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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

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Of note this week

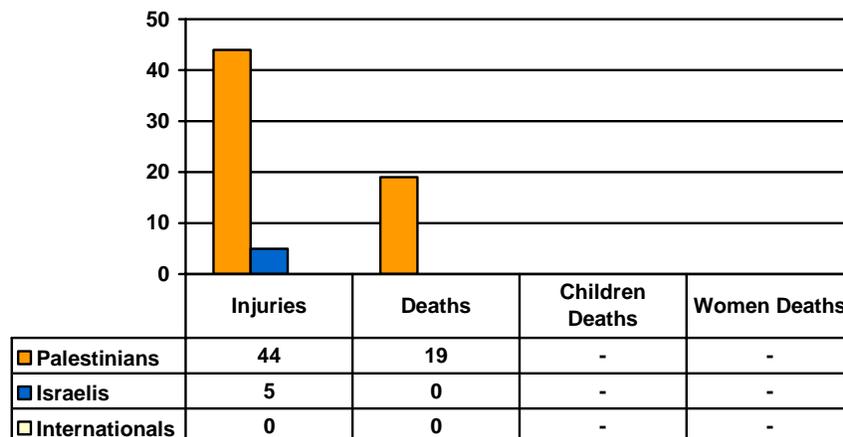
Gaza Strip:

- The IDF killed 18 Palestinians and injured 18 others in the Gaza Strip. Of the fatalities, 11 were killed due to four air strikes on the Khan Younis governorate. Two other air strikes on Central Gaza were carried out, one of which led to the killing of three Palestinians.
- 25 Qassams and 106 mortars were fired towards Israel. On one occasion, 34 mortar shells were fired towards Nahal Oz Kibbutz; according to Israeli media reports, four IDF soldiers were injured in a mortar attack on the Negev on the same date.
- The Palestinian General Petroleum Corporation (PGPC) called for a strike on 29 November to protest against the limited amount of fuel that Israel has allowed into the Gaza Strip since 28 October. As a result, most petrol stations across Gaza are now closed and there are severe shortages in fuel supplies. On 4 December, UNRWA received 100,000 litres of diesel in order to maintain its humanitarian assistance operations.
- Sixteen Palestinian prisoners from the Gaza Strip were released from Israeli jails.
- For the first time this season, Palestinians exported flowers and strawberries via Kerem Shalom crossing on 28 and 29 November as well as on 2, 3 and 4 December.
- 549 Palestinians, including students and those holding residency permits in Arab countries, were allowed to go to Egypt via Erez. However, 46 persons were denied access by the Egyptian authorities. In addition, on 3 and 4 December, 2,298 Palestinian pilgrims and 150 Egyptian passport holders crossed to Egypt via Rafah on an exceptional basis.

West Bank:

- The IDF killed one Palestinian (Ramallah) and injured 25 others. One Palestinian was injured by Israeli settlers in the old city of Hebron and one Israeli settler was injured by stones thrown at his vehicle on Road 60 in Hebron governorate.
- 231 arrests by PA security forces were reported, including 150 arrested in Ramallah governorate in a demonstration against the Annapolis conference.
- On 2 and 3 December, all the checkpoints north of Jerusalem were closed between 1500 and 1700 hours reportedly due to a "security alert" received by the IDF intelligence.
- The IDF imposed 31 and 29 hours of curfew on localities in the Qalqiliya and Salfit governorates, respectively.
- 51 flying checkpoints, 55 IDF search operations, and 57 arrests were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹



¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **28 November:** Two Palestinian men (Hamas members) were killed and five others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting Hamas members near the Khan Younis seashore (Khan Younis).
- **29 November:** Two armed Palestinian men (Hamas member) were killed and one was injured when an IAF helicopter fired three rockets targeting a group of armed Hamas members east of Al Qarrara (Khan Younis).
- **29 November:** Two Palestinian men (aged 24 and 25 years; armed Hamas members) were killed and one was injured when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting armed Hamas members east of 'Abasan in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **1 December:** Four armed Palestinian men (Islamic Jihad members) were injured following an exchange of gunfire between armed Islamic Jihad members and IDF soldiers at the borderline east of the Islamic cemetery and the firing of one tank shell by the IDF (North Gaza).
- **1 December:** One Palestinian civilian (aged 22 years) and four armed Palestinians (aged 20(2), 22 and 39 years; Hamas members) were killed and two others were injured when an IAF helicopter fired five missiles targeting a group of armed Hamas members east of 'Abasan (Khan Younis).
- **2 December:** Three armed Palestinian men (aged 22(2) and 23 years; Hamas members) were killed following an exchange of gunfire between Hamas members and IDF special forces in the former Dugit settlement area northwest of Beit Lahiya and the firing of machine guns by an IAF helicopter. Prior to these incidents, armed Hamas members had carried out an RPG attack at an Israeli naval vessel (North Gaza).
- **2 December:** 34 mortar shells were fired from east of Shuija'iya towards Nahal Oz Kibbutz, according to a public statement by Hamas. According to Israeli media reports, four IDF soldiers were injured in a mortar attack on the Negev.
- **2 December:** A 26-year-old armed Palestinian man was killed and five others were injured when an IDF tank stationed at the border fence east of Gaza City fired three tank shells at a group of Hamas members monitoring the borders east of Shuija'iya (Gaza).
- **4 December:** Three Palestinian men (aged 18, 21 and 33 years; Hamas members) were killed when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at a Hamas military base located on the costal road west of Deir El-Balah (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **28 November:** Four mortar shells were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards the Green Line. According to Israeli media reports, one shell landed in a chicken coop in a Western Negev community and caused damage. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **28 November:** IDF naval vessels opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea, forcing them to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **29 November:** Armed Palestinians fired one Qassam rocket from northwest of Sheikh Zayed City toward the Western Negev. The IDF responded by firing a surface-to-surface missile at the rocket launching site. According to Israeli media reports, one Qassam rocket landed in the Western Negev. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **29 and 30 November:** IDF naval vessels opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Beit Lahiya, forcing the fishermen to return to shore. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **30 November:** Armed Palestinians fired an RPG at an IDF patrol passing along the border fence east of Deir El Balah. The IDF responded with Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **30 November:** IDF soldiers detonated an explosive device at the border fence east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **30 November:** Armed Palestinians (Islamic Jihad members) exchanged gunfire with IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline east of Al Qarrara and fired three RPGs at the IDF. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. Following an exchange of gunfire, an IDF Special Forces unit entered the area and carried out a search operation. The unit withdrew at 2200 hours (Khan Younis).
- **30 November:** IDF vessels opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah, forcing the fishermen to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **2 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot. According to Ha'aretz, a Qassam rocket landed in the Western Negev, causing neither damage nor injuries (North Gaza).

- **4 December:** An IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting a group of Islamic Jihad members east of Deir El-Balah. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **4 December:** IDF naval vessels opened gunfire at Palestinian fishing boats, forcing the fishermen to return to shore. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **4 December:** Armed Hamas members fired two RPGs targeting an IDF jeep east of Al Bureij Camp near the border. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **28 November:** An Israeli settler man was injured on Road 60 near Halhul when Palestinians threw stones at his vehicle (Hebron).
- **28 November:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured by the IDF at a flying checkpoint near Jayyus village (Qalqiliya).
- **30 November:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured by the IDF during a demonstration against Barrier construction in Al Me'sara village (Bethlehem).
- **30 November:** Fifteen Palestinians were physically assaulted and injured by the IDF and the Israeli Border Police in a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors in the western villages of Ramallah against the Israeli policy of banning Palestinians from using bypass Road 443. The demonstration took place near Kharbatha al Misbah village at the gate that separates the village from Road 443. One Israeli and one Palestinian protestors were detained (Ramallah).
- **30 November:** Four Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international protestors to protest against Barrier construction in Bil'in and demand that the IDF change the Barrier route in accordance with the Israeli High Court decision (Ramallah).
- **1 December:** A Palestinian man was physically assaulted and injured by Israeli settlers in the old city of Hebron (Hebron).
- **2 December:** A Palestinian male was accidentally injured by glass when a Palestinian opened fire at IDF soldiers manning Qalandiya checkpoint. The gunman was subsequently arrested by the IDF (Jerusalem).
- **2 December:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man from Battir village (Bethlehem) was shot and killed and another two were injured by the IDF in Yad Yair outpost near At Tira neighbourhood in Ramallah. According to the Israeli DCL, the IDF spotted three Palestinians on the roof of one of the outpost's caravans. After shouting at the three men, the IDF commander in the area claimed that he requested the soldiers to fire in the air not directly at the men. Local reports indicate that the three men were in the course of stealing metal wires to sell (Ramallah).
- **4 December:** A 24-year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Beit Ummar village during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

No incidents to report.

2. [Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties²](#)

Gaza Strip:

- **29 November:** A 4-year-old Palestinian child was injured by a stray bullet during Hamas military training in the former Atzmona settlement in Rafah (Rafah).
- **4 December:** A 46-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis. Local sources state that the incident was related to alleged "immoral behaviour" (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **28 November:** A homemade sonic bomb exploded inside an UNRWA Girls school yard in Bureij Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

² Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. 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.

- **29 November:** Approximately 1,000 pilgrims demonstrated in front of Rafah crossing demanding that it be opened. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1230 hours (Rafah).
- **30 November:** Hamas organised a demonstration (12,000 participants) in Rafah to demand that Rafah crossing be opened. The demonstration ended at 1400 hours (Rafah).
- **1 December:** Approximately 300 disabled Palestinians demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound in Gaza City to celebrate the International Day of Disabled Persons. The demonstrators handed over a letter demanding that the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip be lifted. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **3 December:** Palestinian family members of approximately 16 Palestinians imprisoned in Israeli jails waited at Erez crossing for their released relatives (North Gaza).
- **4 December:** Approximately 150 NGO members organised a demonstration to protest against the closure of crossings and the siege on Gaza. The demonstrators moved from Shifa Hospital to the WHO offices. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the head of the WHO office (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **27 November:** Seven Palestinians were physically assaulted and injured by Palestinian security forces during demonstrations organised at several locations in Ramallah City in protest against the PA's participation in the Annapolis conference. Another 150 Palestinians were detained by the security forces (Ramallah).
- **28 November:** 28 Palestinians were injured in Hebron City in confrontations between Palestinian demonstrators and PA security forces during the funeral of a Palestinian killed a day earlier in a demonstration against the Annapolis conference (Hebron).
- **30 November:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man from Rafat village was hit and injured by a settler vehicle on Road #5. He was evacuated to an Israeli hospital and died of sustained injuries on 2 December (Salfit).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **4 December:** PA teachers held a one-day strike in Bethlehem and Hebron governorates to demand that the PA solve salary problems (Bethlehem and Hebron).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **28 November:** An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) exploded in front of a photography studio owned by a Hamas member in Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).

West Bank:

No incidents to report.

3. [Shelter and Property](#)

Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
28 November 2007	Erez Industrial Zone, North Gaza	2	-	N/A	N/A
29 November 2007	Al Amour area, Rafah	1	-	N/A	N/A
30 November 2007	Balata RC, Nablus	-	8 (mosque gate and seven doors)	0	(18-21,000 people regularly pray at the mosque)
3 December 2007	Al Fahs area, Hebron	1	-	N/A	N/A
Total		4	8	N/A	N/A

- **28 November:** IDF soldiers who had been deployed in the Erez Industrial Zone since 23 November withdrew to the border fence. It was reported that the IDF demolished one water well and one house and leveled eight dunums of land in the area (North Gaza).
- **29 November:** Five IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from Sufa crossing about 800 metres into Al Amour area east of Rafah. The IDF was searching for tunnels and wanted

persons. It was reported that the IDF arrested one Palestinian and demolished one house. The IDF withdrew to the border fence at 1300 hours (Rafah).

- **30 November:** During a search campaign in Balata Camp, the IDF entered Abdul Rahman mosque, searched it, and damaged the main gate and seven wooden doors therein (Nablus).
- **3 December:** The IDF destroyed some water pipes near Al Fahs area allegedly because they were illegally connected to the network (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **28 November:** The IDF distributed two stop construction orders for a house and a four-storey building in Za'tara due to the lack of building permits. The two structures are located in Area C (Bethlehem).
- **2 December:** The IDF distributed a stop construction order for a house in Nahhalin village due to the lack of building permit. The house is located in Area C (Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the top floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).
- **Early October to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the Abu Mayyala building located near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

No incidents to report.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Olive Harvest

No incidents to report.

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- **8 August to date:** The IDF continues construction work to upgrade the lanes at Beit Iba checkpoint.

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has totally stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.

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

- Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
- Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has stopped pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction of four "fabric of life" roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to closures and Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
 - Construction of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The road is in its final stage but work to complete it has been frozen temporarily due to budget constraints.
 - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya. Work to complete the road has been frozen temporarily due to budget constraints.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3-km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the West Bank. The gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood. Additional construction and infrastructure continues to be carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
 - **26 November to date:** Barrier construction was stopped between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Al 'Eizariya without using the entrance lane near Al Za'ayim checkpoint. Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).

- The Barrier contractor halted land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
- Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was suspended in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was suspended around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was halted during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, Elizar, and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
- Construction of a building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
 - Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings continued west of Tarqumiya checkpoint.
 - Construction of new buildings continued in Karmil, Susyia, Kiryat Arb'a and Shani settlements.
 - Land leveling for building a new road – parallel to Road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Metar checkpoint – continued during the reporting period.

Gaza Strip:

- **28 November:** IDF soldiers who had been deployed in the Erez Industrial Zone area since 23 November withdrew to the border fence (North Gaza).
- **28 November:** Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from Kerem Shalom crossing approximately 1,500 metres into Al-Shouka area east of Rafah. Several IDF tanks also entered the Gaza International Airport. The tanks opened fire sporadically while the bulldozers were carrying out levelling and excavation operations. The IDF withdrew at 2230 hours (Rafah).
- **30 November:** Five IDF tanks and one bulldozer moved from Kerem Shalom crossing and entered about 1,500 metres into the Gaza International Airport. The tanks opened fire sporadically to prevent the launching of Qassam rockets, while the bulldozer carried out a leveling and excavation operation. The IDF withdrew to the border fence at 1930 hours (Rafah).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Incidents of curfews

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
28 November 2007	Ras At Tira, Qalqiliya	10 hours
28 November 2007	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	6 hours
29 November 2007	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	1 hour
30 November 2007	Marda, Salfit	10 hours
1 December 2007	Marda, Salfit	6 hours
30 November 2007	Deir Istiya, Salfit	7 hours
1 December 2007	Deir Istiya, Salfit	6 hours
2 December 2007	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	6 hours
3 December 2007	Kafr Qaddum, Qalqiliya	8 hours
Total Week		60 hours

28 November: The IDF imposed curfew on Ras at Tira village for 10 hours in an attempt to stop a fight between two families in the village. The village is located in the closed area behind the barrier and is in area C. The Palestinian police is not permitted to inter the area (Qalqiliya).

28 November and 2 December: The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun village for 6 hours on each date. The IDF accused Palestinians of throwing stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles passing on the nearby Road 55 (Qalqiliya).

29 November: The IDF entered Al Funduq village and imposed curfew. The curfew was lifted after one hour (Qalqiliya).

30 November—1 December: The IDF imposed curfew on Marda village between 1400 on 30 November and 0600 hours on 1 December (Salfit).

30 November—1 December: The IDF imposed curfew on Deir Istiya between 1700 hours on 30 November and 0600 hours on 1 December. The IDF informed Palestinians via

loudspeakers that the curfew was imposed due to stone throwing on settlers' vehicles traveling on the bypass road adjacent to the town (Salfit).

3 December: The IDF called the village council in Kafr Qaddum and informed them that a curfew will be imposed on the village. The IDF subsequently entered the village and imposed curfew for 8 hours while trying to disperse Israeli settlers from Qedumim settlement who were attempting to enter the village (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (north east of Beit Hanun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahiya) continue to maintain a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

b) Access to education

- **4 December:** Due to an IAF strike on Deir El Balah in the early morning of 4 December, five UNRWA schools in the area of Deir El Balah Camp experienced disruptions in attendance among students (Central Gaza).
- **4 December:** All students in the PA schools in Bethlehem and Hebron governorates were sent home because PA teachers held a one-day strike (Bethlehem and Hebron).
- **During the reporting period:** The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid came on schedule to meet the students. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. However, while the escort decision stipulates that the soldiers walk with the children, the soldiers usually stay in the jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF jeep (Hebron).

c) Access to employment

- **During the reporting period:** Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel arrive at around 0300 hours in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their work places inside Israel on time. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits start queuing at 0300 hours in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel (Hebron and Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years of age, married with at least one child, and with no security file.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

30 November: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for 30 minutes while arresting two boys (both aged 13 years) whom it accused of carrying explosive devices.

Ongoing incidents:

- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'n village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have continued to allow 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products into Barta'a

enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

21- 26 November: The IDF continued to close the main entrance of 'Azzun village with road blocks, preventing vehicular movement. Palestinians were forced to take detour routes to reach Qalqiliya City and the main road. On 26 November, the IDF opened the main entrance, allowing vehicular movement.

21-28 November: The IDF closed the main entrances of Immatin with earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.

28 November: The IDF removed the earth mound at the southern entrance of Jinsafut village (Qalqiliya).

28 November: IDF soldiers at 'Azzun Atma Barrier checkpoint prevented Palestinian farmers from transporting fertilizers and nurslings to their farms in 'Azzun Atma. The farmers contacted the Palestinian DCO who coordinated with the IDF; after several hours, they were allowed to transport the fertilizers and nurslings into the village.

28 November: Palestinian, Israeli, and international peace activists demonstrated at the entrance of Izbat at Tabib village in protest against its closure. The IDF came to the site and dispersed the demonstrators using tear gas and sound bombs. The IDF also used a bulldozer to enhance the existing closure.

29 November: The IDF added another earth mound inside Al Funduq village, further restricting movement therein.

3 December: The IDF removed the earth mounds inside and at the entrance of Al Funduq village (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- **23 November to date:** The IDF closed the northern entrance of Jinsafut with an earth mound preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.
- **20 November to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Kafr Sur.
- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun village with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the partial checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City.

Salfit Governorate:

30 November: The IDF closed the metal gate placed at the main entrance of Marda while it was imposing a 16-hour curfew on the village that ended at 600 hours on 1 December.

Ongoing incidents:

- **27 November to date:** The IDF closed the entrance of Kifl Haris with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

2 December: IDF soldiers positioned at An Nabi Salih partial checkpoint (which was in operation for at least three hours, beginning at 1400 hours) carried out strip searches that forced all males to leave their vehicles, strip, and walk toward the IDF to show their IDs. A female driving her vehicle was requested to do the same before OCHA intervened by contacting the Israeli liaison officer in Beit El.

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July to date** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis were permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

30 November: Palestinians travelling to Jericho via the DCO checkpoint experienced long delays of up to 60 minutes due to IDF ID inspections. Similar delays of up to 60

minutes were reported at Yitav checkpoint—on the only alternative road to Jericho City—due to random checks of vehicles and IDs.

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF has announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or to 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'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **26 April to date:** Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents through Hamara and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Jerusalem Governorate:

2 December: The IDF closed Qalandiya checkpoint between 1600 and 2000 hours, after a Palestinian gunman opened fire toward IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint.

3 December: All the checkpoints north of Jerusalem were closed between 1500 and 1700 hours reportedly due to a "security alert" received by the IDF intelligence.

Bethlehem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Hebron Governorate:

1 December: Palestinians from Masafer Yatta organised a demonstration along with Israeli peace activists near Tuba against the prevention of Palestinian farmers from reaching their land. The protesters managed to reach and plough the land (Hebron).

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June. However, on 3 and 4 December, 2,298 Palestinian pilgrims and 150 Egyptian passport holders crossed to Egypt on an exceptional basis.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on two days (29 November and 3 December) to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing continues to be closed since 28 October, following a Gol decision to close the crossing indefinitely. Although the Gol subsequently announced that the crossing will be re-opened on 25 November, the crossing continues to be closed. However, this week, shipments of general construction material (mainly gravel) for the sewage project in North Gaza, were exceptionally allowed entry into Gaza on 2, 3 and 4 December. Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing since the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on six days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 28 and 29 November as well as 2, 3 and 4 December, 29 truck loads of strawberries and 9 of flowers were allowed to be exported through the crossing. Since the closure of Sufa on 28 October, Kerem Shalom is now effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. However, given the limited amount of fuel that Israel has allowed into the Gaza Strip since 28 October, the Palestinian General Petroleum Corporation (PGPC) called for a strike on 29 November.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be 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. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north of Beit Hanun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF.

Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Zawata (1)	1
Jenin	Ya'bad (2), Silat Al Harthiya (1), Bir Al Basha (1), 'Anza (1), Silat Adh Daher (1), Hadad Resourt (1), Al Yamoun (1), Mathaloun (1) , Al Sawaitat (1)	10
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	Qaffin (1)	1
Qalqiliya	Ras 'Atiya (1), Jit (2), Jayyus (4), 'Azzun (2), Kafr Laqif (2)	11
Salfit	Salfit City (1), Khirbet Qeis (1), "Ammuriya (1), Iskaka (1), Kifl Haris (2), Bruqin (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	8
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bypass Road 60 (2)	2
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (3), Dar Salah (1), Janata (1)	5
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), Ar Rihya (3), Idhna (1), As Samu' (1), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Aroub RC (3)	13
Total West Bank		51

6. [Search/Arrests/Detentions](#)

Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Balata RC (4), Al Badhan CP , Huwwara CP , Qabalan (1), Zawata (1), Madama (1), 'Asira Al Qibliya (1), Nablus (1)	9	19
Jenin	Qabatyia (2), Jenin RC (1), Al Yamun (1) , At Tayba (1), Jenin City (2), Raba (1)	8	1
Tubas	Tayasir (1), 'Aqqaba (1)	2	1
Tulkarm	-	0	0
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (1), 'Azzun (1), Kafr Qaddum (3), Jayyus (1), Hajja (3), Al Funduq (2)	11	4
Salfit	-	0	0
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1), 'Atara CP, Kharbatha al Misbah	1	2
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (2), Beit Jala (1), Dar Salah (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Ayda RC (1), Marah Rabah (1), Nahhalin (1), Za'tara (1)	9	13
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), H2 Area of Hebron City (1) Adh Dhahiriya (1), Yatta (1), Taffuh (1), Al 'Arrub RC (1), Surif (2) , Al Fawar RC (1), Beit Ummar (2), Idhna (1), Flying CP in Hebron City	15	17
Total Week West Bank		55	57
Gaza Strip			
Central Gaza	East of Deir El Balah (1, 2)	1	2
Rafah	Al Amour area (1, 1)	1	1
Total Gaza Strip		2	3
Total oPt		57	60

Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (5,11), Sabastiya (1,1), 'Asira al Qibliyah (1,1), 'Askar RC (2,2), Beit Furik (1,10), 'Urif (1,1), Zeit Jamma'in (1,1), Zawata (1,1), 'Awarta (1,1), 'Aqraba (1,10)	15	39
Jenin	Jenin City (3,5), Maythalun (1,1)	4	6
Tubas	'Aqqaba (1,1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Kafr al Labad (1,1)	1	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (1,2), Habla (1,1)	2	3
Salfit	Marda (1, 1), Salfit (0, 1)—was summoned to go to the PA police station and arrested upon arrival	1	2
Ramallah	Ramallah City (0, 150) – during demonstrations against the Annapolis conference	0	150
Hebron	H1 area of Hebron City (3,19), As Samu' (1,1), Yatta (1,2), Tarqumiya (1,1), Surif (1,1), Taffuh (1,1), Beit Kahil (1,1), Dura (2,2), Bani Na'im (1,1)	12	29
Total Week West Bank		36	231
Gaza Strip¹			
Gaza	Gaza City (1, 2) – two students involved in a dispute between Fatah supporters and members of Al Nasser Salah El-Din Brigades	1	2
Central Gaza	Al Bureij Camp (1, 2+) – several arrested who were involved in clashes between two local families that lead to two injuries	1	2+
Total Gaza Strip		2	4+
Total oPt		38	235+

¹ Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 28 November – 4 December 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green Line CP)	Operating from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
Kafriat	Operating 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jbara.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
Jubara	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Operating 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)	Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP	South of Habla village, control access to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
Ras 'atiya	Barrier Checkpoint
'Azzun Atme	Barrier Checkpoint
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem On Road 5.	Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Operating from 0500 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours 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. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint.	One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Operating 0500-2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Tappuah South, main road to Ramallah	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages	As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases. Between 29 October to date: The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village (Nablus) with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing all access

	through the checkpoint including to ambulances with emergency cases.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP	Controls access to the northern areas from and to Road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	Is a crossing for workers into Israel. Operating between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Reikhan/ Barta'a <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Operating between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700. Other materials need prior coordination.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. 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.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially Operating between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians. Access is only permitted to commercial trucks and people traveling in public transportation. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers.
'Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays of up to 30 minutes were reported on a daily basis during the morning and evening rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually Open. Was in operation on 2 December and delays were reported.
At Tayba	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
Rantis	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and

	foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating daily for 24 hours/day. No permits required for Jericho residents, holders of foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. 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. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint. On 30 November, Palestinians entering Jericho experienced long delays of up to one hour all day.
Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians who are non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs travelling northward to Al Auja and the northern Jordan Valley area are prohibited from crossing unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling from and to Ramallah. On 30 November, Palestinians traveling to Jericho City from Ramallah experienced long delays of up to one hour all day.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea Became Permanent as of: 1 July 2007	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. As of 31 October 2007, the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours daily for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	Operating for internationals, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers and their family members are allowed to cross while staying inside the vehicle. All other persons, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. On 2 and 3 December, the checkpoint was totally closed for several hours.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i>	Operating for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/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, namely: Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). On 3 December, the checkpoint was closed for two hours.
Az Za'ayyem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i>	Operating for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and internationals. As this is not one of the four designated 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 for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Operating for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for 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 designated terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road</i>	Operating for Israelis. Palestinians with East Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been

<i>404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i>	Operating for Israelis, Palestinians with East 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.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with East Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to pass. 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.
Container ("Wadi nar") <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Az Zaytoun (olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	This checkpoint has been moved further north on the new Israeli-built Rafat road and is closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion.
Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Delays of up to 40 minutes were reported on a daily basis.
Atarot junction- <i>(At the roundabout leading to bypass Road 45)</i>	This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned by the Border Police. Checks for vehicles coming towards Qalandiya/Beit Hanina.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. 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. Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
An Nu'man <i>On the main entrance of Khamat an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	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. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers between 0600 hours and 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
Ein Yallow/AI Walaja <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks are also allowed to cross.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local IDs with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 1100 and 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send Palestinian patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel. Currently, there are six lanes leading to the Tunnels Terminal, four of which lead north from Road 60 into Jerusalem while the other two lead from Jerusalem to the south.
Mizpe Shalem – Efrata Settlers' CP	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it.

Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs.
Mitzpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa, Partial CP <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with occasional ID checks. However, it has been reported by MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) that thorough checks and maltreatment have been experienced by staff especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were allowed free access. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint. During the reporting period, long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work stations inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 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. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizel can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector. On 18 November, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed the access of a Palestinian man with a potable oxygen tank for more than two hours.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	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.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	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.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	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 with an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	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 to pass at a time, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325. Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	<p>Erez was open on six days this week for the movement of Palestinian traders as well as diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2, 3 and 4 December: 549 Palestinians, including students and Palestinians holding residency permits in Arab countries, were allowed to exit Gaza via Erez for Egypt. Of those, 46 were denied access by the Egyptian authorities. • 14 November – 4 December: 387 Palestinian patients and 350 persons accompanying the patients crossed Erez for medical treatment in Israeli, West Bank and Jordanian hospitals. Seven patients were denied access. • 14, 15, 17-19, 21, 23-29 November, and 1-4 December: 141 Palestinians holding Business Man Cards (BMC) were allowed to cross Erez to enter Israel and the West Bank. <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June. However, on 3 and 4 December, 2,298 Palestinian pilgrims and 150 Egyptian passport holders crossed to Egypt on an exceptional basis.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green Line CP)	An Israeli private company has the responsibility for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1300 hours and closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to pass through the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system).
Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Tubas	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using

the back-to-back system.

Ramallah/AI Bireh

Beituniya

Back-to-back checkpoint

Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours 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, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.

Hebron

Tarqumiya

Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours, Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the IDF Border Police and a container x-ray machine has been installed. During the reporting period, however, long delays of commercial trucks were reported.

Gaza Strip

Karni

The conveyor belt operated on two days this week (29 November and 3 December) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained generally closed for all other imports and all exports.

Sufa

Sufa crossing continues to be closed since 28 October. However, on 2, 3 and 4 December, the crossing was open for the import of general construction material (mainly gravel) used in the sewage project in North Gaza.

Kerem Shalom

Kerem Shalom was open on six days this week (28, 29 and 30 November & 2, 3 and 4 December) for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 1 December, it was closed for the weekend. On 28 and 29 November as well as 2, 3 and 4 December, Palestinians exported flowers and strawberries for the first time this season.

Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines

Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 1 December, they were closed for the weekend. However, given the limited amount of fuel that Israel has allowed into the Gaza Strip since 28 October, the Palestinian General Petroleum Corporation (PGPC) called for a strike on 29 November.

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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 Organisation (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.