and school children leaving school.
- **7 February:** A 15-year-old Palestinian girl was injured when the IDF fired artillery shells into areas north of Beit Lahiya (Gaza Strip).
- **7 February:** Two Palestinians were killed (29 and 34 years old) and six others injured (including an 8-year-old girl in a serious condition) during an IAF air strike (targeted killing) on a vehicle in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

2. [Shelter and Property](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
5 Feb	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
7 Feb	Nablus city, Nablus	-	1	0
Total Week		0	2	n/a

- **6 February:** A rocket launched from an IAF helicopter damaged a building in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **7 February:** The IDF damaged an uninhabited Palestinian house during a military operation in Nablus city (Nablus).

Other related incidents:

- **6 February:** An Israeli contractor demolished a retaining wall connecting Rachel's Tomb (Bethlehem) with nearby Palestinian houses allegedly bought by Jewish settlers to link sections of the Barrier in front of the holy site.
- **6 February:** IAF planes fired four missiles targeting access routes leading to Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). At least one rocket hit the bridge at the entrance of Beit Hanoun causing damage and blocking the main access to the town. The air strike caused power cut in the northern area of the Gaza Strip for some hours.

3. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue installing 3m high concrete slabs along Road 60 from Shave Shomeron checkpoint south to Deir Sharaf Junction to build a security zone and a wall/fence around the settlement.

Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

2 February: The IDF issued a military order (No. T/15/06) requisitioning 279 dunums (27.9 hectares) of land for the construction of the Barrier in Hajja, Kafr Laqif, Ázzun in Qalqiliya and Deir Istiya in Salfit.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.

Salfit Governorate:

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 alongside Road 505 near Marda and Haris villages to install a security fence.
- Israeli bulldozers continue levelling land belonging to Palestinians from Qarawat Bani Hassan and Haris east of Barkan industry area. The circumstances for this levelling remain unclear.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

2 February: The IDF removed about 30 Israeli settlers that had occupied Palestinian land belonging to Al Mughayyir village for at least 20 days.

5 February: The IDF issued a number of land requisition orders in Ramallah governorate in the following areas:

- Bil'in (Military Order No. T/10/06) requisitioning 6.5 dunums (0.7 hectares) for an IDF observation tower; and
- At Tira and Beit Ur al Fauqa (Military Order No. T/115/05) requisitioning 148.7 dunums (14.9 hectares) for military requirements and road construction.

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing between Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu and south of Beit Liqya.
- The construction of the Barrier between Rantis and Budrus to south of Al Midya is completed. The construction of the Barrier between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah) has also been completed.
- The IDF continues levelling land in Beit Liqya village in order to build a new road between Beit Liqya (Ramallah) and Beit Anan (Jerusalem). 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 continues levelling land on the western side of 'Abud village and the north western side parallel to Road 465 for the construction of the "Special Security Arrangements" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements.

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

Hebron Governorate:

1 – 7 February: The IDF carried out land levelling next to Ar Rifa'iyya military observation tower along Road 317. A number of caravans have been placed nearby in what appears to be the creation of a small military base.

2 - 7 February: Land levelling for the construction of the road barrier has started along Road 317 in the area between the Israeli checkpoint of Shani and Road 60 / 317 junction near the Israeli settlement of Shima.

Ongoing incidents:

- New housing construction continues in the settlements of Susiya, Karmeit Tsur, Kiryat Arba and Karmel.
- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya where the new commercial checkpoint will be built.
- Land levelling continues for a new security fence around the settlement of Adora and Pnei Khever.
- Land levelling continues in the southern part of the Governorate near Shani settlement and the Palestinian village of Imneizil for the construction of the Barrier.
- Road paving and land levelling continues for the construction of the Barrier in the western side of the village of Al Ramadin.
- Road paving has finished for the construction of the Barrier south of the Palestinian village of Khirbet Zanuta. Post-installation processes have already started.
- Land levelling continues at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar. A bridge has also been constructed in the area.

Bethlehem Governorate:

7 February: The IDF resumed the construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling and new housing construction continues in the Israeli settlements of Efrat as well as northeast of Neve Daniel (in its most recent expansion), and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.
- Land levelling continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site.

Jerusalem Governorate:

5 February: The IDF issued out a number of land requisition orders in Jerusalem governorate:

- Beit Hanina al Balad (Military Order No. T/21/06) requisitioning 128.7 dunums (12.9 hectares) for road construction;
- Nabi Samuel (Military Order No. T/19/06) requisitioning 50.5 dunums (5.1 hectares) for road construction;
- Bir Nabala (Military Order No. T/20/06) requisitioning 29.5 dunums (3.0 hectares) for road construction; and
- Al Jib (Military Order No. T/17/06) requisitioning 35.6 dunums (3.6 hectares) for road construction.

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. Construction has begun along 3km of the Barrier south of Maale Adumim and Kedar.
- 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 for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.
- Construction continues on the new road which divides Bir Nabala and Ar Ram parallel to the constructed barrier, and on a new road between Bir Nabala, Qalandiya village and Rafat, that will allow access of residents from Bir Nabala, Al Jib and Al Judeira to Ramallah.

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 reinforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.

4. [Access for Medical Assistance](#)

No incidents reported this week. Access for medical assistance will from now on be reported on a monthly basis in the Humanitarian Update.

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

a) **Curfew**

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinians' movement inside As Siafa area in the northern Gaza Strip continues to be restricted following the IDF announcement of parts of the northern Gaza Strip a "no go" or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December. The 250 Palestinian residents of As Siafa (within this buffer zone) continue to limit their movement during the day and do not move after dark. Entry into the area is only possible with prior coordination with the IDF.

b) **Access to Education**

Hebron;

- **4 February:** Two Palestinian students from Tuba sustained injuries after a group of masked settlers stoned them near the Israeli outpost of Havot Ma'on. Israeli IDF continues to escort students walking from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron Governorate. On 4 February the IDF escort had not shown up for the morning escort.

Ongoing incidents:

- Teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and 'As Samu are facing problems in reaching Imneizil elementary school. IDF soldiers manning Shani checkpoint are frequently denying teachers' access, often detaining them for several hours.

Gaza Strip;

Ongoing incidents:

- 60 Students from As Siafa living inside the newly announced "no-go" or enlarged buffer zone in the northern Gaza Strip and surrounding areas are now experiencing difficulties reaching their schools on time.

c) **Access to Employment**

West Bank: permits valid for January 2005

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	n/a	1,400
Jenin	n/a	800
Tubas	n/a	186
Tulkarm	n/a	1,000
Qalqiliya	n/a	650
Salfit	n/a	294
Ramallah and Al Bireh	n/a	100
Jericho	n/a	n/a
Jerusalem	n/a	n/a
Bethlehem	1,850	1,620
Hebron	n/a	770+
Total Permits Issued West Bank	N/A	6,820+

Gaza Strip:

As of 5 February the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is 5,167. In order to be eligible for a permit Palestinians must be over 35 years old and married with children. All overnight permissions (about 1,000) were cancelled in the aftermath of the Netanya suicide bombing on 5 December. The total number for traders with valid permits is 177.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel
1 February	4,223	143
2 February	4,157	189
3 February	292	88
4 February	154	29
5 February	4,300	206
6 February	4,296	166
7 February	4,307	222

d) Closures/Movement restrictions**Nablus Governorate:**

1 – 7 February: The IDF closed Shave Shomeron checkpoint for Palestinians and humanitarian organisations required prior coordination during the erection of concrete blocks at the checkpoint.

1 February: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint and Road 60 from the checkpoint south to Ramallah for several hours due to the evacuation of Amona outpost.

2 February: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours after arresting two Palestinian minors in possession of home made bombs.

3 February: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours after arresting two Palestinian minors in possession of two explosive belts.

4 February: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after arresting one Palestinian minor in possession of a knife.

4 and 6 February: The IDF closed Al Badhan road with a flying checkpoint for several hours.

4 February: The IDF closed Beit Furik checkpoint for several hours.

7 February: The IDF prevented all Palestinians from Beit Furik, Salim, Deir al Hatab and Ázmut from leaving Nablus through Huwwara, Beit Furik and Beit Iba checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarm from leaving Nablus through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoint.
- The IDF at Zaatara checkpoint are denying access for Palestinians from Tulkarm and Jenin heading south through the checkpoint. Palestinians heading north continued to be allowed access.

Jenin Governorate:

5 – 7 February: The IDF closed all the entrances to Kafr Dan with earth mounds and prevented the residents from exiting the village. The IDF also prevented Palestinians from other villages using Haifa road to reach Jenin city or back to their homes, forcing them to use a lengthy detour.

7 February: The IDF erected earth mounds along side Road 585 from Árraba junction to Ya'bad closing the dirt roads on the north side of the road.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues restricting the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Food products require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

1 – 7 February: Delays and long queues were experienced at 'Anabta partial check point and at the flying checkpoint near Kafriat tunnel.

4 February: The IDF closed the road to Bala' with a flying checkpoint for several hours.

6 February: The IDF closed the road connecting Beit Lid and Kur to Tulkarm for several hours preventing Palestinian access.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

No major incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

1 February: The IDF closed the Ramallah DCO checkpoint. All vehicles were turned back to go through Qaladiya checkpoint. The checkpoint was opened early next morning.

1 - 2 February: The IDF prohibited Palestinian movement on Road 60 due to the evacuation of the Amona outpost.

Bethlehem Governorate:

1 February: Commencing on 1 February the Israeli DCL will be closed for a period of one month. Palestinian applications will be processed through the Palestinian DCL.

3 - 7 February: Palestinians holding West Bank IDs were not allowed to cross to Jerusalem through Tunnels checkpoint. The only access point for Palestinian holders of permits to enter Jerusalem is Gilo checkpoint where delays were experienced.

7 February: The Gilo checkpoint was closed between 11am and 4pm for unknown reasons. Palestinians holding Jerusalem permits were denied access during this period.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron governorate

Closure remains tight in the district along bypass roads. On Road 35 the IDF has reinforced the earth mounds on both sides and continues to keep closed the Idhna – Tarqumiya crossings. The road is now used exclusively by Israeli settlers and a few Palestinian truck drivers with travel permits. The IDF reinforced the closures on Road 317 and Road 60 by adding six new earth mounds and road blocks. Palestinian traffic is not allowed beyond Zif gate on Road 317 and Adh Dhahiriya Junction on Road 60.

1 February: Commencing 1 February Palestinians holding valid permits were only allowed access through the Tarqumiya and Meitar checkpoints. Delays were experienced at both checkpoints.

3 February: Palestinian public traffic travelling between Hebron and Bethlehem governorates were not allowed beyond the Gush Etzion checkpoint. Traffic movement was shifted towards Wadi Sa'ir.

5 February: The IDF re-opened Yatta gate from Road 60.

Ongoing incidents:

- Zif gate, along Road 317, remains closed by a gate and road blocks.
- Travel permit restrictions remain enforce along Road 60 and Road 317 south of Hebron.
- During the reporting period, IDF soldiers stationed at the Halhul bridge tower have conducted occasional flying checkpoints during the course of the day monitoring Palestinian cars moving in both directions.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road 60 remain closed by a roadblock and earth mounds.
- The entrance to Adh Dhahiriya remains closed by a road block.
- Entry to Yatta from the west on Road 60 is physically opened but manned by a flying checkpoint, denying access to Palestinians.
- All primary entrances to Hebron from Roads 35 and 60 are closed. Alternative entrances via Halhul and Dura are possible through IDF positions permanently manned.
- Entrances of Idhna and Tarqumiya from Road 35 are still closed with road blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

3 February: Israeli Border Police deployed several checkpoints around the entrances of the Old City. Palestinians, including Jerusalem ID holders, under the age of 45 were denied access to Al-Haram al-Sharif.

Jericho Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prohibit all Palestinians from entering the Jordan Valley 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. However, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to stay over night in the area.

Gaza Strip

Ongoing incidents:

- 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.
- The IDF continues to enforce the “no go” or enlarged buffer zone in the Palestinian areas which lies to the north of Gaza on the border with Israel. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Road 60 near; Yits'har junction (7). Road No. 60 between Tulkarm and Al Madina club (5), Al Badhan Rd (7), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya, Asira ash Shamaliya (2).	22
Jenin	Qabatiya, Bir al Basha.	2
Tubas	Tubas (2), Aqqaba.	3
Tulkarm	Kafriat tunnel (7), Bala' (3) 'Illar, Al Jarushiya, Bet 'Illar and Kafr Rai'.	13
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; DCO (2), 'Azzun (2), Jayyus (2), Izbat at Tabib (2), Kafr Thulth, Sanniriya (2), Kafr Jammal, Kafr Qaddum.	13
Salfit	Yasuf, Deir Istiya (7).	8
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road No. 60 (14).	14
Jerusalem	Sheikh Jarrah (14), Al Tantur (7).	21
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Bethlehem	Husan, Beit Sahur, Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr (2), Ash Shawawra, Al Khas, Beit Jala.	10
Hebron	Zif gate (2), As Samu', Yatta, Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im (2), Dura (2), H1 (2), Halhul (2), Beit Kahil (1), Al Arrub camp (2), Al Hadab (1), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (4), Tarqumiya	25
Total West Bank		118

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the reporting period **42** home made rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel.
- During the reporting period, the IDF fired more than **118** artillery tank shells and **20** air-to-ground missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip.
- **2 February:** Armed Palestinians kidnapped a German citizen from a hotel in Nablus city (Nablus) reportedly as a protest against the cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad published in Europe. The hostage was released by Palestinian security forces after approximately two hours.
- **3 February:** Palestinians fired two homemade rockets from northwest of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip) towards the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon. One rocket hit the southern Ashkelon industrial zone, damaging a fence and a Mekorot water company structure.
- **5 February:** IAF helicopter dropped leaflets over the northern area of the Gaza Strip re-warning residents not to enter the 'no-go' area near the evacuated northern Israeli settlements.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (4), Beit Furik (3), Balata camp (1), Askar camp. At CP/flying CPs: Beit Iba CP, Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP, al Badhan Rd.	8	28
Jenin	Jenin camp (1), Bir al Basha (1), Qabatiya (1), Kafr Dan (1).	4	9
Tubas	No incidents reported.	0	0
Tulkarm	Kafr Jammal (1), Tulkarm city (3), Shufa (1), Shuweika (1), Nur Shams camp (1), At CP/flying CPs; Kafriat CP.	7	5
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (1),	1	5
Salfit	Sarta (1).	1	5
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah city (3), Beit Liqya (1), Beit Surik (2), Silwad (1), Ras Karkar (1).	8	21
Jerusalem	Al 'Eizariyya (1), Qalandiya camp (1).	2	4
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), Beit Jala (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Tuqu (1), Dar Salah (2), Husan (1), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza camp (1), Ad Duheisha (2).	20	12
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (2), Yatta (2), Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (1), Al Arrub camp (3), Bani Na'im (2), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (2), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1)	20	11
Total Week West Bank		71	100
Gaza Strip	Attempted infiltration; East of Bureij camp.	0	2
Total Week oPt		71	102

Appendix: Checkpoints: 1 – 7 February 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The gate leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
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 4am – 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian company operating at the checkpoint.
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	Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. 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.
Qalqiliya North (new)	The crossing is open from 4:00am to 7:00pm for Palestinian permit holders.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate 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 checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 6am and 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access. The humanitarian organizations need prior coordination for crossing this week due to the installing of concrete slabs as a security wall for the settlement.
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. A security zone has been declared by the IDF around Al Hamra checkpoint. No land has been

	confiscated; however any Palestinian crossing the area that is not owner of the land will be arrested. Landowners names have been compiled in a list at the checkpoint. Delays for traders crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The IDF maintained restrictions on Palestinians from the northern West Bank (Tulkarm, and Jenin) accessing Zaatara checkpoint.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Friday.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into west bank and. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Tubas:	
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into west bank and. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
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. Long delays are reported for Palestinians crossing the checkpoint on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open only for Internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West bank ID.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. 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.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 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 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 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 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	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 North western entrance on Road 436	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.
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 (taxis 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 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 :

Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. On February 7 th , the checkpoint was closed between 11am and 4pm. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Palestinians with permits are not allowed through it as of 3 February 2006.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international humanitarian organisations. As of 3 February, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem.
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 plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours – not open for workers as of 3 February 2006.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours – not open for workers as of 3 February 2006.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours. On bypass road 90, restricted to Palestinian movement.

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	Open for both Palestinian workers and commercial goods from Palestinian areas to Israel. Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am – 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 7pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Structures are already in place for the possible future movement of people and goods from and to Gaza under the Rafah Agreement. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. Workers and traders crossing. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF; The soldiers manning the checkpoint are not allowing teachers coming from As Samu towards Imneizil school from accessing Road 317.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Moved south by 1 km to the section of road where the Barrier will cross Road 316.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim 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.

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 problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by IDF soldiers and Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check is performed which a departure from last week's policy where only Palestinians living in Al Ramadin were allowed access. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on road 325.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing	Open all week
Rafah Passenger Terminal	<p>Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4:00pm. This week it was however open an additional hour per day – until 5pm;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 February: 692 arrivals, 638 departures. - 2 February: 770 arrivals, 731 departures. - 3 February: 1,010 arrivals, 668 departures. - 4 February: 551 arrivals, 527 departures. - 5 February: 600 arrivals, 618 departures. - 6 February: 525 arrivals, 628 departures. - 7 February: 528 arrivals, 596 departures <p>On 7 February over 100,000 passengers have crossed through the terminal since its reopening on 26 November 2005].</p>

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm 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

Checkpoint/ DCO checkpoint Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours are 6am to 8pm.

Gaza Strip

Sufa Open for construction materials only.

Karni Closed from 15 January to 4 February. Re-opened 5 February.

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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.