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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

29 November – 5 December 2006

Of note this week

- Significantly reduced Palestinian casualties compared to high numbers reported in previous weeks. Five Palestinians – including three children – were killed throughout the oPt and 20 Palestinians injured. Four Israelis and one international were also injured.

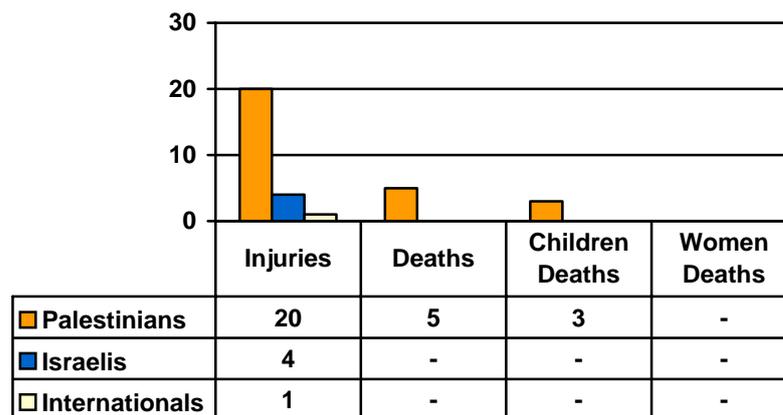
In the Gaza Strip:

- A fragile cease-fire agreed brokered on 26 November held for a second week despite infringements. Nine homemade rockets were fired by Palestinians towards southern Israel. One Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers fired from the border fence and in another incident IDF soldiers fired machine guns at farmers working their land northeast of Gaza City although no injuries were reported. On another occasion, IDF patrol boats opened fire at local fishing boats off the coastline.
- Five Palestinians were killed and four injured in Palestinian – Palestinian (internal) violence in the Gaza Strip including during armed family disputes (*not counted in weekly casualty figures*).

In the West Bank:

- Four Palestinians were killed and 19 others injured as a result of IDF operations and settler violence in Salfit, Hebron, Nablus, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm, and Ramallah governorates. Two of the Palestinian fatalities were children killed in the northern West Bank during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- For the second week in a row, high numbers of Palestinian house demolitions for reportedly being built without permits. The IDF demolished 18 Palestinian structures, affecting more than 21 people, in Qalqiliya, Hebron and Bethlehem governorates,
- Israeli settlers from the settlement of Haggay (Hebron) uprooted 100 olive trees in the vicinity of the settlement from land belonging to the village of Qalqas.
- 176 flying checkpoints were reported; 153 search and arrest campaigns were conducted by the IDF in which 136 Palestinians were arrested. All of these IDF activities have increased compared to previous weeks.

1. Physical Protection¹



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

Gaza Strip:

- **2 December:** An 11 year-old Palestinian boy died of injuries sustained during IDF operation on 25 November.
- **4 December:** A Palestinian man was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence north of Beit Lahia opened fire.

West Bank:

- **29 November:** Two Israeli settlers were injured near Deir Istiya (Salfit) when their vehicle was stoned by Palestinians while passing near the village.
- **29 November:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man from Al 'Arrub refugee camp (Hebron) leg was broken when he was hit by sound bomb thrown by IDF soldiers. The incident occurred when Palestinians were throwing stones at the IDF.
- **29 November:** A 15 year-old boy from As Samu' (Hebron) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire at a group of Palestinian stone throwers during an incursion in the town.
- **30 November:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy from Sair (Hebron) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire at a group of Palestinian boys who were throwing stones.
- **30 November:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and three Palestinian males (aged 16 (2) and 19) were injured by live ammunition in Beita village (Nablus) during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **30 November:** Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle in Hizma (Jerusalem). One Israeli was injured.
- **1 December:** A 13 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by rubber coated metal bullets in Ázzun (Qalqiliya) during confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **1 December:** Five Palestinians and one International were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters at Palestinian, Israeli and International activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). An IDF soldier was also injured by stone throwing.
- **1 December:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man from H2/Hebron (Hebron) was killed when IDF soldiers opened fire at him near the Ibrahim Mosque.
- **2 December:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man was injured by rubber coated metal bullet in Haris (Salfit) when IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **2 December:** A 6 year-old Palestinian boy from Qilqis (Hebron) was injured when he was hit in the neck by a bullet fired by settlers while the boy and his father were crossing Road 60 near the settlement of Haggay.
- **3 December:** A 16 year-old boy and his 47 year-old mother from H2/Hebron (Hebron) were injured after a group of IDF soldiers beat them during a house search.
- **3 December:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy from Áskar refugee camp (Nablus) was killed when IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers near the camp.
- **4 December:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man from Gaza was killed and two Palestinian males (aged 15 and 22) were injured by live ammunition in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm). An IDF undercover unit surrounded a building and opened fire at the Palestinians who tried to flee the area.
- **5 December:** At least ten IDF military vehicles entered Ramallah city (Ramallah) and conducted a search and arrest campaign. The IDF used sound bombs and injured a Palestinian TV reporter who was hit in the head by a sound bomb. Another Palestinian was arrested.

2. [Palestinian internal violence and other incidents](#)

[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 in Section 1.]

- **29 November:** A 40 year-old Palestinian man was killed and two others were injured when a group of armed men opened fire in Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **30 November:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was killed in an armed family dispute in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **1 December:** Two Palestinians were injured in an armed dispute between local residents and PA navy sailors east of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).

- **1 December:** A 21 year-old working for the PA Preventive Security Forces was found dead in his apartment in Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip). The motive behind the shooting incident is unknown.
- **3 December:** A 35 year-old Palestinian was found dead after being shot to the head in Al Buraij camp (Gaza Strip). The motive is said to be drug dealing and carjacking.
- **3 December:** A 45 year-old man died of his injuries sustained when he was shot by unknown armed masked men in Khan Younis. The motive is said to be drug dealing.

Other incidents:

- **29 November:** Armed masked men fired an anti-tank missile at a video cassette shop in Rafah (Gaza Strip), causing damage to the shop.
- **1 December:** An explosive device was detonated at the main gate of the Arab Bank in Palestine Square in Gaza City (Gaza Strip), causing minor damage to the building.
- **5 December:** An explosive device was detonated near the main gate of a Jawwal cellular phone store in Beach Camp (Gaza Strip). There were no injuries, but minor damage to the building was reported.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
29 November	Adh Dhahiriya, Hebron	3	-	-
29 November	Al Baqa' village, Hebron	1	-	-
29 November	Wadi Al Samen region, Hebron	1	-	-
29 November	Tarqumiya checkpoint, Hebron	2	-	-
30 November	Qalqiliya city, Qalqiliya	4	-	-
30 November	Wadi Ar Rasha, Qalqiliya	1	-	6
30 November	Wadi Qana, Qalqiliya	2	-	-
30 November	Khallet Sakariya, Bethlehem	3	-	15
2 December	Al Khadr (Bethlehem)	1	-	-
Total		18	-	21

- **29 November:** The IDF demolished three pit latrine units in Wadi Al Khalil region in Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **29 November:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian home in Al Baqa' village (Hebron) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **29 November:** The IDF demolished an uninhabited Palestinian home in Wadi Al Samen region, (Hebron) for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **29 November:** The IDF demolished two offices belonging to the Palestinian Petrol Authority located close to the Tarqumiya checkpoint (Hebron) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **30 November:** The IDF demolished one Palestinian home under construction, two agricultural storage rooms and one scrap-metal shop in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya), for reportedly being built without permits.
- **30 November:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian home (shelter for a family of six) in Wadi ar Rasha (Qalqiliya), for reportedly being built without a permit.
- **30 November:** The IDF demolished two animal sheds in Wadi Qana (Qalqiliya), for reportedly being built without permits.
- **30 November:** The IDF demolished two houses and a 100-m³ water cistern in Khallet Sakariya (Bethlehem) for reportedly being built without permits. The first house was home to a family of seven including five children. The second house was home to a family of eight, six of which are children.
- **2 December:** The IDF demolished a 75-m³ water cistern in Wadi Abu Al Hasan neighbourhood in Al Khadr (Bethlehem) for reportedly being built without a permit..

Other incidents:

- **29 November:** The IDF issued two demolition orders against Palestinian houses and structures in Haris (Salfit), reportedly for lack of building permits.
- **2 December:** The IDF broke in to Al Buraq centre for Islamic and research studies (Ramallah), confiscating documents and five computers. The IDF ordered the centre closed for three years.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

4 December: The IDF closed 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint north of Nablus city with a barbed wire. The IDF stated that they will open the gate for humanitarian organisations and emergency cases.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 17 September, land is being levelled and a road barrier installed north of Road 505, east of Zaatara checkpoint.
- Since 15 June, land has been levelled 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:

3 December: The IDF closed Farún Barrier gate (Gate No. 708) and prevented farmers from reaching their land. The next day the IDF opened the gate but told farmers that after 15 December it would be closed completely.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continued near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.
- Since 12 November the IDF has levelled land and installed a fence south of 'Azzun Átma.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Construction resumed in Deir Qaddis between the village and Modi'in Ilit settlement. Construction had been previously halted for almost 1 ½ years.
 - 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.

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

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Work continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction continues along 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. The previous gate in the area is now sealed off by an iron wall. Vehicles are currently using a dirt road a few metres beyond the gate to move. Construction of the Barrier in this area is progressing rapidly.
- 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 Adumim 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 Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

29 November: Barrier contractors began land levelling on Palestinian land belonging to the village of Artas, close to Efrata settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Land levelling continued along the section of Road 60 between Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (at the southern entrance of Bethlehem).
 - Land levelling continued in the vicinity of Har Gilo settlement.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the checkpoint and six lanes have been paved so far. Land has been levelled on both sides of the road. Road paving and construction of a façade wall was reported during the reporting period. Fences have been installed on the road leading to the nearby Beit Jala DCO checkpoint.
- Construction of a fence continued next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60. Land levelling and digging continued for the construction of a tunnel near Al Khadr village. This week new land levelling took place along the southern side of Road 60 leading to the western villages of the Governorate.
- Land levelling continued for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continued near Tarqumiya checkpoint and Ashkalot settlement.
 - Upgrading of an access road to the proposed Barrier has started near the Palestinian Bedouin community of Hethaleen and also near the Jinba community in Massafer Yatta.
- Land levelling continues west of Taraumiya checkpoint for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving continued and new structures were installed.
- Construction is ongoing at the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. New structures were installed. Electrical posts were added.

Gaza Strip:

No incidents to report.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

No incidents to report.

b) Access to education

During the reporting period: At least 30 teachers at Jordan Valley schools coming from Tubas and Jenin governorates experienced long delays at Tayasir checkpoint. These delays caused the students to lose the first two morning classes. .

2 – 5 December 2006: IDF soldiers escorting Palestinian students from the hamlet of Tuba to the hamlet of At Tuwani, both located south of the Palestinian town of Yatta (Hebron) yelled at the students to make them run – rather than walk – the distance between the two hamlets. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement and its associated outpost.

c) Access to employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities (DCOs) and Palestinian workers and traders are applying directly to the Israeli authorities for permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.

The criteria for eligibility for a permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be over 35 years, married with children and with no security file. To apply for permits to enter the Atarot Industrial Zone specifically, a Palestinian should be above 21 years old, and married with children.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Gaza Strip:

The external closure of the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed to access Israel since 12 March.

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 22 November: Age restriction imposed on Palestinian male residents from Jenin between the age of 16 and 35 years on Huwwara, Beit Iba, Al Badhan and Zaatara checkpoints.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Qaryut village with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point with a road block. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut) from their source of water.
- The IDF continues to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 22 November: Age restriction imposed on Palestinian male residents from Jenin between the age of 16 and 35 years on all the checkpoints south of Jenin governorate.
- Since 30 August, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with less than a two tonnes freight load) to transport food products to 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:

- Since 22 November: Age restriction imposed on Palestinian male residents from Jenin between the age of 16 and 35 years at 'Anabta and Kafriat Tunnel checkpoints.

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village with an earth mound.
- The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Kafr Qaddum with Hajja, Kur and Beit Lid villages.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 22 November: Age restriction imposed on Palestinian male residents from Jenin between the age of 16 and 35 years at Deir Ballut checkpoint.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya preventing farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan Industrial Area and Road 5 with three earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from the northern West Bank southwards.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: Delays of up to one hour were reported during morning evening rush hours at Atara checkpoint. Detention of Palestinian males at the checkpoint and verbal harassment towards Palestinians by the Border Police manning the checkpoint were reported.

2 December: Palestinians going through At Tayba partial checkpoint experienced delays of up to two hours between 4pm and 10pm.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- During the reporting period, Israeli Border Police stationed at the entrance of the Palestinian village Khamat Nu'man continued to delay the access of vegetable trucks to the village. International organisations national staff are forced to show their national IDs along with their organisation ID.
- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains blocked by road blocks and was reinforced with additional concrete blocks.

Hebron Governorate:

6 December: Israeli Border Police manning the Beit Awwa checkpoint denied access to a team from MSF (Doctors without Borders) to patients who were residing on the road leading to Negohot settlement because they did not have a permit. The car was searched by the Police before being told to leave the checkpoint. Access was denied despite repeated calls to the Israeli DCL.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: Delays at Tayasir checkpoint (Tubas) were reported on a daily basis. Delays up to two hours were experienced during morning and evening rush hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- On 14 September 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 other travellers to either get a permit issued by Israeli authorities or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank.

Gaza Strip

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open on all scheduled working days (Karni does not open on Saturdays).
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was closed all the week.

- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on all scheduled working days (Nahal Oz does not open on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was open on all scheduled working days (Sufa does not open on Saturdays).
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on one day.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline by the IDF naval boats patrolling the area. On 2 December, IDF patrol boats opened fire at fisherman for 15 mins off the coast of Rafah. No injuries were reported.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF declared the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (approximately one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) a closed military area.
- 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.
- The IDF declared parts of the northern Gaza Strip a “no-go” or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December 2005. Entry into the area is only possible with prior permission from the IDF.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Tell (1), Beita (1), Zawata (1), Jammaín (1), Talluza (1), Al Badhan (1)	6
Jenin	'Arraba (5), Az Zababida (5), Sanur (3), Qabatiya (1), Fahma (1), Ya'bad (1), Bir al Basha (1)	17
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (2), El Fara' RC (2)	5
Tulkarm	Kafr Sur (4), Balá' (1), Zeita (2), Tulkarm city (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Al Jarushiya (2), Iktaba (2), Qaffin (2), Shuweika (1), Illar (1)	17
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (4), Wadi Qana (1), Izbat at Tabib (2), Habla tunnel (2), 'Azzun tunnel (4), Kafr Thulth (2), An Nabi Elyas (2), Kafr Qaddum (1), Ras 'Atyia (2)	27
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Burqin (1)	2
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Bypass Road 60 (13)	13
Jericho	-	-
Jordan Valley	-	-
Jerusalem	-	-
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (4), Za'tara (3), Bethlehem city (6), 'Ayda refugee camp (3), Al Khadr (1), Dar Salah (3), Beit Jala (5), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawreh (3), Batir (1), Husan (2)	43
Hebron	Yatta (5), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (4), Hebron city - H1 (6), Halhul (3), Al Arrub refugee camp (5), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (1), Sa'ir (4), Ash Shuyukh (3), Surif (1), Hebron City – H2 (6), Tarqumiya (2)	46
Total West Bank		176

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 (4), Balata RC (3), Áskar RC (1), Beita (1), Rujeib (1), Asira Ash Shamaliya (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP	11	35
Jenin	Jenin city (2), Jenin RC (2), Az Zababida (1), Qabatiya (1), Ya'bad (2), Bir al Basha flying CP	8	3
Tubas	Tubas city (1), Tammun (1), El Fara' RC (1), Kashda (1), Áqqaba (1)	5	7
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Nur Shams RC (1), Kafr Sur (1), Kafr al Labad (1), Illar (1), Deir al Ghusun flying CP, Qaffin flying CP	5	7
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (5), 'Azzun (3), Kafr Qaddum (1), Baqat al Hatab (2), Hajja (1), Jayyus (1), Habla (1)	14	3
Salfit	Salfit city (1), Deir Istiya (1), Bruqin (1), Haris (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	5	5
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (4), Qalandiya camp (1), Beit Liqiya (1), Bil'in (1), Beit Rima (1), Atara checkpoint	8	28
Jericho Jordan Valley	Jericho (1), Tayasir Checkpoint	1	4
Jerusalem	Atarot checkpoint, Jerusalem Old City, Hizma	-	3
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Dar Salah (4), Al 'Ubeidiya (6), 'Ayda refuge camp (4), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (4), Za'atara (3), Bethlehem (5), Ad Duheisha Camp (4), Tuqu (5), Ash Shawawreh (4), Ad Doha (3), Batir (2), Husan (3)	57	26
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (4), Idhna (2), Dura (3), Tarqumiya (3), Beit Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (2), Yatta (5), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (4), Ash Shuyukh (2)	39	15
Total Week West Bank		153	136
Gaza Strip		-	-
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Gaza Strip:

- **3 December:** IDF troops stationed at the border fence fired machine gun towards farmers tending their land in an area northeast of Gaza City. The farmers left the area unharmed.

West Bank:

- **2 December:** The IDF entered and searched the Al Buraq centre for Islamic and research studies (Ramallah), confiscating documents and five computers. The IDF ordered the centre closed for three years.
- **3 December:** The IDF cancelled family visits to Ofer prison. The visits were rescheduled to 7 December 2006.
- **4 December:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Haggay (Hebron), uprooted 100 olive trees in the vicinity of the settlement from land belonging to the village of Qalqas.

7. [Olive Harvest](#)

- **During the reporting period:** Attempts are on-going to allow Palestinian landowners living in the vicinity of the settlements of Kharsian, east of the city of Hebron, and Telem and Adora, both located north of the town of Dura, to reach their lands located around the three settlements.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 29 November – 5 December 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5.30am to 12 am on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
Efrayim	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am 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 proper; 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 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Long queues and delays were reported. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age 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 subjects 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.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age 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. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Long delays and queues were reported.
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. Public transportation, commercial trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age 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, Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
Zaatara (Tappouah)	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on

South, main road to Ramallah	Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) Road to the north villages of Nablus	23 November: The IDF closed 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (north of Nablus city) for Palestinians. 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. Men from Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to go south through the checkpoint.
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
Al Badhan checkpoint	Open from 6 am to 6 pm. Men from Nablus between 16 and 35 years are not allowed to leave Nablus through the checkpoint. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Long delays and queues reported. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
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	Open 24 hours for Israeli ID card holders and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed access regardless having a permit to enter Israel and/or working with International organisations. Israeli plated trucks are not allowed through if Palestinian agricultural produces are on board.
Tayasir 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	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	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. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening peak travelling times.
Bet El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 6 am to 8pm. Access in vehicles 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. Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to 40 minutes. Some delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
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 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, with exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
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.
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.
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. Since 3 February West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
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 Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. 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. Commuters report daily delays of 30 – 45 minutes.
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	Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 August, 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.
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 thought unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. Long delays have been 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)	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al

North Jericho	Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing. 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 are allowed through. Access of vegetable trucks to the village is obstructed. Members of the extended family are not allowed to visit. 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.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by 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 international organisations.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. On 6 December the Border Police manning the checkpoint denied access to a MSF team to get to families located on the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
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, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August, 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 constructing a new terminal. In area adjacent to the checkpoint, construction is on-going for the purpose of building new terminal.

Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi 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 Ibrahimi 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.
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 it and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 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 Ibrahimi Mosque for prayers were formed 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 organizations 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 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 by 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 Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint; Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Closed all week.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to

Nablus since July 2003.	pass the checkpoint. Since 22 November: An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
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 drive 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 is allowed through with prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays).
Karni	Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays). Container lanes remain closed.
Kerem Shalom	29 November and 3 December and 5 December: Kerem Shalom was closed. 4 December: Kerem Shalom was open.
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays).

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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.