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# OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes Update for oPt (07 – 13 January 2004)

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## 1. Military operation in Tulkarm Refugee Camp

**12-13 January**: At around 11:00 on 12 January, the IDF launched an extensive search and arrest campaign in Tulkarm refugee camp (with approximately 35 tanks). During the entire operation, the refugee camp was placed under strict curfew. Immediately after the incursion, the IDF ordered people to gather in the UNRWA compound, erected observation points on top of houses and established physical barriers around the camp. Around 500 people were gathered in the UNRWA compound until 18:00 where after approximately 50 people were transferred to the UNRWA health clinic until 09:30 the following day. Some 200 people were reported arrested. The majority were reported released after interrogation at the DCL office in Tulkarm. Between 12 and 20 persons are still detained to date.

Clashes between the IDF and the local residents have taken place regularly throughout the military operation.

Three houses were reported destroyed on 12 January by fire as a result of sound bombs. On 13 January around 13:00, another house was set on fire caused by another sound bomb. The IDF denied the fire department access to the camp, and instead ordered the fire truck to use its water cylinders against the refugees to disperse to crowd. All firemen have had their ID cards confiscated and one fireman has been detained by the IDF. The fire was extinguished by the heavy rain.

# 2. Casualties

Palestinians: 7 deaths

29 injured

Israelis: 1 death

3 injured

## 3. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

Denial of access: 1 incident
Delay (up 140 min.): 4 incidents

Abuse/Attach on medical crew: 2 incidents Detention of medical crew: 1 incident

Damage to ambulance: 1 incident (settlers threw stones at ambulance)

- 11 January: On return to Qalqilya from the hospital in Nablus, a PRCS ambulance was searched by a
  flying checkpoint near the village of Jit. After some 25 minutes, the ambulance was instructed to
  transport two detained persons under the escort of a military jeep to the Qadomin bus station. 10
  minutes after the arrival to the bus station, the ambulance crew got their IDs back and were allowed to
  continue.
- 11 January: One PRCS ambulance was stopped by a flying checkpoint at the Enav junction while transporting a diabetic patient to the hospital in Tulkarm. The ambulance was allowed to proceed after the companion of the patient was arrested.

## 4. Curfews

Curfews were reported in the following locations: al Khadr, Rafidiya, and al Quds Street in Nablus, Jenin city and Jenin Refugee Camp, 'Anza, al 'Ezarriya and Abu Dis (1 day)

## 5. House demolitions/Demolition Orders

DATE	LOCATION	Completely Demolished	Partially Demolished
07/01/2004	Rafah	2	0
10/01/2004	Rafah	0	2
12/01/2004	Rafah	1	5
12/01/2004	Yatta	1 (two-storey house)	0
TOTAL		4	7

## 6. Land levelling/confiscation

- The levelling and uprooting of olive trees in Faroun village south of Tulkarm city has been completed. Between 80 and 120 olive trees covering an area of some 100 dunums (24.71 acres) of land have been uprooted. The villagers of Faroun have been informed by the contractors that the land has been levelled for the building of building a civil administration compound.
- 12 January: IDF bulldozed land near Kharsina settlement, Hebron, which local residents believe it will be part of the Wall.
- 12 January: The IDF has started to level land on the hill in front of the Jordanian cemetery, where the Wall path turns north towards Abu Dis. Local residents believe that this area is likely to become a new base for the Border Police.
- 13 January: Land levelling, which started on 21 December, continues around Gilo checkpoint for what is believed to be both a section of the Wall as well as an area destined to commercial back to back.

## Gaza:

Date	Area	(dunums)	Acres	Crop
07/01/2004	Deir al Balah	50	12.355	Guava, Citrus and Olive
TOTAL		50	12.355	

# 7. Checkpoints/roadblocks/Separation Wall/restrictions on movement

## - Tulkarm/Qalqiliya governorates:

- The past week continued to see a relative relaxation in the movement with no major restrictions imposed on the local population in both Tulkarm and Qalqilya districts. All checkpoints have been operational and in general only few military operations took place.
- Ongoing construction of the wall between Zeita and Qaffin through Nazlat Isa and almost completed pending the construction of an entrance between Nazlat Isa East and West and some minor foundation work.
- In Masha in Salfit district, the construction of the wall has been suspended for approximately a month now. The current construction stretches some 500 m south of Masha towards the village of As Sawiya.
- On 13 January, the IDF bulldozers began construction of the tunnel between Habla and Qalqilya. The tunnel
  will be 734 m long approximately 20 m wide. As earlier reported, the IDF confiscated 367 dunums of land for
  that purpose. On this occasion, the IDF today closed road 55 prohibiting all movement around the
  construction area
- The following agricultural gates have been reported closed during the week; Qalqilya south, Zeita south, Attil, Salman, Isla, Jayyous south and Izbat Jalud. These gates remain the same as reported closed previously. The opening hours of the other agricultural gates remain the same as previously reported.
- As previously reported, the number of Arab-Israelis now travelling to Tulkarm for shopping purposes has decreased significantly over the past month following the newly introduced movement restriction placed on Israeli citizens. Due to the incompletion of the wall in Nazlat Isa, Arab-Israelis have been able to access Tulkarm relatively easy through Baqa Ash Sharqiya gate. However, the enforced requirement to obtain special permits to enter Tulkarm has over the past week now also proven its effect at Baqa Ash Sharqiya gate, and according to PDCL, this has caused a further drop to an average of 5-10 per day against 50-60 people per day a couple of weeks ago.
- 10 January: Two young boys (age 12 and 13) from the village of Jayyous in Qalqilya district were denied access through the northern gate without any reasons as they were trying to bring their sheep to the meadows on the other side of the wall. Both had valid permission to cross the gate. Both youths were threatened at point gun.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya:

Check Point	Status
Taybeh	Open whole week between 08:00 and 24:00, but only for holders of permits into Israel proper and international vehicles. All pedestrians have to pass through a metal detector.
Kafriat	The checkpoint has been open whole week for pedestrians and ambulances only. No cars with green plates are allowed to cross without special permits (mostly traders). In principle the checkpoint is open 24 hours, but no one uses the checkpoint after dark.
Qalqilya DCO	The checkpoint has been open during the whole week for both pedestrians and vehicles. The IDF left the checkpoint unmanned from 4 January. However, according to UNRWA Operations Support Office, the checkpoint became manned again on 13 January.
Jaljoulia	Open whole week 24 hours, but only for holders of permit into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Daba, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for "security checks".

**Commercial checkpoints** 

Check Point	Status	
Qalqilya DCO	The back-to-back system has not been in use between 4 and 13 January as all trucks had full access to Qalqilya.	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational for all kinds of goods.	

Road Gates: (selected)

Gate	Status
Anabta	The gate is closed for vehicles but open for pedestrians and therefore it functions as a back-to-back system for buses and taxis between 08:00 and 18:00. A flying checkpoint was established on 12-13 January prohibiting all movement through the gate.
Qaffin	Open 24 hours and manned by soldiers and only accessible for holders of green permits, except from residents of Nazlat Isa, Nazlat Abu Nar, Baqa Ash Sharqiya, and medical staff and teachers.
Baqa Ash Sharqiya	Open between 04:00 and 24:00 and manned by soldiers. Females opt for a detour through Qaffin gate in the absence of female soldiers at this gate for body search. Local residents of Nazlat Isa, Nazlat Abu Nar and Baqa Ash Sharqiya are not required green permits together with teachers, suppliers and medical staff.
Ras Tira	The gate is open three times a day and only accessible for holders of green permits between 07:00 – 08:00, 12:00 – 13:00 and 16:00 – 17:00. Teachers, school children and medical staff are exempted. The gate is manned by soldiers around the clock. The gate was reported closed on 7 and 11 January the whole day.
Wadi As Rasha	The gate has been open twice a day between 07:00 – 07:30 and 13:00 – 13:30 for holders of green cards only.
Azzun Atma	The gate has been open between 06:30 – 21:00. Residents from Beit Amin and Saniria are still required a green permits to enter Azzun Atma. Residents of Azzun Atma as well as ambulances, teachers and school children from Beit Amin and Saniria are still exempted. The gate is manned by soldiers around the clock who also guard the adjacent gate into the Israeli settlement of Sha'are Tiqwa.
Jbara	The gate has been reported closed the whole week due to school holidays.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole week.
Habla	The gate has only been open for holders of green cards between 07:00 – 08:00, 12:00 – 13:00 and 16:00 – 17:00 and teachers and ambulances. The gate is manned by soldiers. However, PRCS ambulances from Qalqilya need prior co-ordination with IDF through ICRC before access is granted. Teachers from Qalqilya barely use this gate any more due to irregular opening hours and difficulties at Jaljoulia checkpoint. Consequently, teachers travel through Azzun to reach the schools in Habla.

# - Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- The majority of check points in the Governorate of Nablus have been closed for Palestinians since 27 December. Since 09 January, Palestinians over 35 years old were allowed to cross the checkpoints, but with significant delays.
- 08 January: A flying check point was erected in the western part of Nablus, between Zawata and Beit Iba.
- **09 January**: IDF started digging a trench between the hills north of Bardala Village to the edges of the Jordan River. The village council claims the digging is a part of the Wall.
- **11 January**: At noon the IDF closed Zaatara / Tappuah check point for all Palestinians. A peaceful demonstration by Palestinians took place at the check point.
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Nablus: (Checkpoint opening hours: 06:00. Closed for vehicles at 18:00, for pedestrians at 20:00)

Check Point	Status
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Generally open for holders of Nablus ID-cards, students, teachers and medical doctors. Since 9.1 Palestinians over 35 years old were allowed access to the check point, however with significant delays.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Same as Huwwara
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through. Since 9.1 Palestinians over 35 years old were allowed access to the check point, however with significant delays.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Open several hours a day when the IDF is not manning the check point. Since 9.1 Palestinians over 35 years old were allowed access to the check point, however with significant delays.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally closed for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan valley	Occasionally open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajjan, Azmout, Deir al Hatab and Salem. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through but with significant delays. Since 9.1 Palestinians over 35 years old were allowed access to the check point.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have special permits.
Maale Efrayim South east connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have special permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tobas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having special permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through).
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Generally open, manned almost all the time, on 11January the check point was closed at noon.
"17" ('Asira) North entrance for the villages of 'Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighboring villages.	Totally closed for vehicles by several earth mounds. Closed for all Palestinians except medical personnel and ambulances since 27 December. The check point was permanently manned 27 December.

Awarta checkpoint: (the main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003)

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Date	Status	Remarks	
31/12/03 - 06/01/04	Open for food stuffs only.	Basic food stuffs only.	

Open during day light hours only

Jenin: (Check point opening hours: 06:00. Closed for vehicles at 18:00, for pedestrians at 20:00)

Check Point	Status
Janat "Wadi Balaama"	Occasionally manned. Open for all Palestinians.
Southern entrance to Jenin City	
Haifa Street	Occasionally manned. Open for all Palestinians.
Western entrance to Jenin City	
Al Amn Al Watani	Occasionally manned. Open for all Palestinians.
Northern entrance of Jenin	
Salem	Closed for Palestinians. "Military closed area".
North western entrance/ "Green Line"	
Um ar Rihan	Closed for Palestinians living in the area behind the barrier and the "green line".
Western gate on the separation	After 17 October residents of these areas are were ordered to obtain special permits
barrier	to enter/exit.
Qaddim (Al Suweitat)	Closed during most hours of the day.
South eastern entrance	

Open during day light hours only.

Al Jalama	Back to back was allowed for all goods. Closed during curfew on 09 January.
Northern entrance/ main commercial	, ,

**Tubas:** (Open during day light hours only)

Gate	Remarks
Tayasir Gate	Closed for Palestinians unless holding special permits. The check point continued
Gate to the Tubas eastern	being difficult to cross.
agricultural lands in the Jordan	
Valley	

# - Ramallah/al-Bireh/Beituniya governorates:

- 10 January: A checkpoint was established at the entrances of Silwad and Yabrud for few hours and soldiers inspected Palestinian cars and IDs.
- **10 January**: IDF Closed Abud dirt road by establishing a checkpoint, claiming that the Israeli water network station in that area was attacked by Palestinians.
- 11 January: A checkpoint was established in Surda in the morning hours, as two jeeps were blocking the road between Ramallah and Surda. Vehicles were allowed to go from Ramallah to Surda but not visa versa 24 hours.
- 13 January: A checkpoint at An Nabi Saleh gate was inspecting Palestinian cars entering and exiting Bani Zeid villages.

Checkpoint/Gate/roadblocks	Status
Qalandiya checkpoint	Open. Access usually only permitted for West Bank/Gaza Palestinians with special
	permits, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Vehicles with West Bank
	registration cannot cross without a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with
	foodstuffs are permitted to cross. Usually open daily from 06.00-21.00.
Beit EI/DCO checkpoint	Open only for diplomatic/foreign/ UN/yellow plated cars, ambulances, some trucks and
-	West Bank cars with special permits. No access for pedestrians. Usually open daily
	from 06.00-22.00.
Atara Bridge	Open for all vehicle & pedestrian. The gate has been replaced by flying checkpoints
checkpoint/gate	from time to time.
An Nabi Salih gate	Opened most of the time. Soldiers manned in the Observation Tower closes the gate
	from time to time on a no-regular-base.
A-Tira roadblock	Closed. No access.
Ofra roadblock	Closed. No access.
Makkabim checkpoint	Open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and only those West
	Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Ni'lin checkpoint	Open for Jerusalem ID holders, internationals and Palestinians with special permits into
_	Israel.
	Residents of Budrus, Qibya, Deir Qaddis and Kharbatha Bani Harith villages are no
	longer permitted to use the Ni'lin access road.
Rantis checkpoint	Open for Jerusalem ID holders, International and Palestinians with special permits into
_	Israel.

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Beituniya commercial checkpoint	Open for goods and ICRC vehicles only – back-to-back system in operation.

## - Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- 12 January: Israeli Border police imposed curfew in Abu Dis and AL Eizariya in the morning until afternoon and ordered shops to shut down in order to provide "security" for the construction of the Wall. The 2-meter concrete blocks which were installed earlier, were dismantled and are being replaced by 9-meter concrete blocks. The number of people in this area is about 35,000, whom will be completely blocked without access to East Jerusalem for daily life services as health, education and employment and have to depend on Bethlehem as an urban city which is about 18-20 Km far to the south, where they have to cross the container checkpoint.
- Ongoing construction of the Wall in different sections in Khallet a Nu'man and north near Har Hommah, Ash Sheikh Sa'ad.and Sour Baher
- The construction of the Wall in as Sawahriya ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis and Eizariya east of the Mount of Olives near Beit Fagi monastery is rapidly progressing in terms of installing a 9-meter concrete blocks to close the remaining section of the passage from Eizariyah to Mount of Olives.
- Wall Construction also started opposite az Zayem Checkpoint levelling the land down to the east in the valley to be completed to Maaly Adoumim.

Check Point	Status	
Hizma CP	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and	
North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. Palestinians without	
	special permits denied access. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.	
Az Za'ayyem CP	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and	
Eastern entrance of junction Road	Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without	
437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement.	special permits denied access.	
Ar Ram CP	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and	
Northern entrance on Road 60 North.	Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals.	
Bir Nabala/Atarot CP	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and	
Northern entrance on Road 404 / 45 Road	Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without	
Atarot Junction.	special permits denied access.	
Ramot Allon CP	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and	
North western entrance on Road 436/Beit	Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without	
Iksa village.	special permits denied access.	
Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoin	Open all week for Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank Palestinians	
	with permits and Internationals. Palestinian without special permits denied	
	access.	

#### Jericho

Check Point	Status	
DCO	Open all week between 0600 hrs until 2200 hrs. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID	
Main checkpoint off Road 1	cards allowed entrance on foot. Entrance with car only for ambulances and internationals and Palestinians with permits.	
'Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa	Open all week between 0600 hrs until 2200 hrs. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID	
Northern entrance	cards allowed entrance on foot. Entrance with car only for ambulances and	
	internationals and Palestinians with permits.	
Gate opposite Allenby CP off Road 90.	Gate manned by IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for the Shuttle	
	busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.	

## **Commercial Checkpoints:**

Back to Back CP/DCO	CP	DCO CP functions also as a Back to Back checkpoint for goods in and out of the
		city.

## Bethlehem/Hebron governorates:

- **10 January**: the IDF placed an earth mound at the turn for Tarqoumia, Hebron, on route 35, consolidating it on 13 January following the attempts by local residents to remove it.
- 11 January: Border Police dug three ditches on the road connecting the village of Al-Walaja to the monastery of Cremisan and further on to Beit Jala. Residents are obliged to walk approximately 500 metres between the ditches to reach transportation to Bethlehem.
- 11 January: IDF blocked the internal roads with earth mounds in Idhna, Hebron.
- **12 January**: the IDF placed an earth mound on the road leading to the north pumping station in Beit Sahour preventing access for regular and needed maintenance work.
- 12 January: Border Police arrested two field workers from a local NGO found taking pictures of the contractors working on the Wall in the area of An Nau'man. The two were released later in the day following intervention of the Israeli DCL prompted by the protest of European Commission representatives. Work on the Wall continues at great speed. However, activities on a stretch of 400 meters frozen due to a pending case in the Supreme Court hearing. Since December 2003, over 600 olive trees on the course of the bypass road have been uprooted and taken away by the IDF.

- 13 January: The total number of valid permits for buses of the Hebron National Bus company is 32, of which 24 for public transport between Hebron and Bethlehem and 8 for movement between Hebron and Jericho.
- The trip from Hebron to Bethlehem by bus on road 60 takes now about 15 minutes, no searches or delays are experienced this week at Gush Etzion CP.
- Palestinians are still able to travel with their own private vehicles from Yatta to Bethlehem without a permit.

Selected checkpoints in Bethlehem/Hebron

Check Point	Status	
Gilo	Open 24 hours to international humanitarian organizations Palestinians with permits	
North entrance to Bethlehem	during the whole week. On 7 January IDF closed the CP to all except for cardinals	
	coming from Jerusalem to Bethlehem for Christmas.	
Walaja	Open from 08:00 to 20:00 hours to international humanitarian organizations but Border	
Entrance to village, western	Police demand passports and additional documents to confirm UN identification. The	
access to Bethlehem	checkpoint is currently closed for Palestinians.	
Bethlehem DCO	Open 6:00 to 18:00 hours to internationals and Palestinians. On 9 January checkpoint	
Entrance to Beit Jala	was closed before the official closing hours for no apparent reason.	
Container ("Wadi nar")	Open 24 hours to all Palestinians but no Palestinian-plated private vehicles are allowed	
East of Abu Dis, main transit	to cross without special permits. Open to public transport buses with valid permists. On	
between North and South West	11 January UNICEF requested to show national passports and denied access.	
Bank		
Noqedim	Open 24 hours to all Palestinians as well as international humanitarian organizations.	
South-east of Bethlehem on	No particular problems reported.	
route 356 (Zatara area)		
Ras Al Joura ("Abu Habla")	Closed for all vehicles following the opening of Halhul bridge on 12 December. Can be	
Main entrance to Hebron	opened in emergencies through DCL.	

## Gaza crossings/checkpoints

• 6 January: IDF has erected a 200- meter barbed wire across the 2 sides of Kissufim road. IDF forced a Palestinian family to evacuate the house since it's lined on the new security zone.

Check point	Status	
Erez	Open	
Karni	Open	
Sufa	Open, for workers and for inflowing construction materials. On 11 January 253 workers crossed to Israel.	
Netzarim	Closed since 08 October.	
Junction		
Abu Houli	Open daily from 03:00 – 20:00. Closed for several hours on:	
junction	• 07 Jan. 2004 (13:45 – 15:30)	
Abu al Ajin road	Closed	
Beach road	Open	
Rafah crossing	Open	

## The enclosed areas:

- AI Seafa: Movement remains restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate opening twice daily for AI Seafa ID holders from 07.00 to 09.00 and 14.30 to 17.00. Motor vehicles are not allowed to enter since November 2000, with the exception of international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.
- Al Mawasi: Al Mawasi. IDF imposed restrictions remain, with no passage possible for male Al Mawasi ID
  holders aged 15-23 without prior coordination. Youths aged below 15 must be accompanied by a guardian.
  Motor vehicles are not allowed to enter, with the exception of international agencies that have undertaken prior
  coordination with the IDF.

# 8. Labour movement to Israel

#### West Bank:

- A total of 100 trader permits were issued this week for Tulkarm and 250 for Qalqilya.
- In Hebron, 19 new workers' permits were issued this week for a total number of 72valid ones; around 570 permits were issued for traders. In Bethlehem district no workers' permits were released while another 39 traders' permits were issued this week.
- Three new West Bank bypass road permits were issued to private vehicles by the Hebron DCL. The total valid now is 53.
- A limited number of trade permits was issued. According to the Palestinian DCL report; only 40 trade permits out of 290 applications handled by the Palestinian DCL were approved by the Israeli authorities.

#### Gaza

- Permits to enter Israel have now been issued to 14,364 Palestinian agricultural and construction workers and 1,602 merchants.
- According to the IDF, 15,000 Permits was granted for the Gaza strip workers and additional 4,000 Permits were granted for traders.

Date	Israel	Erez Industrial Estate
07/01/2004	12,208	2,298
08/01/2004	12,838	3,953
09/01/2004	5,015	727
10/01/2004	350	1,570
11/01/2004	13,034	3,976.
12/01/2004	12,770	3,811
13/01/2004	8,370	3,850

# 9. Other incidents

## Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates

- Nightly incursions and arrests continued almost on a daily basis. Although the large military operations inside the old city, in the city center of Nablus and in the Balata camp have been ongoing in increased force since 15 December 2003 seemed less intensive, the situation remained tense.
- 07 January: IDF entered the Ras al Ain district in Nablus with seven armoured vehicles at 0400 surrounding the Al Qassas Building, forcing residents to leave the building. IDF entered the building shooting inside, and arrested seven Palestinians at 06:00. Two Palestinians one from Deir Sharaf and the other from Nablus city were found shot dead, both totally riddled with bullets having penetrated every part of their bodies and fired on at a very close range.
- **08 January**: A special Israeli unit wearing civilian clothes driving a Palestinian plated car shot Asaad Salih Khalilieh (31) when he was driving his car into the southern entrance of Jenin. Khalilieh died immediately after several bullets went through his body.
- 11 January: A Palestinian from Nablus blew up as his explosive belt exploded in Jinsafout, Qalqiliya (he was the brother of a Palestinian who was killed by IDF during clashes on 31 January.
- Arrests and incursions continued in the governorate, although the week was calmer than previous weeks.
- 11 January: IDF announced a curfew on the village of 'Anza south of Jenin. This action took place after several bullets hit a settler vehicle on the main road near the village. No injuries were reported.
- 12 January: An IDF bulldozer carved up the road leading to 'Anza village. The village water network was also destroyed.

# Ramallah/Al-Bireh/Beituniya governorates:

- Search and arrest campaigns took place during the week in the Ramallah governorate.
- **09 January**: A peaceful demonstration was organized by Budrus village residents against the construction of the Wall, few internationals (whose staying in the village) participated in the demonstration. No retaliation by the IDF.

# Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **8 January:** Settlers from Kharsina settlement at night destroyed about five dunums of agricultural land owned by Palestinians near the settlement by cutting the wire nets and vine arches
- 11 January: Settlers attacked the houses of the residents in Wadi An-Nasara, Hebron city, damaging the windows.
- 11 January: The IDF damaged the connections for water, telephone and electricity in Idhna, Hebron.
- 11 January: Incursion in An-Nu'man by the IDF specifically targeting the house of the village leader, actively involved in contesting the route of the Wall in the area.

#### Gaza

- **During the last week**: 25 mortars, 15 homes made rockets and 7 anti tanks missile have been fired towards the Israeli settlements and northern towns of, Negev, Sederot, Neve Dekalim, Dugit, Netzarim, and Gadid. No injuries were reported.
- 13 January: Israeli authorities provided the Palestinian Ministry of Civil Affairs a list of 386 pilgrims from the Gaza, stating that the names appeared will be not be allowed to travel to Saudi Arabia through Rafah Terminal on the grounds of security reasons.

(Source: OCHA field units, UNRWA, UNSCO, PRCS, MoH, UHHC, Governors' office, Israeli MoFA & IDF web sites, Al Mizan. PCHR)