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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

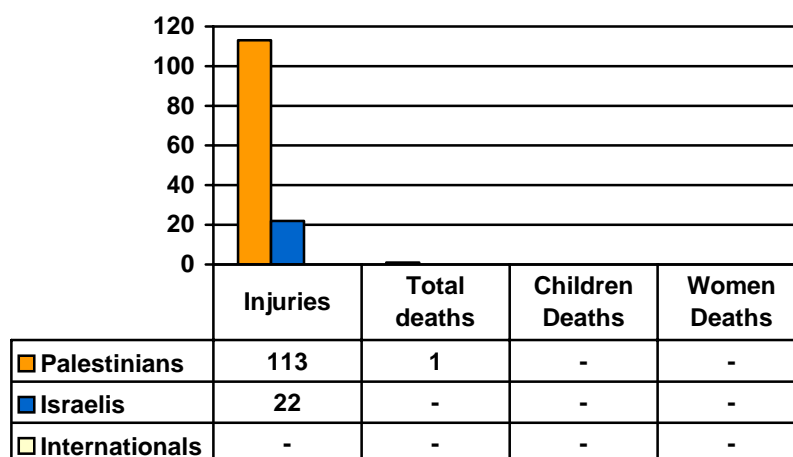
7 – 13 February 2007

Of note this week**West Bank:**

- On 7, 8, 9 and 12 February tensions were high and clashes were reported throughout the West Bank following the start of excavation and demolition work by the Israeli authorities near the al-Aqsa mosque. High numbers of injuries were reported. Demonstrations were held in Bethlehem, Hebron, Tulkarm, Jenin, Qalqiliya, Aqqaba and Āzzun in protest at the construction work.
- On 10 February, the IDF arrested 15 Palestinian schoolchildren from a school bus in Bethlehem. They were detained at Etzion detention center overnight and released the next day.
- 195 'flying' or random checkpoints set up by the IDF were observed (an increase on the number reported during the previous week); 139 search and arrest operations were carried out by the IDF resulting in 166 arrests predominately in Hebron, Jenin and Nablus governorates.
- The 21 military orders restricting Palestinian movement in the H2 section of Hebron city were renewed for an additional six months. The orders are now set to expire on May 2007.
- Age restrictions were imposed on male Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm governorates between the age of 16 and 35 years to cross Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints.

**Gaza Strip:**

- A Palestinian man was killed by IDF soldiers when they fired from the border fence following the firing of a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) at an IDF observation post by Palestinian militants. Three other Palestinians were injured in separate incidents when the IDF fired from the border fence.
- Five Palestinians, including fishermen, were arrested by the IDF coastguard west of Rafah and by IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis.
- Three mortar shells and 42 homemade rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. The IDF responded by firing one tank shell. No injuries were reported.

**1. Physical Protection<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Note that this excludes casualties resulting from Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence reported in Section 2.

**Gaza Strip:**

- **7 February:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers at the border fence north of Sufa spotted a group of men apparently attempting to fire homemade rockets. The IDF fired Heavy Machine Guns (HMGs) at the group.
- **11 February:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence east of Abu Al Ajeen area in Deir El Balah opened fire for approximately five minutes in the direction of Palestinian shepherds.
- **13 February:** A 30 year-old Fatah militant was killed when the IDF responded with sporadic machine gun fire for approximately 30 minutes towards Palestinian militants after they fired a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) at an IDF observation post near the border fence east of Gaza City.
- **13 February:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline north of Beit Lahia opened fire in the direction of a group of people who were 300 metres from the border fence.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **8 February:** Six homemade rockets were fired from south of Sufa crossing towards the Israeli military base at Sufa. The crossing, which was opened at 7:30am closed until 9:15am following the rocket attack. The military wing of Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. No casualties or damage were reported.

**West Bank:**

- **6 February:** A Palestinian man was physically assaulted by Israeli Border Police near Damascus Gate (Jerusalem).
- **7 February:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man from Salim village was injured by live ammunition near the entrance of Beit Furik village (Nablus) when Israeli Police opened fire at him when he reportedly did not stop his vehicle after a checkpoint.
- **7 February:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in El Fará refugee camp (Tubas) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **7 February:** At 3:30pm Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers at the Qalandiya checkpoint and the IDF responded with live rounds and rubber-coated metal bullets, injuring six Palestinians.
- **8 February:** An 18 year-old Palestinian woman from Tammun village was injured by live ammunition at Al Badhan checkpoint (Nablus). The IDF opened fire at her before arresting her after she allegedly tried to stab an IDF soldier. .
- **8 February:** Three Palestinians boys and one man from Hebron city (aged 15, 17 (2), and 37 years) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets. The IDF soldiers responded to Palestinian stone-throwing in Bab Al Zawiya/H1 area (Hebron). A 19 year-old man from the Hebron city was also injured in the same incident after being physically assaulted by the IDF soldiers. The clashes occurred in response to the Israeli construction work near Al Mughrabi Gate in Jerusalem.
- **9 February:** At 12:40pm at the al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem Palestinians attending Friday prayers clashed with Israeli policemen who fired stun grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets. Fifty Palestinians and 15 Israeli policemen were reported injured.
- **9 February:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 15 and 16 years, from Hebron city were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes with IDF soldiers in Bab Al Zawiya/H1 area of (Hebron).
- **9 February:** Three Palestinian men, aged 20, 23 and 31 years, as well as two boys, aged 14 and 16 years, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes with IDF soldiers in the Beit Ummar (Hebron). The clashes occurred in response to the Israeli construction work near Al Mughrabi Gate in Jerusalem.
- **9 February:** At 1:30pm clashes erupted at Qalandiya camp after Palestinians threw stones at IDF soldiers. The IDF responded with live rounds and rubber-coated metal bullets. Sixteen Palestinians were reported injured
- **9 February:** At 2:30pm, during the weekly demonstration protesting the construction of the Barrier in the village of Bil'in, IDF soldiers fired tear gas canisters, sound bombs and rubber-coated metal bullets at the Palestinian, Israeli and international activists. Two Palestinians and one Israeli activist were reported injured.
- **9 February:** At 5:30pm Palestinians threw stones at IDF soldiers in Budrus village (Ramallah) and the IDF responded with live rounds. One Palestinian and one IDF soldier were injured.
- **10 February:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man from the H1/Hebron (Hebron) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet during clashes with the IDF in Bab Al Zawiya area.

- **10 February:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Ázzun (Qalqiliya) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **10 February:** At 3:10pm Palestinians stoned IDF soliders in Qalandiya camp. The IDF responded with live rounds and rubber-coated metal bullets. Seven Palestinians were reported injured.
- **11 February:** An Israeli female settler was injured in Huwwara village (Nablus) when Palestinians stoned her vehicle when she was passing through the village on Road 60.
- **11 February:** Three Palestinians, aged 17 (2) and 30 years, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes with IDF soldiers in Bab Al Zawiya area and Al Manarah Roundabout in the H1/Hebron (Hebron). The clashes occurred in response to the Israeli construction work near Al Mughrabi Gate in Jerusalem.
- **11 February:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man from Sa'ir (Hebron) was injured when an Israeli settler heading south on Road 60 stopped his car and fired at him after Palestinian children threw stones at passing cars.
- **11 February:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy from Al Khader (Bethlehem) was physically assaulted by IDF soldiers while en route to his school in Al Khader town.
- **11 February:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy from Artas (Bethlehem) was injured when IDF soldiers physically assaulted him while en route to his school in Beit Jala.
- **12 February:** A 26 year-old Palestinian woman from Hebron city was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet during clashes with IDF soldiers in Bab Al Zawiya area (Hebron).
- **12 February:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 15 and 17 years, from Beit Ummar (Hebron) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes with IDF soldiers at the entrance of the town.
- **12 February:** A 26 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Nablus city (Nablus) by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at Palestinians during a search and arrest campaign.
- **12 February:** At 11:00am, in Jabal al Mukabbir neighbourhood in Jerusalem, Palestinians stoned Israel Security Forces. The IDF responded with live rounds and tear gas canisters and one Israeli policewoman was injured.
- **12 February:** At 4:20pm in Wadi Al Joz (Jerusalem), Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle injuring one Israeli.
- **12 February:** At 4:30pm in A Tur Neighbourhood in Jerusalem, Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle injuring two Israelis.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **10 February:** The IDF arrested 15 Palestinian schoolchildren from a school bus in Bethlehem. They were detained at Etzion detention center overnight and released the next day.
- **11 February:** Two Palestinian boys were assaulted by IDF soldiers on route to school.

## 2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents<sup>2</sup>

### **Gaza Strip:**

- **7 February:** An eight year-old UNRWA school boy died of wounds sustained when he was caught in armed clashes between the Hamas-dominated Executive Support Force (ESF) and the Presidential Guards in Bureij camp on 1 February.
- **7 February:** A Palestinian man was injured during an exchange of gunfire between two local families in Rafah.
- **8 February:** A Palestinian man was injured when an explosive device he was preparing detonated in Nuseirat camp.
- **8 February:** A PA anti-narcotics officer was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at his direction in Nuseirat Camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **9 February:** Two Palestinian men were injured during an exchange of fire between two local families at Shuhada Street in Gaza City.
- **12 February:** A 26 year-old Fatah activist died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between the ESF and Fatah militants on 29 Jan in Jabalia camp.

<sup>2</sup> Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not recorded in the total in Section 1.

- **13 February:** A Palestinian man was severely beaten by unknown armed masked men in Jabalia camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **13 February:** A 26 year-old Palestinian man was killed by unknown gunmen at the entrance of the Islamic Cemetery east of Jabalia camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown, however local reports suggest it was linked to 'immoral behavior'.

#### **West Bank:**

No incidents to report.

#### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **7 February:** Masked men set fire to the Hiwar Centre in Jayyus (Qalqiliya). Motive behind the incident is unclear.
- **7 February:** Two cars and a shop belonging to Hamas members were set ablaze by a group of unknown men in Bethlehem city (Bethlehem).
- **7 February:** The driver of a car carrying PA Minister of Culture Ezz Ed-Din Al Masri refused to stop at a checkpoint operated by Dahlan's guards in Gaza City. The guards fired in the air, and the Minister's car continued to his office located near the checkpoint. No injuries were reported.
- **8 February:** 500 children demonstrated in Nuseirat camp to protest the factional violence and demanded the formation of a National Unity Government. The demonstration was organised by the NGO association.
- **8 February:** Approximately 400 women and children demonstrated in the main square of Deir El Balah. Demonstrators called for an end to the factional violence and the formation of a National Unity Government. The demonstration was organized by PFLP and Islamic Jihad.
- **8 February:** Members from the Islamic parties and National Forces demonstrated to protest Israel's construction of a bridge that will be built at the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem and demanded the formation of a National Unity Government. The demonstration started from the Al-Awda Mosque and passed throughout Rafah Camp. The demonstration ended peacefully.
- **11 February:** Five to six unarmed people, who had been denied housing assistance due to reportedly fraudulent claim, entered the Emergency office and Maintenance office in Rafah and demanded UNRWA staff to leave. Staff left the office for 30 minutes until the family was persuaded to leave without incident.
- **12 February:** 200 family members of Palestinians imprisoned in Israel demonstrated at the PLC compound to demand the release of their relatives. It ended peacefully at 12:30pm.
- **12 February:** Unknown gunmen abducted the former Attorney General Khaled Al Qadra in Khan Younis (Gaza) he was released the next day. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **12 February:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of a coffee shop in the Guniana area in Rafah (Gaza). The shop was destroyed. No injuries were reported. The motive is unknown.

### **3. Shelter and Property**

No demolition or damage to shelter or property was reported.

#### Other incidents:

- **10 February:** The IDF issued an order to stop construction in Wad Rahal village (Bethlehem) against a 50 m2 house and a cement wall for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **13 February:** The IDF issued two orders to stop construction in Harmala village (Bethlehem) against two houses for reportedly being built without a permit.

### **4. Natural Resources**

#### **Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>3</sup>**

##### **Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

<sup>3</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

- Since 15 January 2007 the IDF have continued to level eight dunums of land near Huwwara checkpoint to expand the checkpoint. The land belongs to Palestinians from Burin village and was requisitioned on 10 July 2005 by military order T/106/05.
- Since 17 September 2006 land levelling continues for a road barrier installed north of Road 505, east of Za'atara checkpoint.
- Since 15 June 2006 land levelling has continued north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus) to install a fence.

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**Jenin Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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**Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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**Tulkarm Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

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

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**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

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**Salfit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue construction and land levelling north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement.

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**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**13 February:** In Deir Nidham, settlers from Halamish settlement cut down 50 olive trees belonging to Palestinians.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages.
  - Construction continues near Umm Safa, parallel to bypass Road 465, to create a buffer zone around Ateret settlement. The land was earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.
  - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira village is complete between Beit Sira and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed.
  - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.

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**Jerusalem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3km of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
  - Barrier construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. During the last week, further construction of the Barrier in Dahiyat Al Bareed means that the opening is only occasionally open. Pedestrians can still go through these areas but

clearly the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank. The once open area through the Barrier is now a 'Gate' sealed off with a large iron wall and vehicles are currently using a rough road a few meters beyond the gate. Construction of the Barrier in this neighbourhood is progressing at a rapid pace.

- Construction of a road barrier is continuing on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1, or East 1, an area north of Ma'ale Adumim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and El Eizariyya is ongoing (Road 70) while another road, Road 80, is planned. Road 80 will link Abu Dis to Road 1 by encircling east of the planned Ma'ale Adumim. The road will be open to Palestinians only.

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#### **Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues next to Al Khadr Boys School along the eastern side of Road 60 adjacent to the school playground.
  - Land levelling continues in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem). Additional sections of the Barrier have been erected in this section during the reporting period.
  - Land levelling in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo continues.
  - Land levelling in the vicinity of the settlement of Efrat, near Artas village, continues.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the tunnel near Al Khadr village has accelerated. Levelling is also taking place along the western side of Road 60. Concrete partitions were placed during the reporting period.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far and four inspection cabins installed.
- Work continues on the road leading to the Talita Khoumy School. A one-metre high road barrier was installed and land levelling has continued on both sides of the road.
- Land levelling for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint continues.
- Construction work at Nu'man terminal is ongoing.

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#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**12 February:** The IDF began to level 400m<sup>2</sup> of land in the region of Farsh Al Hawa in the H1/Hebron (Hebron) to establish a military observation tower overlooking Road 35.

**12 February:** A group of Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba, east Hebron city (Hebron) planted trees in the Jabal Jalis region belonging to Palestinian farmers. The IDF provided protection for the settlers.

**12 February:** Settlers from Midgal Oz settlement (Bethlehem) began constructing a road connecting the settlement and land in Marah Abu Sawad region, Beit Ummar (Hebron) under the protection of the IDF.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues west of Eshkolot settlement.
- Land leveling including paving continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint.
- Construction of the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint is ongoing.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. An observation tower was installed and the terminal is almost complete.

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#### **Gaza Strip:**

No incidents to report.

## 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

### a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
11 – 12 February	Huwwara village	19 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>19 hours</b>

**11 – 12 February:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for 19 hours (from 1pm, 11 February – 8am, 12 February) after an Israeli settler was injured when Palestinians stoned the settler's vehicle driving on Road 60 through Huwwara village.

### b) Access to education

**10 February:** Due to an armed dispute between two local families, the afternoon shift in three UNRWA schools was disrupted in Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City. The exchange of gunfire lasted for approximately ten minutes.

**10 February:** The IDF arrested 15 Palestinian schoolchildren from a school bus in Bethlehem. They were detained at Etzion detention center overnight and released the next day.

**11 February:** Two Palestinian boys were assaulted by IDF soldiers on route to school.

**13 February:** The IDF and Israeli Police did not escort Palestinian students from Tuba to their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron). Settlers frightened the students while waiting for the escort. The children had to use the long route to get to school. The escort was provided for the remaining of the reporting period and has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

### c) Access to employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities (DCOs) and Palestinian workers and traders are applying directly to the Israeli authorities for permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.

The eligibility criteria for permits are similar for both workers and traders; over 35 years old, married with children and with no security file. The age restriction has been relaxed for permits to the Atarot Industrial Zone to over 21 years old.

### d) Closures/movement restrictions

#### **Nablus Governorate:**

**7 February:** The IDF removed the metal gate at the entrance to Beit Furik.

**7 February to date:** The IDF manned Al Badhan checkpoint. Long queues and delays were reported.

**7 February to date:** Age restrictions were imposed on male Palestinian residents of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm governorates between the age of 16 and 35 years to cross Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.

#### **Jenin Governorate:**

**7 February to date:** Age restrictions were imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years at all flying checkpoints in Jenin governorate.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of less than two tonnes) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials still require prior coordination.

#### **Tubas Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

**7 February to date:** Age restrictions were imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin and Tulkarm governorates between the age of 16 and 35 years at Kafriat tunnel and 'Anabta checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 10 January the IDF have allowed Palestinians with Israeli IDs to enter Tulkarm.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**8 February:** The IDF closed the east entrance of Qalqiliya (DCO) and Habla tunnel for six hours (5 – 11 am) due to a high security alert.

**9 and 10 February:** The IDF closed the north entrance of Ázzun after confrontations between the IDF and Palestinians.

**12 February:** Israeli settlers from Qarne Shomron settlement prevented farmers from Kafr Laqif (Qalqiliya) from working their land near the settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- The main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village continues to be closed by the IDF with an earth mound.
- The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Kafr Qaddum with Hajja, Kur and Beit Lid villages.

**Salfit Governorates:**

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik, forcing Palestinians to make a detour of 30 minutes to reach the village and disconnecting the three Palestinian villages of Az Zawia, Rafat, and Deir Ballout from Salfit city.
- The agricultural gates in the Barrier continue to be closed by the IDF near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya preventing farmers from accessing their land.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**During the reporting period:** Long delays were reported at Qalandiya checkpoint (at least one hour during morning and evening rush hours). Only one pedestrian lane was in operation.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Hebron Governorate:**

During the reporting period, the IDF placed a flying checkpoint at the Somara junction, south of Adh Dhahiriya on four separate days. Long delays were reported and passengers were required to wait while documents were checked. There were reports of the soldiers using insulting language.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

**7 February:** Israeli Police denied access to all Palestinians aged under 45 into the compound of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**9 February:** Israeli Police deployed several mobile checkpoints around the Old City of Jerusalem and denied access to all Palestinians aged under 45, fearing protests in reaction to the planned demolition and construction near the Al-Aqsa mosque

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 9 January, Bisan checkpoint, north of Tubas, is open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (traders permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- Since 14 September 2006, the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash



Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.

## Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open for six days (Karni is scheduled to be closed on Saturdays). On 11 February the crossing was closed for container traffic.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian 'senior' traders. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis). The crossing continues to be closed for Palestinian workers (since 12 March 2006). On 7, 8, 9 and 10 February Erez was open for internationals and medical cases. On 11, 12, 13 did not function continuously.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for six days (the pipelines are scheduled to be closed on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was open on 7, 11, 12 and 13 February for construction materials. The crossing was closed on 9 and 10 February (Sufa is scheduled to be closed on Saturdays only). On 8 February Sufa was closed between 8:00 and 9:15am after six homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants at the Sufa military base.
- Kerem Shalom was closed all week, except on 11 February when it was open at 10:30am.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- On 28 December 2005 the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Officially, entry into the area for the 250 residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF, however this is not enforced.

## Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Talluza (1), Jammaín (2), Ilnisinya (2), Bizzariya (1)	6
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (7), Sanur (7), south entrance Jenin (1), Anza (1), Jalqamus (1), Qabatiya (2), Az Zawiya (2), Al Judeida (1), Sir (1), Fahma (1), Kafr Raí (1), Al Kufeir (1), Ash Shuhada (1), Al Mansura (1)	35
Tubas	Tammun (3), Tubas (1), Áqqaba (3), Wadi al Faraá (2)	9
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (2), Beit Lid (3), Deir Al Ghusun (2), Áttil (3), Balá (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Farún (1).	13
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), An Nabi Elyas (3), Ras 'Atyia (1), Kafr Laqif (1), Hajja (1), Jayyus (3), Ázzun tunnel (7), Izbat at Tabib (7), Jinsafut (1), Qarne Shomron Rd 55 (1)	46
Salfit	Salfit (1), Iskaka (1), Bruqin (3), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Deir Istiya (3), Haris (1), Marda (1)	11
Ramallah / Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho / Jordan Valley	-	-
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (7) , Al Ram (5)	12
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (5), Al Khadr (5), Beit Jala (4), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (4), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	31
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1 (6), Halhul (4), Al Arrub refugee camp (5), Sa'ir (2), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (3), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (2), Beit Ummar (4)	32
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>195</b>

## 6. Additional Protection Issues

### 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 (7), Balata refugee Camp (4), Beit Iba village (1), Áwarta (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Áskar camp (1), Burqa (1), Talluza (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), An Nassariya (1), Huwwara (1), Balata village (1), Zawata (1), Al Badhan CP, Huwwara CP	22	21
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (3), Fahma (2), Kafr Dan (1), Jaba (1), 'Arraba (1), Sir (1), Silat al Harithiya (1), Az Zababida (2), Al Yamun (1), Sanur flying CP	17	12
Tubas	Tammun (1), Áqqaba (1), El Fará camp (1), Kashda (1)	4	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Tulkarm refugee camp (3), Balá (2), Irtah (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Ánabta (1)	12	11
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Beit Amin (1), Jayyus (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), DCO flying CP	18	10
Salfit	Salfit city (2), Kifl Haris (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Haris (2)	6	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Kobar (1), Ramallah (2), Al Bireh (1) Budrus (1) Bil'in, Abud	1	19
Jericho/ Jordan Valley	Al Auja (1), Atara	1	4
Jerusalem	Damascus Gate, Jerusalem, Old City - Jerusalem	-	107
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (3), Za'tara (3), Bethlehem (3), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (2), Beit Fajjar (2), Husan (2), Beit Jala (2)	33	16
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Dura (3), Beit Awwa (2), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (3), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (2), Bani Na'eem (2), Beit Kahil (2)	25	30
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>139</b>	<b>231</b>
Gaza Strip	West of Rafah, East of Khuza'a	-	5
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>139</b>	<b>236</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 7 – 13 February 2007

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Open 24 hours. 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; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old.
<b>'Anabta</b>	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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 subject to security checks.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm 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. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Long delays and queues were reported. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Closed)</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for all traffic.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits.

<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old.
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old.
<b>Al Badhan partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. On 3 February the checkpoint was closed for several hours due to a security alert. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between 16 and 35 years old. .
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the cp is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Opened for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley. Officially open between 5am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin. Officially open between 3am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December 2006, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays are being reported on a daily basis.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Israeli Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December 2006, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during

	travelling rush hours.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open. Some delays reported.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. Delays were reported during morning rush hour. Problems of access were reported by Americans carrying passports with valid entry visas.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits an use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check.
<b>Jaba'</b> At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	

<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (except for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayem, As Sawahira village, Bethlehem and Hebron who are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays up to 40 minutes were reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. IDF soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open. No IDF soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem.	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles. The checkpoint was manned on 12 February after a pipe bomb was discovered near the Tunnel Checkpoint.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. 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. UN staff are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm. Security at the checkpoint is now jointly managed by a private security firm and the border police. The checkpoint was closed on 12 February for an hour after the IDF found a pipe bomb and detonated it in a controlled manner.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Ein Gedi</b>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.

On Road 90, along Dead Sea.

## Hebron :

<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am to 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May 2006, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August 2006, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. Next to the checkpoint construction work is taking place for the construction of a new terminal.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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 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. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were reported as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organisations into Hebron Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. Harassment of commuters and long search process took place during the reporting period
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored from the nearby observation tower.

<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.

#### Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

<b>Erez crossing</b>	<p>Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March 2006. Since 12 September 2006, a number of Palestinian traders started to enter inside Israel. Trader should be senior, 35+ years old, married and with children.</p> <p><b>7, 8, 9 and 10 February:</b> Erez was open for internationals and medical cases.</p> <p><b>11 February:</b> Erez was closed until 12:00pm due to striking Israeli police.</p> <p><b>12 February:</b> Erez was open for internationals and medical cases. It was closed for traffic leaving Gaza between 9:30am -12:00pm and again between 2:30 to 5pm when it planned to reopen.</p> <p><b>13 February:</b> Erez was open for internationals and medical cases. It was closed for traffic leaving Gaza between 12:00 and 1:30pm and planned to be closed from 3:30 to 5:30pm.</p>
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	<p><b>7 February:</b> Rafah terminal was open in both directions from 8:00am and 7:30pm (954 people entered the Gaza Strip and 1,978 departed)</p> <p><b>8 February:</b> Rafah terminal was open in both directions from 8:00am to 9:30am. (Zero people entered the Gaza Strip, and zero departed).</p> <p><b>9, 10 and 11 February:</b> Rafah terminal was closed</p> <p><b>12 February:</b> Rafah crossing was open in both directions between 8:24am and 6:05pm. (515 people entered Gaza Strip and 1,200 departed).</p> <p><b>13 February:</b> Rafah terminal was open from 9:00 to 18:00 in both directions (385 people entered the Gaza Strip and 1,280 departed).</p>

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.
<b>Qusin Checkpoint</b>	Open from 7am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 7am to 12pm on Fridays, for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to Road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back –to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	



<b>Sufa</b>	<p><b>9, 10 February:</b> Sufa was closed.</p> <p><b>7, 11, 12 and 13 February:</b> Sufa was open for construction materials.</p> <p><b>8 February:</b> Sufa opened at 7:30am and closed at 8:00pm when six rockets were fired at the Sufa military base. The crossing was reopened at 9:15am.</p>
<b>Karni</b>	Open all the week except on 10 February when Karni was scheduled to be closed (Karni is closed on Saturdays). On 11 February the crossing was open from 9:00am but closed for container traffic.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was closed all the week, except on 11 February was open at 10:30am.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Open all the week, except on 10 February when the pipelines are scheduled to be closed for the weekend,

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#### Method and Sources

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

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

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