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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

14 February – 20 February 2007

Of note this week

No Palestinian or Israeli fatalities were reported this week across the oPt, for the first time since the beginning of 2007. 57 Palestinians and eight Israelis were injured in the West Bank during clashes between Israeli security forces and Palestinians as well as during incidents of settler violence. In the Gaza Strip, internal violence continued, although at decreased levels.

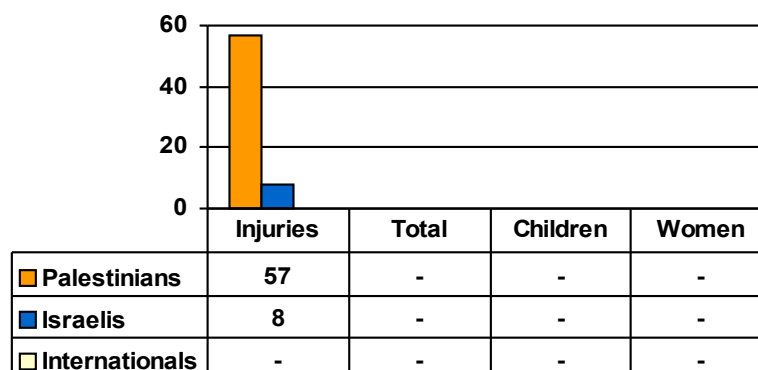
West Bank:

- Twelve Palestinian structures were demolished by the IDF in southern Hebron in a single day, leaving 92 Palestinians without shelter including 64 children.
- The IDF uprooted and confiscated 800 olive trees and 300 almond trees in Nablus while Israeli settlers in two separate incidents uprooted or cut down 150 olive trees in Nablus and Ramallah governorates.
- For the second consecutive week, exceptionally high numbers of flying checkpoints (171) were observed throughout the West Bank. The IDF also carried out 123 search and arrest campaigns, detaining/arresting 122 Palestinians.
- Raids on Palestinian charitable organisations by the IDF continued in Hebron governorate.
- Israeli security forces were on high alert in and around the Old City of Jerusalem in anticipation of possible demonstrations and clashes following Friday Prayers at Al Aqsa mosque. Major roads leading to the Old City were blocked limiting access to the Old City.
- On 17 February PA public health workers went on strike in the West Bank in protest at the non-payment of salaries. Only emergency cases were cared for along with dialysis, ICU and cancer patients.

Gaza Strip

- Ten homemade rockets were fired from Gaza towards Erez crossing and Israel, of which three exploded prematurely. Four mortar shells and rocket propelled grenades (RPG) were fired towards the IDF base near Kissufim and at an IDF patrol along the border fence east of Maghazi camp. The IDF responded with heavy machine gun fire and in a separate incident IDF soldiers and Palestinian militants exchanged fire near the border fence east of Beit Hanoun.
- IDF gunboats also fired twice towards Palestinian fishing boats off the Gaza Strip coastline. These incidents have effectively prevented Palestinian fisherman from accessing the Gaza Strip waters, significantly impacting the fishing catch.
- The new terminal at Erez opened on 16 February 2007.

1. Physical Protection¹



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

West Bank:

- **14 February:** Three Palestinians were injured in Qarawat Bani Hassan (Salfit). A 21-year old Palestinian was injured by live ammunition while two boys, aged 13 and 14, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinians demonstrating near the Al Aqsa Mosque.
- **14 February:** An 11-year old Palestinian boy was injured in Kafr ad Dik (Salfit) by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **14 February:** A 34-year old Palestinian deaf man from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when a group of IDF soldiers physically assaulted him during a stone throwing incident.
- **14 February:** A 65-year old man, his 50-year old wife and a 60-year old man from the area of Um Al Kher, south of the town of Yatta (Hebron) were injured when they tried to prevent IDF soldiers from demolishing their makeshift homes behind the Israeli settlement of Karmaeil.
- **15 February:** A 17-year old Palestinian man was injured in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **16 February:** An 18-year old Palestinian man was injured in Marda (Salfit) by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **16 February:** At 5:10pm in Qalandiya camp (Ramallah), Palestinians opened fire at IDF soldiers during a search and arrest campaign, injuring two soldiers.
- **16 February:** At 10:30pm in Bet Ur el Tahta (Ramallah), Palestinians threw two Molotov cocktails at an Israeli vehicle, injuring one Israeli.
- **16 February:** At 1:30pm at Qalandiya terminal (Ramallah), clashes broke out when Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers. The IDF responded with tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets, injuring 20 Palestinians.
- **16 February:** At 1:30pm in Bilin (Ramallah), the IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians, Israeli and international activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier. Eleven Palestinians, three Israeli activists and one IDF soldier were reported injured.
- **16 February:** In Damascus Gate, Wadi el Joz and Suwaneh (Jerusalem) Palestinians stoned Israeli policemen who responded with tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. Five Palestinians were reported injured.
- **16 February:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was shot in the abdomen when IDF soldiers stationed at a building close to Bab Al Zawiya opened fire at a group of Palestinian youths.
- **16 February:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man from Bethlehem city (Bethlehem) was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire towards Palestinian protesters near Rachel's Tomb.
- **17 February:** A 55 year-old man from the hamlet of Susiya (Hebron), south of the town of Yatta (Hebron) was injured when a group of Israeli settlers from the nearby settlement of Suseya attacked him while he was at home.
- **17 February:** Palestinians stoned IDF troops, at Qalandiya camp (Ramallah), the IDF responded with live rounds and plastic-coated metal bullets injuring seven Palestinians.
- **19 February:** One Israeli female settler was injured near 'Azzun village (Nablus) when Palestinians stoned settlers' vehicles passing on Road 55 near the village.
- **19 February:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy from Al 'Arrub refugee camp (Hebron) was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire towards Palestinian stone throwers in the camp.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents²

Gaza Strip:

- **14 February:** A Palestinian man was injured during an exchange of gunfire between two local families in the Al-Rimal quarter of Gaza City.
- **14 February:** A Palestinian coordination officer working at Rafah Terminal was injured when unknown militants in two cars opened fire in his direction while driving north along the coastal road opposite Al Zahra City. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **15 February:** Five Palestinians were injured and an Executive Support Forces (ESF) vehicle was damaged during an exchange of gunfire between ESF members and local family gunmen after the ESF intervened to prevent the illegal removal of sand from the former Gani Tal settlement.
- **16, 17 February:** A 39 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between the ESF and Fatah members in Jabalia camp. The following day members of the Ighriab family burned tyres and closed the main road in front of their house at Jabalia camp to protest at the death of their son.
- **17 February:** A Palestinian bystander was injured in the eye during a training exercise for ESF members in Beit Hanoun
- **17 February:** Two Palestinian girls were shot and injured by family members in the Abasan area in Khan Younis. Local reports linked the incident to an honour-related crime.
- **19 February:** Two family members were injured during armed family clashes between members of two local families in Khan Younis
- **20 February:** A middle-aged Palestinian woman was transferred to Kamal Adwan hospital after she was severely beaten by unknown armed masked men in Jabalia camp.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **16 February:** During the funeral of their 39 year-old son, Ighriab family members set ablaze the homes of Yousef Al Shrafi, a Hamas party PLC member and the Zomlot family which are located opposite the family's house. There was an exchange of gunfire for five minutes between members of the Ighriab family and ESF members. No injuries were reported but both homes were destroyed.
- **18 February:** 5,000 newly graduated Fatah security members demonstrated in Gaza City and fired in the air demanding to be recruited into the PA security force. The protesters marched to the PLC building and the demonstration ended peacefully at 1:10pm.
- **18 February:** There was an exchange of gunfire between the ESF and gunmen from a local family at Moghraga area east of Al Zahra. ESF members managed to evict the family from the plot of land which the family claimed they owned. No injuries were reported.
- **20 February:** Unknown gunmen set fire to the Youth House for Culture and Art, operated by a local NGO, in Jabalia village. Minor damage to the facility was reported although no injuries. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **20 February:** A group related to the Popular Resistance Army who were paid to guard the former Gush Katif settlement greenhouses, closed the main road between Khan Younis and Rafah after the ESF evicted them from the former settlement. After the greenhouses were handed over from PEDCO to the Ministry of Agriculture, the guards demanded permanent jobs with the PA and remained on the land until they were forced off by the ESF.

West Bank:

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **19 February:** Around 10:30am, six Palestinians from 'Askar Refugee Camp (Nablus) came to meet UNRWA Nablus Area Officer about a pending case. An argument ensued

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

with the area officer and a member of the group pulled out a gun and fired two bullets inside the office. Palestinian police later arrested two of the men and conducted an investigation and arrest raids to apprehend the rest of the group. UNRWA closed the office on 19 and 20 February as a protest against the incident.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
14 Feb	Imreiha/ Nablus	9	-	10
14 Feb	UM Al Kher	Makeshift house (55 m ²)	-	3 including 1 child
14 Feb	UM Al Kher	Makeshift house (70 m ²)	-	17 including 14 children
14 Feb	UM Al Kher	Makeshift house (60 m ²)	-	13 including 11 children
14 Feb	UM Al Kher	Makeshift house covered with Zinko (40 m ²)	-	4 including 2 children
14 Feb	UM Al Kher	Animal pin (100 m ²)	-	NA
14 Feb	Qawaweess	Makeshift house (50 m ²)	-	12 including 6 children
14 Feb	Qawaweess	Makeshift house (40 m ²)	-	6 including 4 children
14 Feb	Qawaweess	Makeshift house (80 m ²)	-	15 including 9 children
14 Feb	Abu Kubita (The vicinity of the settlement of Mazadot Yehuda)	Metal zink room (30 m ²)	-	8 including 6 children
14 Feb	Abu Kubita (The vicinity of the settlement of Mazadot Yehuda)	Two block rooms (90 m ²)	-	6 including 5 children
14 Feb	Imneizil	Zink room and an animal pin (60 m ²)	-	8 including 6 children
Total		21	0	102 of which 64 are children

Details of incidents:

- 14 February:** The IDF demolished two residential tents and seven animal pens in Imreiha village (Jenin) for reportedly being built without permits. Two families (10 persons) lost their shelters.
- 14 February:** The IDF demolished 12 Palestinian structures in southern Hebron (Um Al Kher, Qawaweess and Abu Kuita) around the settlements of Karmi'el and Mas'adat Yahuda for reportedly being built without permits. The year old demolition order left 92 Palestinians homeless, including 64 children. An IDF team removed some of the families' belongings from the homes prior to the demolition and refused to allow the residents access to the structures. Some scuffles broke out between the IDF and the residents and three of the residents were injured.
- 16 February:** A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tel Rumeida, located in the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) took over a Palestinian house overlooking the settlement for several hours. The IDF and Israeli police removed them and declared the area a "Closed Military Zone" and prevented the house's tenant from entering it.
- 18 February:** The IDF submitted two "stop construction" to the owners of a house and an animal pin in the village of Khalayel Al Loz (Bethlehem).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nablus Governorate:

13 February: The IDF uprooted and confiscated 800 olive trees and 300 almond trees (covering 38 dunums of land) belonging to a Palestinian farmer from Beit Dajan. The IDF requisitioned the land in 1987 while the owner was abroad, when he came back in 2001 he planted the land (not reported last week).

17 February: Settlers from Yitzhar settlement uprooted 100 new planted olive trees and cut down another 70 trees in Madama village (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

16 February: The IDF issued a second amendment to the requisition order, No. T/77/05, to install electronic machines and cameras around Enav and Avne Hefetz settlements on the existing fence.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

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

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

- Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.

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 continues along 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours are taken through the Palestinian neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue, however access is severely restricted and vehicles crossing through the Barrier have been stopped on several occasions this week. During the week, further construction of the Barrier in Dahiyat Al Bareed meant that access was only occasionally possible. Pedestrians can still use this opening but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from al Ram and the West Bank. Vehicles are currently using a rough road a few metres beyond the previous gate. Construction of the Barrier in this neighbourhood is progressing at a rapid pace.
- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adummim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 continues.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). 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.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

4 February: Confrontations took place between Palestinians from Al Khader village (Bethlehem) and Israeli settlers from El'azar as Palestinians tried to plant trees on their land near the settlement in cooperation with international volunteers and the YMCA.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Hebron Governorate:

20 February: The IDF issued a military order number T/167/59 requisitioning 665 m2 from the lands of the town of Beit Ummar (Hebron). The land will be used to build a sewage treatment plant for the settlement of Karmi Tzur

19 February: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Mazadot Yehuda, located south of the town of Yatta (Hebron) uprooted 70 - 80 trees belonging to Palestinian farmers living near to the settlement, according to the owner. The IDF had demolished a shed and two rooms belonging to the same family earlier in the week.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Gaza Strip:

20 February: One IDF tank and three bulldozers moved from the border fence and entered approximately 150 metres into the Palestinian area east of Deir El Balah to conduct a levelling and excavation operation. They withdrew to the border at 2:30pm.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Curfew**

No incidents to report.

b) Access to education

14-20 February: During the reporting period the IDF and Israeli Police came late, by an average of one and a half hours, to escort Palestinian students from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement.

17 February: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tel Rumeida, located in the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron), prevented four Palestinian students from reaching their homes (located below the settlement) using a road adjacent to the settlement. The IDF and the Israeli police forced the students use an alternative road.

c) Access to employment

The general closure of Erez by Israeli authorities since 12 March remains in place for the Gaza Strip residents.

16 February to date: The PA health sector in the West Bank is back on strike. The governmental hospitals and the MoH clinics are on strike in the northern West Bank except the emergency departments in the hospitals.

All Palestinians are required to directly apply to the DCL office in Beit El 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 old, married with a child with no security files. Criteria to apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone; a person should be above 21 years- old, married with a child.

d) Closures/movement restrictions**Nablus Governorate:**

14 February: The IDF replaced the road blocks with a metal gate at the western entrance of Sarra village which connects the village with Jit junction.

14 February: The IDF closed Beit Iba Checkpoint for one hour.

17 February: The IDF closed Al Badhan checkpoint for several hours, long queues and delays were reported.

14 – 19 February: Age restrictions continued to be imposed (since 7 February) on male Palestinian residents of Nablus governorate between the ages of 16 and 35 years at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

14 February to date: Age restrictions continued to be imposed (since 7 February) on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the ages of 16 and 35 years at all flying checkpoints in Jenin governorate.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

14 February to date: Age restrictions continued to be imposed (since 7 February) on male Palestinian residents of Jenin and Tulkarm governorates between the ages of 16 and 35 years at Kafriat tunnel and 'Anabta checkpoints.

Ongoing incidents:

- Ongoing since 10 January: The IDF allowed Palestinians with Israeli IDs to enter Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

15 February: The IDF closed Ázzun Átma Barrier gate for one hour. The gate is a checkpoint at the entrance of the village.

17 February: The IDF closed the east entrance of Qalqiliya city (DCO) for several hours and prevented the residents from exiting the city.

19 February: The IDF opened Falamiya Barrier gate 12 hours a day for farmers from Jayyus and the area.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

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

Bethlehem Governorate:

19 February: The IDF prevented vehicles from accessing Jerusalem through the Tunnels checkpoint between 2:00 and 6:30pm due to the presence of a suspicious object.

20 February: The IDF have re-opened the southern entrance of Bethlehem city for Palestinian traffic. The location is also known as Al Nashshash.

20 February: The IDF closed the Tunnel checkpoint in both directions between 12:00 and 2:00pm due to the presence of a suspicious object.

Hebron Governorate:

14-20 February: During the reporting period, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on, south of the Palestinian town of Yatta (Hebron), prevented Palestinian farmers from accessing their lands in the Kharouba location near the settlement. Verbal and physical abuse of the farmers was reported.

19 February: The IDF closed three of the gaps in the Road Barrier on Road 317 south of the town of Yatta (Hebron) leaving the one leading to the village of Tuwani open.

20 February: The gates to Al 'Arrub refugee camp (Hebron) were locked between 8:00 am and 4:00pm by IDF soldiers.

Jerusalem Governorate:

4 February: Israeli Police deployed several mobile checkpoints around the Old City of Jerusalem and denied access to all Palestinians aged under 45 years.

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

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open for six days (Karni is scheduled to be closed on Saturdays).
- In general, Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, critical medical cases and Palestinian 'senior' traders. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis). The crossing continues to be closed for Palestinian workers (since 12 March 2006). On 16 February, the Israeli side announced that the new passenger terminal will be open from 7:30am to 5:00pm for internationals and from 6:00am to 9:00pm for Palestinians.
 - **14 February:** Erez was open but closed for traffic leaving Gaza between 12:00 -1:30pm and planned to be closed from 3:30 to 5:30pm.
 - **15-19 February:** Erez was open for internationals and medical cases. The new passenger terminal opened on 16 February 2007 with limited operating hours between 7:30am and 5:00pm. On 19 February, 311 traders and 26 special permit holders crossed into Israel.
 - **20 February:** 305 merchants and 23 senior traders crossed into Israel
- Nahal Oz pipelines were open for six days (the pipelines are scheduled to be closed on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was open for six days (Sufa is scheduled to be closed on Saturdays).
- Kerem Shalom opened twice this week (on 14 and 15 February from 11:00am).
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Jammaín (6),	6
Jenin	'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (4), Sanur (3), Al Hashimiya (2) south entrance Jenin (3), Ánza (2), Qabatiya (3), Siris (1), Fahma (1), Kafr Raí (1), Al Kufeir (2), Rummana (1)	30
Tubas	Tubas (3), Áqqaba (1),	4
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (3), Shuweika (1), Deir Al Ghusun (2), Áttil (1), Balá (2), Ramin (1), Íllar (1)	11
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (7), Habla tunnel (7), An Nabi Elyas (1), Ras 'Atyia (2), Kafr Laqif (1), Al Funduq (3) Jayyus (2), Ázzun tunnel (7), Izbat at Tabib (1),	38
Salfit	Iskaka (2), Qarawat Bani Hassan (7), Deir Istiya (2), Haris (1), Marda (3)	15
Ramallah / Al Bireh	-	-
Jericho / Jordan Valley	-	-
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (7) , Al Ram (7)	14
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (4), Husan (1), Beit Fajjar (1)	22
Hebron	Yatta (2), Dura (2), Hebron city – H1(6), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (5), Sa'ir (4), Surif (1), Adh Dhahiriya (3), Bani Na'eem (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Ummar (4)	31
Total West Bank		171

6. Additional Protection Issues**Searches/Arrests/Detentions**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (6), Balata refugee Camp (4), Áskar camp (2), Zeita (1), Camp No1 (2), Beita (1), Beit Ib CP, Huwwara CP.	16	12
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (4), Kafr Dan (1), Qabatiya (3), Kafr Raí (2), Sanur (1), Az Zababida (1), South Jenin entrance, Siris flying CP, Al Kufeir flying CP, Az Zababida flying CP.	16	7
Tubas	-	0	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm refugee camp (2), Faru'n (2), Dhinnaba (1)	8	1
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (7), Kafr Thulth (1), Jayyus (2), Kafr Qaddum (1)	18	4
Salfit	Salfit city (2), Marda (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	4	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Deir Abu Mash'al (1), Khirbet el Misbah (1), Ramallah (3)	5	13
Jericho Jordan Valley	Al Auja (1), Atara	1	4
Jerusalem	Salah el Din St. – Jerusalem, Damascus Gate, Wadi el Joz, Suwaneh	-	34
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (3), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem (4), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawra (2), Beit Fajjar (1), Husan (1), Beit Jala (2)	31	12
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (4), Dura (4), Beit Awwa (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2), As Samu (2), Bani Na'eem (1), Dier Samit (1)	24	26
Total Week West Bank		123	113
Gaza Strip	Northeast of Beit Hanoun	-	4
	Northeast of Bureij Camp	-	5
Total Week oPt		123	122

Other incidents to report:

- **20 February:** A Palestinian man kidnapped three American women in Nablus city before they were released after one hour following the intervention of the Governor and Palestinian preventive security.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 14 February – 20 February 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Efrayim	Open from 5am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 5am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 35 years.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 35 years.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 35 years.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am to 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate. Since 7 February age restrictions imposed on male Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 35 years.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 6am and 9pm. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Between 14 - 19 February age restrictions were imposed on male Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 35 years.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Long delays and queues were reported. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. On 27 and 29 January delays of up to one hour were reported. Between 14 - 19 February age restrictions were imposed on male Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 35 years.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron (Closed) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for all traffic.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits.

17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
Al Badhan partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Between 14 - 19 February age restrictions were imposed on male Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 35 years. Long queues and delays were experienced.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Main entrance to Israel Bisan checkpoint is north of Tubas. Since 9 January the cp is officially open between 10am to 6pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 12pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Opened for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley. Officially open between 5am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 6am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin. Officially open between 3am-10pm. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private Security Guards are present at the checkpoint at a second line behind the IDF for extra random security checks. Long delays are being reported on a daily basis.
Bet El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6am to 8pm. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
At Tayba (partial)	Open. Some delays reported.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.

Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). The head of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network reported that medical staff have not been permitted to use Hizma, and that in fact the Commander-in-Chief of the checkpoint claimed that the decision of allowing the medical staff to use it had been reversed.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working in international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. Delays were reported during morning rush hour. Problems of access were reported by Americans carrying passports with valid entry visas.
Bir Nabala / Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. No vehicles are allowed through this checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis due to the fact that each passing vehicle is undergoing a check.
Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Main checkpoint off Road 1. Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. 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. 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.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays up to 40 minutes were reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem.	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
Khallet an Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. UN staff are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm. Security at the checkpoint is now jointly managed by a private security firm and the border police. The checkpoint was closed down on 19 and 20 February for four hours due to the presence of suspicious objects.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open from 7am to 7pm.

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

Near the junction between
Road 35 and Road 60

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing

Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases.

Since 12 September 2006 a number of Palestinian traders started to be able to enter Israel for the first time since 12 March. The crossing point is only open to 'senior' traders i.e. over 35 years, married, with children.

14 February: Erez was open for internationals, traders and senior merchants (with special permits), and medical cases. The Palestinian authorities at Khamsa Khamsa report 326 traders and 31 merchants crossed into Israel. Erez was closed for traffic leaving Gaza between 12:00 -13:30 and planned to be closed from 15:30 to 17:30.

15 February: Erez was open for internationals, traders and senior merchants (with special permits), and medical cases. The Palestinian authorities at Khamsa Khamsa report 274 traders and 23 merchants crossed into Israel.

16 - 20 February: Erez was open for internationals and medical cases. The new passenger terminal opened on 16 February 2007 with limited operating hours between 7:30 and 17:00. On 19 February 311 traders and 26 special permit holders crossed into Israel

Rafah Passenger Terminal

14 – 18 and 20 February: Rafah terminal was closed.

19 February: Rafah terminal opened from 9:00 to 18:00 for arrivals and from 11:00 to 18:00 for departures (802 people entered the Gaza Strip and 1,135 departed).

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya

Taybeh

An Israeli private company has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 8am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on Fridays.

Nablus

Awarta checkpoint

Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.

Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint.

Qusin Checkpoint (NEW)

Open from 7am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday, and from 7am to 12pm on Fridays, for Palestinian plated commercial trucks with permits. The checkpoint is on the road leading to Road 60/55 to Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and the rest of the West Bank south of Nablus

Jenin

Al Jalama

Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.

Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.

Ramallah/Al Bireh

Beituniya

Back-to-back checkpoint

Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back-to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff are allowed through the checkpoint following prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.

Gaza Strip

Sufa

Open all the week except on 17 February when the crossing is scheduled to be closed.

Karni

Open all the week except on 17 February when the crossing is scheduled to be closed.

Kerem Shalom

Kerem Shalom was open twice this week, on 14 and 15 February from 11:00am.

Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines

Open all the week, except on 17 February when the pipelines are scheduled to be closed.

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Method and Sources

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

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

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.