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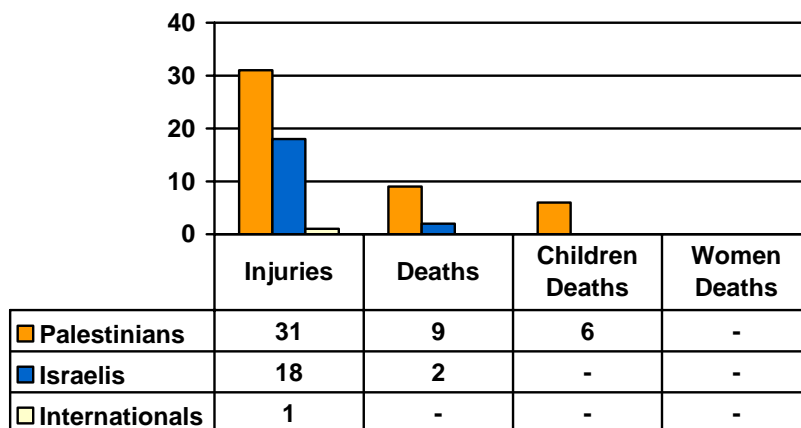
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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

1 – 7 March 2006

Of note this period

- Six Palestinian children were killed during the reporting period – three were bystanders during an IAF missile strike against a vehicle in Gaza City (targeted killing); two were killed by an unexploded ordinance (UXO) in the Gaza Strip; and one child was killed during clashes with the IDF in Nablus.
- Karni crossing remained (from Israel into the Gaza Strip) remained closed.
- A high number of flying checkpoints observed throughout the West Bank (particularly in Nablus, Qalqiliya and Hebron governorates).

1. Physical ProtectionCasualties¹ and protection

- **1 March:** Two Palestinians killed a 48-year-old Israeli settler at the gas station in Migdalim settlement (Nablus).
- **1 March:** Unknown gunmen shot and injured an Israeli in An Nabi Elyas village (Qalqiliya).
- **1 March:** The IDF shot and injured and arrested a Palestinian in 'Anza village in an under cover operation (Jenin).
- **1 March:** IDF gunboats fired six shells towards Palestinian fishing boats in Sudanyeh area west of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). No injuries were reported.
- **1 March:** A senior commander of Islamic Jihad's military wing (aged 39 years-old) was killed in a car explosion in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). Two bystanders sustained shrapnel wounds (casualty figures not included in weekly total).
- **3 March:** The IDF shot and killed a 16-year-old Palestinian boy in 'Ein Beit el Ma refugee camp (Nablus) during clashes with IDF.
- **3 March:** The IDF injured a Palestinian in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) during a search campaign in the city.
- **3 March:** IDF soldiers beat and injured a 19-year-old Palestinian in H1 area of Hebron city (Hebron).
- **5 March:** Five Palestinian workers were treated for suffocation after passing through the worker's tunnel at Erez crossing (Gaza Strip) (casualty figures are not included in the weekly total).

¹ Five of the Israeli injuries were activists injured during demonstrations against the construction of the Barrier by Israeli Border Police. One Palestinian and one IDF soldier were killed and six soldiers injured due to an IDF traffic accident.

- **6 March:** Israeli Border Police shot and injured a 37-year-old Palestinian man in Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron) after he was suspected of transporting illegal Palestinian workers into Israel.
- **3 March:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians, International and Israeli activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Beit Sira (Ramallah). Five Palestinians, four Israeli activists and two Israeli Border Police were injured.
- **3 March:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians, International and Israeli activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Four Palestinians, one International and one Israeli activist were injured.
- **3 March:** Palestinians fired Qassam (homemade) rockets from the northern Gaza Strip into Israel, injuring an Israeli in Camia.
- **4 March:** The IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets and injured six Palestinians during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier near Kafriat checkpoint (Tulkarm).
- **4, 5 and 6 March:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians, International and Israeli activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Kharbatha al Misbah (Ramallah). Four Palestinians and three IDF soldiers were injured over the three days.
- **4 March:** Israeli Border Police fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated bullets against Palestinians during a search campaign in Qalandiya (Ramallah). Four Palestinians were injured.
- **6 March:** The IDF shot and injured two Palestinians in Wadi al Far'a village (Tubas) during confrontations with Palestinian stone throwers.
- **6 March:** An IDF jeep ran into an IDF flying checkpoint at Ytizhar junction (Nablus). A 42-year-old Palestinian truck driver and one IDF soldier were killed and another six IDF soldiers were injured.
- **6 March:** The IDF shot and injured three Palestinians in Nablus city (Nablus) during a search campaign. One IDF soldier was injured by Palestinian gunmen.
- **6 March:** An IAF aircraft killed two Palestinians (aged 25 and 28 years old) and three children bystanders (aged 11, 14 and 15-years-old) in a missile strike on a vehicle in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) (targeted killing). Another seven bystanders were injured.
- **6 March:** Two Palestinian boys (14 and 15 years old) were killed by an UXO while playing northeast of Bureij camp (Gaza Strip).
- During the reporting period **44** home made rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip toward targets inside Israel. No injuries were reported.
- During the reporting period the IDF fired more tens of artillery tank shells and **7** air-to-ground missiles towards targets in the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported.

2. Shelter and Property

| Date | Location, Governorate | Structures demolished | Structures partially destroyed | People displaced / affected |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 March | Kharyib Umm al Lahim, Jerusalem | 1 | - | 0 |
| 7 March | Beit Iksa, Jerusalem | 1 | - | 0 |
| Total Week | | 2 | 0 | 0 |

- **2 March:** The IDF demolished a one-storey building in the final stage of construction in Kharayib Umm al Lahim (Jerusalem) for being built without a permit.
- **7 March:** The IDF demolished a two-storey building in the final stage of construction in Beit Iksa (Jerusalem) for being built without a permit.

Other related incidents:

- **3 March:** An IAF F16 fighter jet fired two rockets towards access roads near Al Soudanyeh and in the former Dugit settlement of Gaza North severely damaging the two roads (Gaza Strip).
- **4 March:** IAF F16 fighter jets fired four rockets towards different locations in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip) targeting and severely damaging access roads.

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 Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

2 March: The IDF cut down tens of olive trees near Enav settlement belonging to Palestinians from Beit Lid and Kafr al Labad villages for the construction a fence around the settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

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.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

2 March: The IDF issued an amendment to Military Order No. T/107/50 altering the route of the Barrier around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements. The amendment incorporates an additional 239 dunums (23.9 hectares) of Palestinian land on eastern side of the Barrier near 'Abud village.

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of the Barrier is ongoing between Kharbatha Bani Harith and Bil'in villages, and is also continuing between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira.
- The construction of the Barrier around Ofarim and Bet Arve settlements is continuing parallel to bypass Road 465 and east of 'Abud village.
- The IDF continues levelling land around Ateret settlement to create a buffer zone around the settlement as part of "special security areas around isolated settlements". This is a new measure confirmed by the Israeli DCL to secure small isolated settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya where the new commercial checkpoint will be built.
- Land levelling continues in the southern part of the Governorate near the Israeli settlement of Shani 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.
- Land levelling continues at the agricultural terminal next to Meitar. During the reporting period a roundabout in the terminal has been finalised and two roads leading to the terminal merged together and paved. Lighting poles were also put in place.

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

- Land levelling for the construction of the road barrier has continued near the Palestinian hamlet of Khirbet Zanuta
- Land levelling and road paving is continuing for the purpose of constructing the Barrier in the towns of Surif, Nuba and Kharas.
- Land leveling and road paving continues in the vicinity of Ar Rifa'iyya military base in an effort to create a buffer zone around it.
- Land levelling for the construction of the road barrier has continued along Road 317 in the area between the Israeli checkpoint of Shani and Road 60 and 317 junction near the Israeli settlement of Shima.
- New housing construction continues in the Israeli settlements of Susiya, Karmeil Tsur, Kiryat Arba and Karmel.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land levelling continues next to Rachel's Tomb in preparation for the Barrier around a Palestinian empty apartment building.
- Land levelling continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site.
- Land levelling continues near Al Jab'a checkpoint to expand the site.
- Continued construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.
- New housing construction continues in the Israeli settlement of Efrat as well as northeast of Neve Daniel (in its most recent expansion), and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.

Jerusalem Governorate:

The Israeli DCL reported that a decision was taken by the Israeli government to include Beit Iksa within the Biddu enclave. No construction has been started yet.

1 – 7 March: The IDF issued two military orders requisitioning land in Jerusalem governorate:

- Bir Nabala (No. T/12/05) requisitioning 81.6 dunums (8.2 hectares) of land for construction of the Barrier; and
- Kafr 'Aqab (No. T/17/06) requisitioning 8.6 dunums (0.9 hectares) of land to build an observation post in the area.

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 and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

| Date | Location, Governorate | Duration |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 March | Qusra, Nablus | 16 hours |

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| 1 March | An Nabi Elyas, Qalqiliya | 16 hours |
| Total Week | 2 Incidents | 32 hours |

- **1 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Qusra village (Nablus) for 16 hours after Palestinians killed an Israeli settler in nearby Migdalim settlement.
- **1 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on An Nabi Elyas (Qalqiliya) for 16 hours after an Israeli settler was shot and injured in the village.

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 from the IDF.

b) Access to Education

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 out by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.
- Imneizil elementary school was delayed as teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' were unable to reach the school on time. IDF soldiers managing Beit Yatir checkpoint denied the teachers' access. The teachers were sent back and advised by the soldiers to use risky alternative roads.
- During the reporting period, students walking from the Palestinian village of Al Jab'a, to their school in Surif, Hebron Governorate, were delayed by Border Police soldiers who are stationed at Surif Gate.

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 experiencing difficulties reaching their schools on time.

c) Access to Employment

West Bank: permits valid for February 2005

| Governorate | Work Permits to Israel | Trade permits to Israel |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nablus | 343 | 1,400 |
| Jenin | 535 | 740 |
| Tubas | 29 | 410 |
| Tulkarm | 725 | 1,000 |
| Qalqiliya | 837 | 680 |
| Salfit | 386 | 300 |
| Ramallah and Al Bireh | 780 | 1,500 |
| Jerusalem | 390 | 38 |
| Jericho | 52 | 79 |
| Bethlehem | 650 | 690 |
| Hebron | 2,491 | 834 |
| Total Permits Issued West Bank | 7,218 | 7,671 |

Gaza Strip:

As of 7 March the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is 4,979. 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 Netanyahu suicide bombing in Israel on 5 December. As of 14 February, the total number for traders with valid permits is 510.

| Date | Gaza Workers crossing to | Gaza Traders crossing to | Comments |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|

| | Israel | Israel | OPEN ALL WEEK |
|---------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| 1 March | 2,717 | 60 | |
| 2 March | 4,093 | 224 | |
| 3 March | 2,307 | 127 | |
| 4 March | 176 | 32 | |
| 5 March | 4,041 | 208 | |
| 6 March | 4,200 | 180 | |
| 7 March | 4,062 | 240 | |

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

- 1 – 7 March:** The IDF frequently prevented Palestinians from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan between the ages of 16 to 40 to cross Beit Furik checkpoint. (previously the IDF had prevented all villagers between 16 – 40 years old to cross).
- 1 March:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours during a period of high alert after the killing of an Israeli settler near Migdalim settlement.
- 3 March:** The IDF closed the roads connecting Beita village to the nearby villages of Osarin, 'Awarta and Aqraba with earth mounds.
- 3 – 7 March:** An IDF flying checkpoint at the entrance of Beita is preventing all Palestinians except for residents from Beita from passing through the checkpoint. The vegetable market in the village was severely affected by this measure.
- 4 March:** The IDF closed the flying checkpoint at Al Badhan road for several hours. Long queues and delays were reported.
- 4 March:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours after arresting one Palestinian who was reportedly carrying explosive materials.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF have closed Shave Shomeron checkpoint for Palestinians during erection of concrete blocks. It remains open for humanitarian organisations from 6am – 8pm provided they have prior coordination (since 1 February).
- The IDF are preventing all Palestinians from Jenin from leaving Nablus through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints. Long delays are experienced at these checkpoints.
- The IDF at Za'atara checkpoint continue to deny access for Palestinians from Jenin heading south through the checkpoint. Palestinians heading north continued to be allowed access.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Palestinians experiences daily long delays at Tayasir checkpoint, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- 1 March:** A flying checkpoint had previously been observed daily in the vicinity of Kafriat tunnel (1 km south of the Tunnel). The IDF have now installed concrete road blocks at this checkpoint, upgrading it to a partial checkpoint.
- 6 March:** The IDF closed the road connecting Deir al Ghusun village with 'Attil village with earth mounds.
- 7 March:** The IDF closed 'Anabta gate on Road 57 preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- Delays and long queues continue to be experienced at 'Anabta partial check point and at the flying checkpoint near Kafriat tunnel.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- 1 March:** The IDF closed the entrance of Qalqiliya city (DCO) for several hours for Palestinian movements after an Israeli was shot and injured by unknown gunmen near An Nabi Elyas village.

5 March: An IDF flying checkpoint on Road 55 near An Nabi Elyas village prevented Palestinian residents of Tulkarm and Jenin from going to Qalqiliya city.

5 March: A flying checkpoint at the entrance of Qalqiliya city (DCO) prevented Israeli registered vehicles from entering the city.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close a dirt road between Haris and Deir Istiya with an earth mound.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

4 March: The IDF closed An Nabi Salih gate throughout the day. At least 15 thousand Palestinians were forced to take an alternative route via 'Abud village.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed by road blocks.
- Delays continued to be experienced at Gilo checkpoint.
- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism, 25,000 tourists entered the city of Bethlehem during the month of February. The movement of tourists has increased by 13% from the previous month (January), but still about 13,000 less than the same month before the second *intifada* (February 1999).

Hebron governorate

1 March: The IDF removed the closure on Yatta road from Road 60 (near Karma village).

1 – 7 March: IDF soldiers stationed at Halhul Bridge blocked the free movement of cars on a number of occasions during the reporting period. Alternative roads were provided for service and humanitarian institutions.

1 – 7 March: There was an increase in IDF incursions in H1 Area of Hebron city.

1 – 7 March: There was an increase in IDF presence in front of Al 'Arrub camp with frequent searches of Palestinians passing through the area.

Ongoing incidents:

- Closure remains tight in the governorate along bypass roads. On Road 35 the IDF has reinforced the earth mounds on both sides.
- Closures on Road 317 and Road 60 remained strict and a large number of cement blocks before and in the vicinity of Zif gate were added.
- All entrances to As Samu' from Road 60 remain closed with a roadblock and earth mounds.
- The entrance to Adh Dhahiriya remains closed by a road block.
- All primary entrances to Hebron from Road 35 and 60 are closed. Alternative entrances via Halhul and Dura are possible through IDF positions permanently manned.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No new incidents to report.

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.
- Delays at the DCO checkpoint is continuing on a daily basis in the morning and evening hours.
- The IDF continue to operate the former partial checkpoint at An Nwemeh with official opening hours from 5am to 8pm.

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 area.
- 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 60 near Al Madina club (7), Al Badhan Rd (7), Beita entrance (5). | 26 |
| Jenin | 'Anza, Ash Shuhada, Az Zababida, Fahma. | 4 |
| Tubas | Áqqaba, Tammun, El Far'a camp, Siris. | 4 |
| Tulkarm | Deir Al Ghusun, 'Illar. | 2 |
| Qalqiliya | Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (5), An Nabi Elyas (2), Ízbat at Tabib, Jayyus (2), Jit junction (7), Ázzun tunnel, Habla tunnel (2). Sir (2), Tahseen Mansour. | 30 |
| Salfit | Deir Istiya (3), Bruqin, Biddya, Masha, Marda. | 7 |
| Ramallah and Al Bireh | Road 60 near Sha'ar Binyamin junction (14). | 14 |
| Jerusalem | Entrance off; Beit Hanina, Atarot (2). Road 60 (1). Near St. Jonh eyes hospital (14). | 18 |
| Jericho | No incidents reported. | 0 |
| Bethlehem | Husan, Beit Sahur, Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya, 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (4), Beit Jala, Zatará, Bethlehem (2). | 15 |
| Hebron | Zif gate, Yatta, Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im (4), Dura (2), H1 (4), Halhul, Beit Kahil, Al Arrub camp (5), Ad Dhahiriya, Ar Ramadin, Twani (2), Sa'ir (2). | 29 |
| Total West Bank | | 149 |

5. Additional Protection Issues

No additional protection issues to report this period.

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 (5), Balata camp (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Qusra (1), Asira al Qibliya (1). At Cp/Flying CPs; Beit Furik CP, Huwwara CP, Al Badhan flying CP. | 9 | 22 |
| Jenin | Jenin city (1), Qabatiya (1), Ya'bad (2), Kafr Dab (1), Silat adh Dhahr (1), Silat al Hartyia (1). At Cp/Flying CPs; Salem CP. | 7 | 15 |
| Tubas | Tubas (3) Áqqaba (2), Tammun (1). At CP/Flying CPs: Tayasir CP. | 6 | 1 |
| Tulkarm | Tulkarm city (2), Ánabta (1), Zeita (1), Seida (1), 'Illar (1). | 6 | 5 |
| Qalqiliya | Qalqiliya city (2) Ázzun (2). | 4 | 2 |
| Salfit | Khirbit Qeis (1), Sarta (1), Haris (1) | 3 | 1 |
| Ramallah/Al Bireh | Ramallah city (1), Beituniya (1), Qlbya (1), Beit Rima. | 4 | 8 |
| Jerusalem | At CP/flying CPs: Wadi Nar CP. | 0 | 6 |
| Jericho | No search/arrest operations reported. | 0 | 1 |
| Bethlehem | Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda camp (3), Al Khadr (6), Dar Salah (1), Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza camp (3), Ad Duheisha (1), Beit Sahur (1), Ash Shawara (1). | 24 | 8 |
| Hebron | Adh Dhahiriya (1), Yatta (2), Dura (2), H1 (5), Halhul (1), Al Arrub camp (3), Bani Na'im (4), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (1), Ar Ramadin (1), As Samu' (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Beit Ummar (1), Surif (1), Beit Awwa (3). | 28 | 9 |
| Total Week West Bank | | 91 | 78 |
| Gaza Strip | Attempted infiltration: East of Maghazi camp (1), east of Rafah (2). | 0 | 12 |
| Total Week oPt | | 91 | 90 |

Appendix: Checkpoints: 1 – 7 March 2006

| Checkpoint | Status |
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| Tulkarm: | |
| Taybeh | Open between 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. |
| Kafriat Tunnel | On 1 March IDF Installed concrete barriers on Kafriat Tunnel flying checkpoint situated 1km south of Kafriat Tunnel upgrading the flying checkpoint observed on a daily basis to partial checkpoint. The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. |
| 'Anabta | Partial check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on road 57.manned daily during the reporting period. The gate was closed on 7 March for vehicular movement. |
| 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) | Open between 4am to 7pm for Palestinian permit holders. |
| Salfit: | |
| Deir Ballut | Open between 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate. |
| Kafr Qasem (Road 5) | Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. |
| Nablus: | |
| Huwwara Southern main entrance | Open between 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 between 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. |
| 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 between 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. The IDF continues to restrict villages between 16 – 40 years old from crossing. |
| Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin | Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed access. Since 1 February humanitarian organisations need prior coordination for crossing due to the installation 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, | 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 |

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| Jenin | by the IDF around 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 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. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination. |
| Tubas: | |
| 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/Al Bireh: | |
| Qalandiya | Open only for Internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West bank ID with valid permits. |
| Bet El/DCO | Open between 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 West Bank 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. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations. |
| Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1. | Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. |
| Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north. | Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid 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, Palestinians with valid 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 and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. |
| 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. |

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| Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1 | Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. Long delays are reported. |
| 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. Delays are reported especially during morning rush hours. |
| 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. |
| Nwemeh North Jericho | Since 15 February the partial checkpoint has become permanent with regular opening hours from 5am to 8pm. Palestinian vehicles and ID cards are subjected to regular checks. |
| 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. During the reporting period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint. On 3 March access was denied for Palestinians below the age of 45 even if they held valid permits preventing worshipers from practicing Friday prayers at the holy sites in Jerusalem |
| Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line | Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Since 3 February Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross. |
| 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. However, on 3 February, the checkpoint was manned and causing slow traffic and congestion. |
| Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo | Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations. 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. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge 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 plated cars can pass. |
| Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line | Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Not open for Palestinians as of 3 February 2006. |
| Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line | Open 24 hours for Israeli Blue ID holders. Not open for Palestinians as of 3 February 2006. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint. |
| 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 while construction on the crossing point is still ongoing at a massive scale. |
| Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 | Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders were able to cross. Land levelling is taking place in area adjacent to the checkpoint in |

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| on the Green Line | preparation for the establishment of an agricultural terminal. |
| 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. Work on the new road barrier is taking place near the checkpoint. |
| 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. IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented school teachers from accessing the school in the nearby Palestinian community of Imneizil. |
| 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. |
| 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 previous weeks where only Palestinians living in Al Ramadin were allowed access. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Delays have been reported by Palestinians trying to cross the checkpoint during the reported period. |
| "Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60 | Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower. The checkpoint was manned at certain periods during the reported period. |
| Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60 | Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower. During the reported period, Palestinians experienced delays at the checkpoint. The checkpoint was manned at certain periods during the reported period. |
| Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints | |
| Erez crossing | Open all week. |
| Rafah Passenger Terminal | Since 18 December the terminal has had normal opening from 8:00am to 4 – 5:00pm; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 March: 590 arrivals, 642 departures. - 2 March: 600 arrivals, 712 departures. - 3 March: 768 arrivals, 657 departures. - 4 March: 479 arrivals, 639 departures. - 5 March: 517 arrivals, 598 departures. - 6 March: 570 arrivals, 586 departures. - 7 March: 673 arrivals, 712 departures. |
| Commercial checkpoints: | |
| Tulkarm/Qalqiliya | |
| Taybeh | An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling checkpoint. Delays were experienced. The back-to-back system has been operational from 7am to 5pm except on Saturday. |
| Nablus | |
| Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in | Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. |

Nablus since July 2003.

Jenin

Al Jalama Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday.
Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.

Ramallah/AI Bireh

Beituniya Officially open between 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.
Back-to-back checkpoint

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 Closed since 14 February..

Karni Closed since 22 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.