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1. Casualties

Palestinians: **2 deaths**
 34 injured
 Israelis: **4 deaths**
 10 injured

2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

Denial of access: **1** incident
 Delay (40 – 210 min.): **10** incidents

3. Curfews

Curfews were reported in the following locations: Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Deir Abu Mishal, Beituniya, Jit and al Mawasi Rafah (1 day).

4. House demolitions/Demolition Orders

DATE	LOCATION	Completely Demolished	Partially Demolished
14/01/2004	Rafah	2	1
15/01/2004	Deir al Balah	4	2
15/01/2004	Tulkarm Refugee Camp	2	0
16/01/2004	Rafah	3	0
17/01/2004	Rafah	10 (including a 4-storey building)	0
18/01/2004	Rafah	2	0
19/01/2004	Rafah	0	3
19/01/2004	Yatta	1	0
20/01/2004	Rafah	21 and 1 mosque	14
TOTAL		45 (including a 4-storey building) & 1 mosque	20

5. Land levelling/confiscation

- Palestinian residents of Anata and Shufat Refugee camp received a confiscation order from the Israeli Ministry of Defence for about 110 dunom (27.5 acres) for the construction of the wall. The Wall will cut off the Anata Refugee Camp in the Jerusalem municipality boundaries from east Jerusalem. The total number of affected population by the Wall is estimated at more than 20,000.

Gaza:

Date	Area	(dunums)	Acres	Crop
17/01/2004	Rafah	15	3.75	Green houses with cucumbers and tomatoes.
TOTAL		15	3.75	

6. Checkpoints/roadblocks/Separation Wall/restrictions on movement**- Tulkarm/Qalqiliya governorates:**

- Last week continued to see a relative relaxation in the movement with no major restrictions imposed on the local population in both Tulkarem and Qalqilya governorates. All checkpoints have been operational and in general only few military operations took place. However, restrictions in the movement were enforced twice

this week in selected areas following “security alerts”, where numerous flying checkpoints were established on road 55 in Qalqilya governorate on 19 January.

- **15 January:** The two road gates at Baqa Ash Sharqiya and Qaffin were reported closed for approximately five hours on between 16:00 and 21:00 following a “security alert”. According to the Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network, more than 400 people were prevented from reaching their homes during this time of closure. This is the first time these two gates have been closed for a period of this length. Apart from the ongoing construction through Nazlat Isa, no other concrete steps have been taken on the ground to continue or alter the route of the wall in conjunction with the third phase. According to the DCL Office in Qalqilya no military orders have yet been issued. For the same reason, the DCL confirmed this week that further construction of the wall south of Masha in Salfit district has been suspended pending a political decision on its further direction.
- 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.

Tulkarm/Qalqilya:

Check Point	Status
Taybeh	Open whole week between 08:00 and 24:00, but only for holders of permits into Israel 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 Palestinian green-plated cars were allowed through without special permits (mostly traders). The checkpoint is in principle open 24 hours, but no one uses the checkpoint after dark.
Qalqilya DCO	The checkpoint has been open during the whole week for everyone. Flying checkpoints were seen occasionally near the checkpoint following a “security alert”, but in the general, the checkpoint remains unmanned.
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 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.
Qaffin	Open 24 hours and manned by soldiers and only accessible for holders of green permits, except for the residents of Nazlat Isa, Nazlat Abu Nar, Baqa Ash Sharqiya, and medical staff and teachers. The gate was reported closed for approximately five hours on 15 January following a “security alert”.
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. The gate was reported closed for approximately five hours on 15 January following a “security alert”.
Ras Tira	The gate has been 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.
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 permit 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. The gate was reported closed on 19 January in conjunction with the incident that took place between Saniria and Beit Amin.
Jbara	The gate has been reported open again in conjunction with the new school semester. The opening hours are: 07:00 – 08:00 and 12:30 – 14:00.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole week. The gate was reported closed on 19 January in conjunction with the incident that took place between Saniria and Beit Amin.
Habla	The gate has only been open for holders of green permits 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.
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- Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- The majority of check points in the Nablus governorate have been closed for Palestinians since 27 December 2003. Since 09 January Palestinians over 40 years old were to cross the checkpoints, however with significant delays. A new check point was established at the entrance of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages prohibiting Palestinians less than 35 years old from crossing the check point. Flying checkpoints were erected at the junction between Qabatiya, Jenin and Birqin, and on Haifa Street all week.
- 17.1 IDF entered Tubas city and closed its southern entrances with check points, preventing the movement of Palestinians. No arrests, clashes or injuries were reported.

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 09 January 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 Qalqilya	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 09 January 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 09 January 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. The check point has been closed since 11 January 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.
Salem (new) Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Open for villagers from the three villages over 35 years old.

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

Date	Status	Remarks
14-20 January	Open for all goods	Israeli registered trucks were not allowed entry into Nablus.

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" Southern entrance to Jenin City	Occasionally manned. The checkpoint was manned 15, 16, 17 January remaining closed for Palestinians.
Haifa Street Western entrance to Jenin City	Occasionally manned. The checkpoint was manned 15, 16, 17 January remaining closed for Palestinians.
Al Amn Al Watani Northern entrance of Jenin	Occasionally manned. The checkpoint was manned 15, 16, 17 January remaining closed for Palestinians.
Salem North western entrance/ "Green Line"	Closed for Palestinians. "Military closed area".
Um ar Rihan Western gate on the separation barrier	Closed for Palestinians living in the area behind the barrier and the "green line". After 17 October residents of these areas are were ordered to obtain special permits to enter/exit.
Qaddim (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Closed during most hours of the day.

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Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial	Back to back was allowed for all goods.
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Tubas: (Open during day light hours only)

Gate	Remarks
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless holding special permits.

- Ramallah/al-Bireh/Beituniya governorates:

- Ongoing construction of the Wall in Rantis towards Budrus.
- **14 January:** Ras Karkar, Al Janiya, Kafr Ni'ma, Bil'in and Ni'llin are closed off following the killing of an Israeli settler close to Talamon settlement on 13 January.
- **14 January:** Two road blocks were re-installed closing off vehicle traffic between Beitunia and 'Ain Arik causing further restrictions on movement.
- **18 January:** IDF closed Abud dirt road from road 465 following the shooting towards an Israeli settler close to Khamish settlement.

Checkpoint/Gate/roadblocks	Status
Qalandiya checkpoint	Open. Access usually only permitted for West Bank/Gaza Palestinians with permits, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with foodstuffs are permitted to cross. Usually open daily from 6.00-21.00.
Beit El/DCO checkpoint	Open. No access for pedestrians. Vehicle access only for diplomatic/foreign/ UN/yellow plated cars, ambulances, some trucks and West Bank cars whose drivers carry permits. Usually open daily from 6.00-22.00.
Atara Bridge	Open. Vehicle & pedestrian access. The bridge is partially manned by IDF soldiers. The observation tower deters many people from using this crossing at night.
An Nabi Salih gate	Soldiers manned in the observation tower establish check points 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 WBGS Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.

Ni'lin checkpoint	Open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and WBGS Palestinians with permits to enter 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, foreign passport holders and WBGS Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
'Ein Arik	Closed for vehicle traffic by two earth mounds since late evening 14 of January.

Beituniya commercial checkpoint	Open for goods and ICRC vehicles only – back-to-back system in operation.
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- Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- Ongoing construction of the Wall in different sections in Khamat 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.
- Ongoing Wall construction opposite az Zayem Checkpoint, where land levelling down to the east in the valley to Maaly Adoumim to be completed.
- In Abu Dis junction IDF declared an area of about 100 m² close to the Wall a closed military zone.

Check Point	Status
Hizma CP North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and 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'ayem CP Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without special permits denied access.
Ar Ram CP Northern entrance on Road 60 North.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals.
Bir Nabala/Atarot CP Northern entrance on Road 404 / 45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without special permits denied access.
Ramot Allon CP North western entrance on Road 436/Beit Iksa village.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without special permits denied access.
Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	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 Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open all week between 0600 hrs until 2200 hrs. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards allowed entrance on foot. Entrance with car only for ambulances and internationals and Palestinians with permits.
'Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa Northern entrance	Open all week between 0600 hrs until 2200 hrs. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID 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.
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Bethlehem/Hebron governorates:

- Movement of al Walaja continue to deteriorate as the checkpoint at the entrance to the village, and the only access road available to cars, continues to pose movement restrictions despite clarifications from the commander of the checkpoint, who confirmed that no permits are required. This has serious implications for the movement of emergency services after Beit Jala DCO opening hours as the only other route to the village from Bethlehem is via route 60, Efrata bypass and up north, through the Noqedim checkpoint.
- Villagers in Idhna and Tarqoumia continue to open the earth mounds placed on the access roads from route 35. There is now a regular pattern of placement of mounds and removal from locals which is accompanied by frequent incursions in the village by Border Police vehicles. It appears that the heightened activity in this area

is related to concerns by the Border Police over shootings taking place at Israeli-plated vehicles travelling on route 35.

- Movement between Hebron and Bethlehem governorates continues to be possible along secondary roads where Palestinian-plated vehicles do not require permits.
- Ongoing construction of the new "security road" on the northern side of Kiryat Arba, Hebron, continues.
- **16 January:** Israeli contractors started levelling land on the western side of the main road between Gilo check point and Rachel's Tomb for the construction of the Wall. Land levelling on the eastern side has not stopped since 21st of December. Work continues on the section of the Wall turning north at the Jordanian cemetery, near the village of An Nu'man, Bethlehem district. 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. No new permits were issued this week and part of these permits will finish on 23 January and the rest will finish on 29 January.
- Thirteen new West Bank bypass road permits were issued to private vehicles by the Hebron DCL. The total valid now is 66.
- Palestinians are still able to travel with their own private vehicles from Yatta to Bethlehem without the need for a permit.

Selected checkpoints in Bethlehem/Hebron

Check Point	Status
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours to international humanitarian organizations Palestinians with permits. Following the bombing of Eriz crossing points IDF at Gilo checkpoint, once again start to scan people using the electronic gate, which apparently made the passage slower and more difficult.
Walaja Entrance to village, western access to Bethlehem	Officially open 24 hours. Increasing restrictions on movement faced by residents following cut of back road to Bethlehem before Cremisan monastery. Border Police captain of checkpoint confirmed that residents do not require permits to move on road leading to DCO, but soldiers at the checkpoint still restrict movement. Village found "closed" on 15 January by OCHA field visit, reopened through liaison with checkpoint commander.
Bethlehem DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Open 07:00 to 19:00 hours for internationals and Palestinians.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between North and South West Bank	Open 24 hours to all Palestinians but no Palestinian-plated private vehicles allowed through unless with appropriate permission. Open to public transport buses that have obtained permission.
Noqedim South-east of Bethlehem on route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours to all Palestinians as well as international humanitarian organizations.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on route 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open from 06:00 to 17:00 Sunday to Thursday, Friday open until 14: 00, closed on Saturdays. Transit of goods without problems for the last three weeks, although Palestinian trucks not allowed using route 35, but having to rely on internal secondary roads to access districts.
Ras Al Joura ("Abu Habla") Main entrance to Hebron	Closed since opening of Halhul road. Can be opened for emergencies through liaison with Israeli 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	14 January Closed 09:30 – 14:00 for all passages Closed 15,16 and 17 January 2004 for Palestinian workers
Karni	Open
Sufa	Closed 15 - 18 January 2004. Reopened on 19 January but only for incoming construction materials, and not workers.
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 08 October.
Abu Houli junction	Open daily from 03:00 – 20:00. Closed for several hours on: 15 Jan. 2004 (12:00 – 13:00) 19 Jan. 2004 (10:00 – 11:50) IDF stopped dozens of Palestinian vehicles while conducting searches • 20 Jan. 2004 (12:15 – 15:30) IDF stopped dozens of Palestinian vehicles while conducting searches.
Abu al Ajin road	Closed
Beach road	Open
Rafah crossing	Closed on 15, 16, 17 January 2004 except for pilgrims. Reopened on 18 January 2004.

The enclosed areas:

- **Al Seafa:** Movement remains restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate opening twice daily for Al 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:** 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. Since 15 January Tel as-Sultan checkpoint in (RAFAH) was completely closed while at-Toffah checkpoint in (KHAN YOUNIS) has only been open for men from 08:00 -16:00. Women are not permitted to cross.

7. Labour movement to Israel

West Bank:

- No new work permits were issued in the governorates of Tulkarm and Qalqiliya since 25 December. However, a further total of 134 trader permits were issued this week for Qalqiliya.
- In Hebron, 16 new workers' permits were issued this week for a total of 88 valid ones; around 570 permits were issued for traders last week but no new permits this week. In Bethlehem district no workers' permits were released while another 20 traders' permits were issued this week for a total of 59 valid ones.

Gaza

- **18 January:** IDF re-opened Erez crossing but passage was only granted for workers over 35 years old compared to 28 years old earlier. Despite the re-opening of the crossing, only 1,445 Palestinian workers were able to enter Israel as a result of the tight new security checks at Erez.
- 11,724 permits to enter Israel were issued to Palestinian agricultural and construction workers and 1,325 traders.

Date	Israel	Erez Industrial Estate
07/01/2004	10,659 *	3,583 *
08/01/2004	0	0
09/01/2004	0	0
10/01/2004	0	0
11/01/2004	1,445	652
12/01/2004	3,339	1,073
13/01/2004	3,228	901

8. Other incidents

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya governorates

- **15 January:** The IDF entered Tulkarm Refugee Camp around 2:00 and placed part of the camp under curfew. Two houses were demolished and six people were arrested during the operation. There have been no reports on injuries and casualties. The IDF withdrew from the camp around 09:30.
- **19 January:** A woman, allegedly deaf, was shot by the IDF near the villages of Saniria and Beit Amin and was transported to the hospital in Tel Aviv for treatment after her identity was confirmed. According to the DCL in Qalqiliya, the IDF shot the woman following a security alert of a possible suicide attack (after several warning shots).

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates

- Nightly incursions and arrests continued almost on a daily basis. Despite this, last week was calmer than any week since 15 December 2003. The Municipality of Beit Furik opened up earth mounds blocking the villages of Beit Furik and Beit Dajjan since 28 December 2003.
- **14 January:** IDF entered Beit Dajjan village east of Nablus shooting randomly. A 50-year old woman, a mother of nine children, was injured in the arm, leg and chest at home. A PRCS ambulance tried to evacuate her from the village but was stopped by the IDF, before an IDF helicopter took her to a hospital in Israel.
- **14 January:** IDF detained a number of Palestinians into the Shave Shomeron settlement till evening hours, while they were trying to cross the Shave Shomeron checkpoint.
- **14 January:** an IDF soldier harassed a Samaritan Rabbi when he was trying to cross at Attur checkpoint.
- **16 January:** a 15-year old youth sustained injuries when IDF shot at him when he was in a taxi near Akraba village.
- **17 January:** IDF entered Tell village south of Nablus announcing a curfew on the village and surrounded the house of a Palestinian whose daughter is wanted by the IDF. IDF threatened to demolish the house if the daughter did not surrender. The woman was not at home.
- **19 January:** Fifty settlers from the settlement of Homesh rolled rocks from the new fence of the settlement overlooking the village of Burqa; some houses sustained damage as they were hit by the rocks.

- Arrests and incursions continued in the Jenin governorate. Jenin city was under strict closure between 15 and 17 January.

Ramallah/Al-Bireh/Beituniya governorates:

- Search and arrest campaigns took place during the week in the Ramallah governorate.
- **17 January:** Palestinian gunmen shot at an IDF patrol vehicle close to Silwad village. No injuries reported.
- **18 January:** Palestinian gunmen shot at an Israeli settler car close to Khamish settlement. One Israeli settler was injured. Following the attack, Israeli settlers attacked Palestinians and their property in Beitillu. IDF arrived and put an end to the aggression.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **15 January:** According to the Land Defence Committee of Hebron, 3 helicopters belonging to the Israeli Department of Environment sprayed an area of approximately 1,000 dunum with crop-damaging chemicals near Kherbet Qawawis, south east of Hebron.
- **15 January:** Settlers from Ghush Etzion damaged two green houses and uprooted some grape trees in Kherbet Beit Iskarya in Bethlehem District.
- **16 January:** a private kindergarten next to Alia hospital in H1, Hebron city, was broken into and searched by the IDF.

Gaza

- **14 January:** Four Israelis soldiers were killed and ten injured when a 22 years old female suicide bomber blew herself up at the entrance of Erez Industrial Zone.
- **15 January:** Following the suicide bombing at Erez crossing, IDF Sealed off the Gaza Strip and completely blocked Erez checkpoint, Erez Industrial Zone, Sofa crossing and partially Rafah Terminal.
- **16 January:** 2 IDF tanks and 2 bulldozers moved into Oraybah area in Rafah completely demolishing three houses. Later when the families returned to the site, the IDF severely beat 3 people.
- **19 January:** A 27-year old man, was killed when an unexploded mortar shell went off when trying to take it away from his hen house in Khan Yunis.

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

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