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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

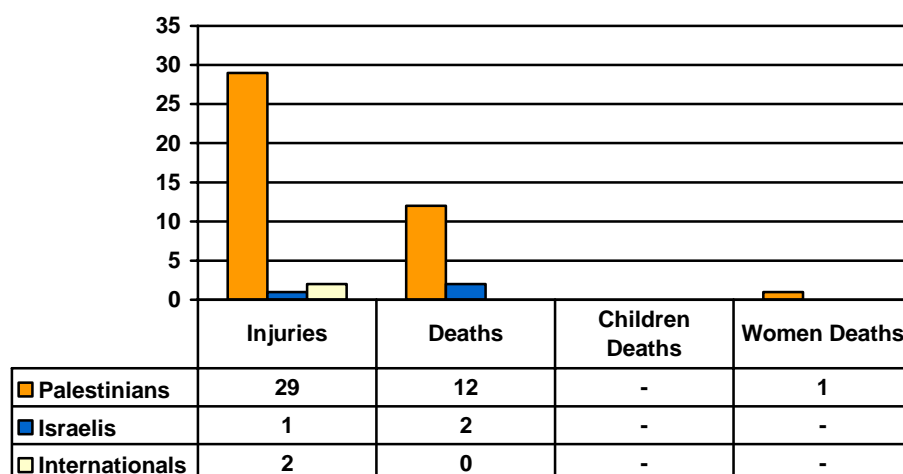
26 December 2007 – 01 January 2008

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed ten Palestinians, including a 55-year-old woman, and injured 20 others (North Gaza, Central Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah).
- 37 Qassams and 49 mortars were fired towards Israel, of which four Qassams and three mortars landed in the Gaza Strip. In addition, eight mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip. No deaths or injuries were reported.
- Although Sufa crossing was announced re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities, it was only open on one day this week, allowing the entry of 24 truckloads, including 15 UNRWA truckloads, into the Gaza Strip.
- Two groups of Palestinians, one group of 82 another of 120, were allowed to return to Gaza through Netzana and then Erez crossings on 31 December and 01 January, respectively. On 31 December, 700 Palestinian pilgrims were allowed to return to Gaza through Allenby and the Erez crossings.
- IDF bulldozers levelled about 160 dunums of olive trees during an incursion east of Khan Younis.

**West Bank:**

- The IDF killed one Palestinian in Beituniya (Ramallah) and injured six others (Hebron and Bethlehem).
- Israeli settlers from Mattityahu settlement physically assaulted and injured three Palestinian men near Bil'in village (Ramallah).
- Two Israeli men from the settlement of Kiryat Arba and one Palestinian were killed near the settlement of Telem in an exchange of fire. The circumstances surrounding the killings remain disputed. Subsequently, the IDF closed all entry points into Hebron City and Road 35 (Hebron).
- Israeli settlers from the settlement of Efrat and El Azara set fire to a 700-year-old mosque located on Al Khader village lands near the settlements (Bethlehem).
- The IDF uprooted 100 live trees and removed 650 metres of barbed wire from a land located north of Ar Rihya village (Hebron).
- Israeli citizens residing on the western side of the Barrier in the area of Deir Al 'Asal village uprooted tens of olive trees belonging to Palestinians from the village (Hebron).
- The IDF imposed 28 curfew hours on the Salfit and Hebron governorates.
- 62 flying checkpoints, 113 IDF search operations and 85 arrests were reported.

**Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:<sup>1</sup>**

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

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:

- **27 December:** Two Palestinian men (aged 34 and 40 years; Islamic Jihad members) were killed and another six passers-by were injured when an IAF aircraft fired one rocket targeting a vehicle on Salah Ed-Din road (Central Gaza).
- **27 December:** Two Palestinians (aged 29 and 44 years; Islamic Jihad members) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired two rockets targeting their car near al Moughraqa area north of An Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **27 December:** Three armed Palestinian men (aged 23 (2) and 25 years) were killed and another six people were injured, including two civilians, when an IAF aircraft fired two rockets targeting Hamas and Islamic Jihad members east of Abassan (Khan Younis).
- **28 December:** One armed Palestinian man was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting a group of Hamas men east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **30 December:** A 23-year-old Palestinian (aged 23 years; Hamas member) was killed and one civilian was injured by IDF gunfire near Kerem Shalom crossing east of Rafah (Rafah).
- **30 December:** A 55-year-old Palestinian woman was killed and another four Palestinians were injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of group of Palestinian pilgrims near Erez crossing north of Beit Hanoun (North Gaza).
- **1 January:** A Palestinian man (aged 23 years; Hamas member) was killed and two civilians were injured when the IDF stationed at the eastern border fired three surface-to-surface missiles at a Hamas military base east of Deir Al Balah (Central Gaza).

### Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **26 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from east of Jabaliya towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 December:** Armed Palestinian men attempted to launch a Qassam rocket from the area east of Beit Lahiya towards the Western Negev; however it exploded prematurely. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 December:** Seven Qassam rockets were fired from northeast of Al Shuja'iya quarter in Gaza City towards Sderot. No injuries or damage were reported (Gaza).
- **26 December:** The IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of Islamic Jihad members southeast of Al Bureij Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **26 December:** Islamic Jihad men fired an RPG targeting an IDF observation post on the border east of Al Maghazi Camp. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **26 December:** Israeli patrol boats carried out sporadic shooting towards the Palestinian marine police base at Rafah seashore for 15 minutes. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **26 December:** Armed men fired four mortar shells from north of Beit Hanun targeting Erez crossing. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 December:** Armed men fired one Qassam rocket from north of Beit Hanun targeting Sderot. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 December:** Three Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot. IDF tanks positioned at the border fence east of Beit Hanun fired one surface-to-surface missile targeting the rocket launching site. No injuries were reported. Another Qassam rocket was fired from Beit Hanun targeting Sderot. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 December:** IAF helicopters hovered over Beit Hanun and opened fire towards open areas for five minutes. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **26 December:** Four Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **27 December:** Armed men fired one Qassam rocket from east of Beit Lahiya towards Israel. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **27 December:** Three mortar shells were fired from east of Al Qarrara towards the IDF Kissufim military base. The IDF responded with heavy shooting. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **27 December:** Four mortar shells were fired from east of Al Qarrara towards the IDF Kissufim military base. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **27 December:** Hamas members fired two RPGs at an IDF jeep passing along the border fence east of Al Qarrara. In response, an IAF aircraft fired one rocket targeting the armed men. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **27 December:** Three IDF tanks and one bulldozer entered into the Palestinian area east of Abasan. Hamas members opened Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire at an IAF helicopter, which then opened fire towards them. Armed men subsequently fired five

mortar shells at the IDF soldiers who had entered the Gaza Strip and the IDF returned fired. Islamic Jihad members then fired an RPG at the IDF. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).

- **27 December:** Four mortar rounds were fired from east of Al Maghazi Camp towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **27 December:** One mortar round was fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Erez crossing. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **27 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from west of Sheik Zayed City in Beit Lahiya towards the western Negev. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **28 December:** Hamas members fired three mortar rounds from northeast of Abassan in Khan Younis towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **28 December:** Armed Palestinians affiliated with the military wing of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) opened fire at an IDF vehicle patrolling the border fence north of Karni crossing. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **28 December:** An IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting a group of Islamic Jihad members south of Gaza International Airport in Rafah. The rocket missed the target. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **28 December:** Three mortar rounds were fired from east of Jabaliya towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **29 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from east of Al Bureij Camp towards the Green Line. Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **29 December:** A roadside bomb was detonated near the border line southeast of Al Maghazi Camp targeting IDF soldiers. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire in a variety of directions. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **29 December:** One Qassam was fired from east of Jabaliya towards the Western Negev. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **29 December:** Five mortar rounds were fired from east of Gaza City towards Nahal Oz area. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **30 December:** One Qassam rocket was fired from east of Jabaliya towards the Western Negev. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **30 December:** Three mortar rounds were fired from east of Gaza City towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **30 December:** Two mortar rounds were fired from east of Khuza'a towards the IDF Kissufim military base. One of the rounds landed in Gaza. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **30 December:** An Israeli patrol boat opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats at sea. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **30 December:** Armed men fired one mortar round from Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir Balah targeting the Green Line. Members from a local family tried to prevent the armed men from firing the mortars. Shots were fired and the armed men left the area. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **30 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from Al Maghazi Camp towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **31 December:** Seven IDF armoured vehicles entered the former Erez Industrial Zone under the cover of heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **31 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from west of Sheikh Zayed City towards the Green Line. The IDF responded by firing a surface-to-surface missile. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **31 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from east of Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line. One of the rockets exploded prematurely at the launch site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **31 December:** An Improvised Explosive Device was exploded near Kerem Shalom crossing. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **31 December:** Hamas members fired four mortar shells from south of Rafah towards Israel (Rafah).
- **31 December:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line. One of the rockets exploded prematurely at the launch site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **1 January:** Armed men fired three mortar rounds from Beit Hanun towards IDF vehicles. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **1 January:** Armed men fired two Qassam rockets from Beit Lahiya targeting the Western Negev. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).

- **1 January:** Armed men attempted to fire a Qassam rocket from east of Jabaliya Camp towards the Western Negev. The rocket exploded prematurely in the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **1 January:** Armed men fired nine mortar rounds from east of Al Shuja'iya quarter in Gaza City towards Nahal Oz Kibbutz. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **1 January:** Armed Palestinians affiliated with the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) fired two Qassam rockets from east of Al Maghazi Camp towards the Green Line. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

#### West Bank:

- **26 December:** An Israeli settler was injured near Bruqin village when Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles passing near the village (Salfit).
- **27 December:** Two members of the Palestinian Police (aged 25 and 26 years) were injured upon being physically assaulted by IDF soldiers in Bab Al Zawiya area in the H1 area of the Hebron City. This took place after the IDF confiscated the policemen's firearms (Hebron).
- **27 December:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy from Tuqu' town was injured with a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire at stone-throwing Palestinians (Bethlehem).
- **28 December:** Two Israeli settlers (aged 22 and 23 years) from the settlement of Kiryat Arba and a 22-year-old Palestinian man from Hebron City were killed near the settlement of Telem west of Beit Kahel town in an exchange of fire between them. The circumstances surrounding the killings remain disputed (Hebron).
- **28 December:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man from Beituniya was killed with live ammunition fired by an IDF undercover unit during a search and arrest operation in Beituniya. The man was one of the personal guards of chief Palestinian negotiator Ahmad Qurei. He was in possession of weapons as he was also a member of Force 17 and was present in area "A". According to the Israeli DCL, the unit requested the man to stop the vehicle but he did not comply with the IDF request (Ramallah).
- **28 December:** Two international activists were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired by the IDF during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and international activists on a weekly basis against the barrier construction in Bil'in village (Ramallah).
- **31 December:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy from Ar Rihya village suffered a broken arm when clashes erupted between stone-throwing Palestinian students and IDF soldiers who were uprooting olive trees belonging to Palestinians from the village (Hebron).
- **31 December:** A 26-year-old Palestinian man was injured upon being physically assaulted and detained for three hours by IDF soldiers manning the Gush Etzion checkpoint (Hebron).
- **31 December:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man from Idhna was injured with live ammunition when IDF soldiers patrolling the Barrier opened fire at him in the vicinity of the Barrier (Hebron).
- **1 January:** Three Palestinian men were physically assaulted and injured by Israeli settlers from Mattityahu settlement near Bil'in village. The settlers were in the process of installing two houses on land belonging to the village when a group of people from Bil'in lay down under the bulldozers in an attempt to stop the installation of the house units. The injured persons were evacuated by an Israeli ambulance to Ni'ilin checkpoint where a PRCS ambulance transferred them to Sheikh Zayed hospital in Ramallah (Ramallah).

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

No incidents to report.

## 2. Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties<sup>2</sup>

#### Gaza Strip:

- **26 December:** A 25-year-old Palestinian man ( Hamas member) was killed when a tunnel collapsed near Al Najjar Hospital in Rafah while he was digging it (Rafah).
- **30 December:** Two Palestinians were injured when the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government broke into an area in Beit Hanoun in an attempt to arrest a

<sup>2</sup> 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.

Fatah member. People gathered in the area and the police opened fire in the air to disperse the crowd (North Gaza).

- **1 Jan:** One Palestinian was injured by live ammunition during an armed family feud between two local families in Rafah (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **27 December:** 200 members of the farmers' association demonstrated in front of UNSCO compound in Gaza City to protest against the closure of the crossings and siege of Gaza. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **28 December:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government attempted to arrest a Fatah member from Beit Hanoun. Family members threw rocks and stones at the police who responded by firing gunshots into the air. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **28 December:** Hamas organised a demonstration in support of the family of the assassinated commander of Islamic Jihad. Approximately 1,000 participants toured the main street of Al Bureij Camp. The demonstration ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **28 December:** Fatah tried to organise a rally in An Nuseirat Youth Club to mark the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of Fatah. The police arrived, dispersed the crowd and arrested three organisers (Central Gaza).
- **29 December:** A tent was set up outside the ICRC Office in Gaza City to receive condolences for the death of a prisoner from the West Bank in an Israeli jail (Gaza).
- **29 December:** Approximately 500 armed men affiliated with the PRC and Islamic Jihad demonstrated in front of Rafah terminal, demanding the re-opening of the terminal to allow Palestinian pilgrims to return to the Gaza Strip. The armed men opened fire into the air. Shortly after, PRC members detonated two IEDs near the boundary wall as a warning. The wall was not damaged (Rafah).
- **30 December:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government entered the southern area of Beit Hanun to attempt to arrest a Fatah leader. Clashes erupted between members of the Fatah leader's family and the police. No injuries were reported (Northern Gaza).
- **30 December:** Members of the police affiliated with the dismissed government broke into a local family quarter in an attempt to arrest members from the family in Khan Younis. Residents threw stones at the police, who responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **30 December:** Gunmen in a local car opened fire at a Gaza police vehicle in Shabourah quarter in Rafah. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **30 December:** An IDF patrol boat opened gunfire on Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah, forcing them to return to the shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **31 December:** A senior Fatah leader was abducted by unknown gunmen in Gaza City. Fatah accused the Hamas-affiliated security forces who denied any involvement. He was released after two hours (Gaza).
- **31 December:** Approximately 15,000 members of Hamas and the PRC demonstrated inside Rafah terminal demanding the opening of the crossing in order to allow Palestinian pilgrims to return to Gaza. Several youngsters threw stones at the Egyptian border police (Rafah).
- **1 January:** Relatives of the stranded Gazan pilgrims set up three tents in front of the Egyptian gate inside Rafah terminal to demand the opening of Rafah to allow the pilgrims to return to Gaza (Rafah).

**West Bank:**

- **29 December:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man from Qabatiya (Jenin) died in the Israeli Gilbou' prison due to an underlying medical condition (Israel).
- **1 January:** Unknown persons opened fire from a speeding vehicle at the house of a member of Nablus municipality affiliated with Hamas, injuring his 35-year-old wife (Nablus).

**Inter-factional violence**

**Gaza Strip:**

- **28 December:** Two security members of the Gaza police (affiliated with the dismissed government) were injured in a drive-by shooting near the Al Mashtal military base in Gaza City. The base is used by the internal security apparatus as a detention/interrogation centre (Gaza).

- **29 December:** Two Palestinians were injured when two buses carrying Islamic Jihad supporters were stopped at the entrance of Al Bureij Camp by police forces affiliated with the dismissed government. Following verbal abuse, the situation escalated and the police fired warning shots into the air (Central Gaza).
- **29 December:** Three Palestinians were injured during minor clashes between Fatah supporters and the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government. The police were removing panels, flags, slogans and posters belonging to the Fatah movement in Khan Younis and the eastern villages (Khan Younis).
- **29 December:** Four Palestinians, including three Fatah members and a policeman affiliated with Hamas, were injured when the police opened fire while attempting to arrest/detain Fatah supporters in Rafah (Rafah).
- **31 December:** A 78-year-old Palestinian man was killed and four civilians were injured when the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government opened fire while attempting to arrest a Fatah member in Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **31 December:** One Palestinian was killed and several others (unspecified number) were injured when armed clashes erupted between a local family and the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government in Al Shuja'iya area east of Gaza City (Gaza).
- **31 December:** Three Palestinian policemen were injured when a hand grenade was thrown at them in Deir Al Balah (Central Gaza).
- **31 December:** Two Palestinians were killed (a 12-year-old boy and a 55-year-old man) and 14 others were injured when armed Fatah men opened gunfire towards the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government west of Khan Younis. Armed clashes took place and extended to several areas of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **31 December:** A Palestinian policeman affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government was killed (unknown age) and three others were injured when their jeep overturned while they were in pursuit of Fatah supporters in Khan Younis. Fatah supporters were throwing stones at the jeep (Khan Younis).
- **31 December:** Two Palestinians were injured when the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government opened fire in the direction of a group of Fatah supporters celebrating the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of Fatah in Rafah (Rafah).
- **1 January:** Two Palestinians (aged 21 and 25 years) were killed and another three policemen affiliated with the dismissed government were injured during armed clashes between the Police and a local family in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **1 January:** A policeman was injured when Fatah gunmen opened gunfire at the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government in Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **1 January:** Two persons were injured when the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government entered a local house in Al Maghazi Camp to arrest/detain a Fatah member (Central Gaza).
- **1 January:** A policeman was wounded by a hand grenade hurled at a police vehicle in Bani Suhaila in Khan Younis. The attackers escaped (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **31 December:** A factional dispute erupted between Hamas and Fatah supporters at Al Quds University over the painting of slogans in preparation for the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of Fatah. The Gaza police arrived and brought the situation under control. No injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **31 December:** Fatah tried to organize a rally in An Nuseirat camp to mark the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of Fatah. The Gaza police arrived, dispersed the crowd and arrested five organisers (Central Gaza).
- **31 December:** Fatah supporters gathered at several junctions in Jabaliya Camp and set off fireworks to celebrate the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of Fatah. The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government chased Fatah supporters to disperse them. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **31 December:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government entered Al Bureij Camp to arrest a Fatah member. Youngsters threw stones at the police force who opened fire into the air to disperse them. The police arrested the Fatah member. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **31 December:** Fatah supporters threw stones at the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government in Al Maghazi Camp. The police responded by opening fire into the air to disperse them. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **31 December:** Fatah supporters threw stones at members of the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government in Deir El Balah. The police responded by opening fire into the air. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **1 January:** The Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government broke into the houses of two local families in Khan Younis to arrest Fatah members. Family



members threw rocks at the police, who responded by opening fire into the air. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).

### West Bank:

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

- **31 December:** Physical clashes and scuffles took place between Fateh and PFLP supporters in the town of Battir (Bethlehem).

## 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
27 December 07	Khan Younis	1 (house)	-	N/A	N/A
28 December 07	Gush Etzion, Bethlehem	-	1	0	4
29 December 07	Halhul, Hebron	-	1	0	5
30 December 07	Rafah	-	1	0	N/A
31 December 07	Beit Kahil, Hebron		1	0	9
31 December 07	Gush Etzion, Bethlehem		3	0	12 +
1 January 08	Al Khader, Bethlehem		1 (mosque)	0	25 +
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>55+</b>

- **27 December:** IDF bulldozers demolished an inhabited house during an incursion into Abassan area east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **28 December:** Israeli settlers from the Gush Etzion settlement block broke the window of a passing Palestinian taxi after throwing stones at it, in the aftermath of the killing of two Israelis in Hebron (Bethlehem).
- **29 December:** A car belonging to a Palestinian from the town of Halhul was damaged after Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba participating in the funeral of the two Israelis killed on 28 December threw stones at it (Hebron).
- **30 December:** Hamas members fired three mortar rounds from southeast of Rafah towards Kerem Shalom crossing. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported. Several bullets damaged the facade of the UNRWA Al Shouka preparatory school. All students were evacuated (Rafah).
- **31 December:** IDF soldiers damaged the furniture and the interior of a house belonging to a Palestinian family located in Haska region of the village of Beit Kahil, in the aftermath of the killing of two Israelis in Hebron. The house is located close to the site of the killing (Hebron).
- **31 December:** Israeli settlers from the Gush Etzion settlement block threw stones at and damaged the windows of three Palestinian taxis driving on Road 60 (Bethlehem).
- **1 January:** Israeli settlers from the settlements of Efrat and El Azara set fire to a 700-year-old mosque located on the lands of the village of Al Khader near the settlements (Bethlehem).

#### Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

No incidents to report.

#### Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwvara (Nablus) and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).

#### Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **28 December:** An IED was detonated in front of an internet café on Nasser Street, northwest of Gaza City. The shop was damaged. No injuries were reported. Reasons and perpetrators are unknown (Gaza).
- **1 January:** A four-storey house was set on fire during armed clashes between a local family in Gaza City and the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed government (Gaza).

## 4. [Natural Resources](#)

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

#### Nablus Governorate:

No incidents to report.

#### 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.
  - 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

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



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 rest of 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 continued 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 continued 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 suspended 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 suspended 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 a 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:**

**27 December:** Israeli citizens residing on the western side of the Barrier built in Deir Al 'Asal village uprooted tens of olive trees belonging to Palestinians from the village.

**31 December:** IDF soldiers uprooted 100 olive trees and removed 650 meters of barbed wire from a land located north of Ar Rihiya village. Clashes erupted between Palestinians from the village and the IDF, resulting in the injury of one Palestinian boy.

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 Meitar checkpoint – continued during the reporting period.

#### **Gaza Strip:**

- **27 December:** IDF bulldozers levelled about 160 dunums of olive trees during an incursion into Abassan area east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **29 December:** Five IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from Kissufim military base and entered about 300 metres into the Gaza Strip east of Abu Al Ajeen area. Two helicopters hovered overhead to support the ground forces. The bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations. No injuries were reported (Central Gaza).
- **31 December:** Several IDF armoured vehicles entered south of Beit Hanun. IDF bulldozers conducted a levelling and excavation operation. Armed Palestinian men exchanged gunfire with the IDF. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **1 January:** Ten IDF armoured vehicles entered the former Erez Industrial Zone under the cover of heavy gunfire. Bulldozers conducted excavation operations (North Gaza).
- **1 January:** Two IDF tanks and a bulldozer moved from Kerem Shalom crossing and entered 500 metres into the Gaza Strip east of Rafah. The bulldozer conducted excavation operations (Rafah).

### **5. [Access and Movement for Civilians](#)**

#### **a) Incidents of curfews**

**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
26 December 07	Bruqin, Salfit	16 hours
28 December 07	Az Zawiya, Salfit	10 hours
30 December 07	Beit Ummar, Hebron	2 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>28 hours</b>

**26 December:** The IDF imposed curfew on Bruqin village for 16 hours (0100 – 1700) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles (Salfit).

**28 December:** The IDF imposed curfew on Az Zawiya village for 10 hours (0100 – 1100) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles (Salfit).

**30 December:** IDF soldiers imposed curfew on the centre of Beit Ummar town for two hours after clashes took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers (Hebron).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (northeast 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**

- **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:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- **8 December to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Qaryut village with an earth mound. The road connects the village to Road 60. Palestinians travelling southwards have to take a long detour route to reach their destinations.
- **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 to and from the village through the checkpoint, including access to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access to villages north of Nablus for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).
- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (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:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- **12 December to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**29 December:** The IDF opened the northern main entrance of 'Azzun village, which was last closed on 24 December.

## Ongoing incidents:

- **23 November to date:** The IDF continues to close the northern entrance of Jinsafut with an earth mound preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.
- **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:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- **18 December to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Haris to Kifl Haris with an earth mound.
- **27 November to date:** The IDF continues to close 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:**

## 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:**

## 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:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays at Jaba' checkpoint for Palestinians traveling to Ramallah continue to be reported on a daily basis during the morning and evening rush hours.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

**31 December – 2 January:** IDF soldiers occupied the roof of a house in Tuqu' town for two days, during which residents (including children under the age of 10) were not allowed to leave or enter the house (Bethlehem).

**31 December:** IDF soldiers and security guards of the settlement of Asfar, located east of the town of Sa'ir, prevented a 24-year-old Palestinian herder from grazing his land located in the vicinity of the settlement (Hebron).

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**28 December:** About 12 IDF jeeps surrounded Al Ahli Hospital for three hours. The IDF carried out search operation in various hospital sections and prevented an ambulance carrying an emergency case from accessing the hospital. The ambulance was eventually turned away after an IDF soldier threw a sound bomb at it.

**28 December:** The IDF and Israeli Border Police manning checkpoints around the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City limited the access of Palestinian and Muslim worshippers to the Mosque through increased ID checks and on-site detention.

**28 December:** All entry points into the City of Hebron (including An Nabi Yunis, Halhul Bridge and Al Fawwar junction) as well as Road 35 were closed off for traffic in the aftermath of the shooting of two Israelis and a Palestinian near the settlement of Telem.

**29 December:** The IDF closed An Nabi Yunis entry point to Halhul for over an hour to allow for the funeral of two Israelis to proceed from the settlement of Kiryat Arba to Jerusalem.

**30 December:** The IDF placed a new gate near An Nabi Yunis area in the town of Halhul (Hebron).

**31 December:** IDF soldiers closed Halhul Bridge for a period of 45 minutes during the morning rush hour.

#### **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. On 31 December, 700 Palestinian pilgrims were allowed to return to Gaza through Allenby and then Erez crossings. In addition, 82 and 120 Palestinians stuck on the Egyptian side of Rafah were allowed to cross through Netzana and then Erez into the Gaza Strip on 31 December and 01 January, respectively. (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 officially closed. It was last open on 9 June.
- Karni crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June. The conveyor belt/chute used to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza was not operated this week.
- Although Sufa crossing was announced re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities (it had been closed since 28 October), it was only open on one day this week (01 January).
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on four days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. Since 18 December, and for the second time this month,

the Palestinian strawberries association has blocked all exports of strawberries to protest against the limited amounts Israeli has allowed them to export through the crossing. The export of flowers continues to take place. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, Kerem Shalom was 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.
- 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 2006, 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 2: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank**

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	-	0
Jenin	Sanur (2), 'Arraba (3), Jaba'a (1), Rummana (2), 'Anza (2), Kafr Dan (2), Al Yamun (1), Fahma (1), Kafr Ra'I (1)	15
Tubas	Kashda (1)	1
Tulkarm	'Illar (1), Al Jarushiya (1), Ramin (1), Kafr Sur (3)	6
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (4), Wadi Qana (3), Izbat at Tabib (3), Jayyus (3), Kafr Laqif (3), An Nabi Elyas (2), Kafr Thulth (2)	20
Salfit	Biddya (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Marda (1)	3
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bypass Road 60 (near Silwad village)	1
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (2), Tuqu' (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (1)	5
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Idhna (1), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Aroub RC (2), Halhul (2)	11
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>62</b>

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

**Table 3: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)<sup>1</sup>**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (7), Burqa (1), Balata RC (3), Camp No.1 (1), 'Askar RC (1), Till (1), Rujeib (1), Kafr Qalil (2), Qusin (1), Sabastiya (1), Huwwara CP	19	28
Jenin	Jenin RC (2), Jenin City (3), Kafr Dan (1), Rummana (2), Qabatiya (1), Kafr Ra'i (1), 'Anin (1), Faqu'a (1), Al Yamun (1), Birqin (1), 'Anza (1)	15	1
Tubas	Tubas (1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (3), Tulkarm RC (3), Seida (1), Shufa (1), Izbat Shufa (1), Qaffin (2), Kafr al Labbad (1)	12	15
Qalqiliya	Kafr Qaddum (3), Qalqiliya (5), 'Azzun (4), Jayyus (3), Izbat at Tabib (2), Hajja (2), Jit (3), Habla (2), Kafr Thulth (2), Sanniriya (1), Ras 'Atiya (2), Jinsafut (1)	30	2
Salfit	Haris (1), Az Zawiya (1), Deir Istiya (2)	4	6
Ramallah	Beituniya (1), Ramallah City (2), Beit Liqya (1), Ni'lin (1), Birzeit (1)	6	8
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	Al Ram (1)	1	2
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (2), Tuqu' (2), Ad Duheisha RC (1), Ash Shawawreh (2)	7	7
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (7), Yatta (2), Khursa (1), Halhul (3), Dura (1), Sa'ir (1), Beit Kahil (3)	18	15
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>85</b>
North Gaza <sup>2</sup>	Beit Lahiya (1)	1	8
Rafah <sup>3</sup>	Al Shouka area (1)_	1	5
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>98</b>

<sup>1</sup> Figures exclude the number of West Bank Palestinians arrested in Israel due to the lack of work permits.

<sup>2</sup> On 31 December, an IDF Special Forces unit entered the area north of Beit Lahiya and arrested eight farmers, including one woman. All were subsequently released (North Gaza).

<sup>3</sup> On 30 December, the IDF arrest five Palestinians during a low-scale incursion into Al Shouka area east of Rafah (Rafah).

**Table 4: 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 (2,12), Beit Iba village (1,1), Sabastiya (1,2), Till (1,2)	5	17
Jenin	Jenin (1,1)	1	1
Tubas	El Fara'a RC (1,1)	1	1
Qalqiliya	'Azzun 'Atma (1,17)	1	17
Salfit	Salfit (1,2), Mas-ha (1,1)	2	3
Ramallah	Ramallah City (1,6)	1	6
Jericho	Jericho City (1,1)	1	1
Hebron	Sa'ir (1,1), H1 section of Hebron (1,1), Al Fawwar (1,1)	3	3
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>			
North Gaza	Beit Hanoun (1,1)—man had come back through Erez crossing	1	1
Gaza	Gaza City (1, 35)—Fatah supporters planning to celebrate the 43 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of Fatah. All were subsequently released	1	35
Central Gaza	An Nuseirat Camp (2,8)—Fatah supporters; Al Bureij Camp (2,3)—one Fatah member and two supporters; Al Maghazi Camp (1,1)—Fatah member	5	12
Khan Younis	Khan Younis (5,63)—Fatah supporters, one was reportedly released; Khan Younis (1,20)—clash between police and people attempting to prevent an arrest operation;	6	83
Rafah	Rafah (3,60)—Fatah supporters; Rafah (1,6)	4	66
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>246</b>

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



## Appendix: Checkpoints: 26 December 2007 – 01 January 2008

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm :</b>	
<b>Ephraim (Green Line CP)</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Operating 24 hours. 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 Jubara.
<b>Ar Ras/ Kafriat</b>	Controls traffic heading south from Tulkarm including Jenin residents.
<b>Jubara</b>	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier.
<b>Enav</b>	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljouliya</b>	Operating 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras at Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances travelling from Qalqiliya City to these five villages need prior coordination with the DCL.
<b>Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)</b>	Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP</b>	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP</b>	Located south of Habla village. Controls movement to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya City.
<b>Ras 'atiya</b>	Barrier Checkpoint.
<b>'Azzun Atme</b>	Barrier Checkpoint.
<b>Jit Junction, Partial CP</b>	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. Controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Kasem On Road 5</b>	Operating 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwara Southern main entrance</b>	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 cross between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
<b>Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade</b>	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 cross.
<b>Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</b>	Operating from 0630 to 1930 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and for 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik Eastern checkpoint</b>	A major linkage between Nablus and the Jordan Valley area. Operating from 0500 to 2100 hours. Palestinians travelling out of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan must enter Nablus City through this checkpoint and then cross through other Nablus checkpoints to reach their destinations.
<b>Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin</b>	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.
<b>Tappuah South, main road to Ramallah</b>	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement southwards on Roads 60 and 505.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</b>	As of 29 August 2007, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases. Since 29 October 2007, the IDF has closed a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing all access through the checkpoint including to ambulances with emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar, Partial CP</b>	Located north of Huwara village on Road 60.
<b>Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP</b>	Controls access to areas north of Road 505.

<b>Al Badhan, Partial CP</b>	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
<b>Jenin :</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b>	A crossing for workers to enter Israel. Operating between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
<b>Reikhan/ Barta'a</b> <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 foodstuffs into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700 hours. Other materials need prior coordination.
<b>Salim DCO (Green Line CP)</b>	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
<b>Mevo Dotan</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas :</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, 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 holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, this checkpoint is open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates using public transportation as well as commercial trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 to 2200 hours. Only Palestinians with a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or possess an Israeli permit that allows them to be present in the Jordan Valley area are permitted to cross. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians using public transportation and commercial trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>'Atara Bridge</b>	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. Some delays were reported on 19 December.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open. Was in operation on 19 December and delays were reported.
<b>At Tayba</b> <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arajat road that links Road 90 to Road 458)</i>	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July 2006, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> <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 East Jerusalem and Israel.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	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.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. No permits are required for Jericho residents, holders of foreign passports, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az

	Za'ayyem and As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders who do not belong to the above categories need permits to cross. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to cross unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <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.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <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.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became Permanent as of:</b> <b>1 July 2007</b>	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. As of 31 October 2007, it is manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours/day 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 holders of permits to work in Israeli settlements.
<b>Jerusalem :</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open 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 2007, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. Delays for pedestrians continue to be reported on a daily basis.
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction</i> <i>Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev</i> <i>settlement</i>	Open 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. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on</i> <i>Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated terminals into Jerusalem.
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated terminals into Jerusalem.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road</i> <i>404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID cards.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> <i>North western entrance on</i> <i>Road 436</i>	Open 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/</b> <b>Anata Checkpoint</b>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shu'fat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit</i> <i>between north and south West</i> <i>Bank</i>	Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive)</b> <i>North eastern entrance on</i> <i>Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Abu Dis</b>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction

<i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i>	contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion</b> <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	Was moved northward to the new Israeli-built Rafat road and has become closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion.
<b>Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</b>	Random checks by IDF soldiers. Delays of up to 20 minutes were reported on a daily basis during the morning and evening rush hours for Palestinians travelling to Ramallah.
<b>Atarot junction</b> <i>At roundabout leading to bypass Road 45</i>	Manned by the Border Police. Vehicle checks for those travelling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
<b>An Nu'man</b> <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu'man and 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 from 0600 to 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
<b>Ein Yallow/Ai Walaja</b> <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP</b> <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
<b>Mizpe Shalem – Efrata Settlers' CP</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass. On 31 December, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint physically assaulted a 26-year-old Palestinian taxi driver and detained him for over three hours.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> <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.
<b>Betar Illit</b> <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs.
<b>Mitzpe Shalem</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa, Partial CP</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks. Employees for MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) have reported experiencing thorough checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of

	Negohot.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <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>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel have been carried out as normal through this checkpoint. During the reporting period, delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 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 places 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.
<b>Shani</b> <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.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <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.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes. On 28 December, the IDF and Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint delayed Muslims heading to perform Friday Prayers at Al Ibrahimi Mosque through increased ID checks and prolonged waiting times.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH staff have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP</b> <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 28 December, IDF soldiers closed the checkpoint for more than an hour to allow the funeral of two killed Israelis to proceed to Jerusalem.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP</b>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura, Partial CP</b>	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	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:

The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.

**31 December:** 82 Palestinians stuck on the Egyptian side of Rafah were allowed to cross through Netzana and then Erez into Gaza.

**31 December:** 700 Palestinian pilgrims were allowed to return to Gaza through Allenby and then Erez crossings.

**01 January:** 120 Palestinians stuck on the Egyptian side of Rafah were allowed to cross through Netzana and then Erez into Gaza.

<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.
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#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh (Green Line CP)</b>	A private Israeli company controls traffic movement. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system). Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from 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 Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in place. Long delays of commercial trucks were reported this week.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza was not operated this week. In addition, it continues to be closed for all other imports and all exports since 12 June.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was only open on 01 January 2008, allowing the entry of 24 truckloads, including 15 UNRWA truckloads, into the Gaza Strip.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open on four days this week for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 29 December, they were closed for the weekend.



**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.