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## Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

### 27 February – 4 March 2008

#### Of note this week

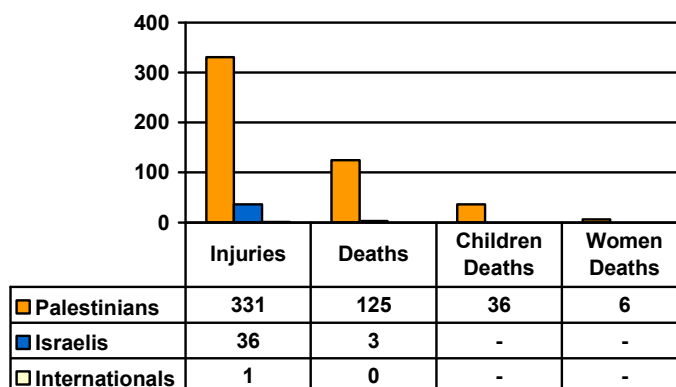
##### **Gaza Strip: IDF Operation “Warm Winter” (27 February – 4 March 2008)**

- 120 Palestinians, including six women and 34 children, were killed by the IDF and 269 Palestinians, including 12 women and 63 children, were injured. The operation came following an increase in hostilities between the Gaza Strip and Israel.
- The IAF carried out 82 air strikes.
- 224 rockets and 49 mortars were fired towards Israel by Palestinian armed groups. As a result, one Israeli man was killed and 14 others (including 1 child) were injured. 78 additional mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.
- Twenty-four demonstrations and two sit-ins were organised in various part of the Gaza Strip to protest against the Israeli military operation.
- 11 structures were demolished and over 55 damaged.
- Hamas and the Egyptian authorities agreed to allow up to 250 Palestinian patients to cross to Egypt through Rafah crossing to receive medical treatment. 25 patients reportedly crossed on 3 March and 40 on 4 March.

##### **West Bank:**

- The IDF killed four Palestinians and injured 61 others. One death and 48 (including 28 children) injuries occurred during demonstrations against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Half of the injuries (10 adults and 21 children) occurred in demonstrations in the Hebron governorate.
- Israeli settlers killed a 17-year-old Palestinian in Ramallah and injured another man in Nablus. Three Israeli settlers and four IDF soldiers were injured in Hebron and Jerusalem governorates.
- The IDF handed over one demolition order (Salfit) and occupied two Palestinian houses to use them as military posts (Hebron).
- The IDF requisitioned 587.99 dunums of land (T/88/06) from Beit ‘Ur al Fauqa, ‘Ein Arik and Beituniya to open a new “fabric of life” road between Beit ‘Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya.
- The IDF imposed 146 curfew hours on localities in the Nablus, Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and Bethlehem governorates. More than 25,000 Palestinians in these areas were affected.
- The Israeli DCL reported that the age restriction imposed at Hamara and Tayasir checkpoints on 6 February 2007 was lifted on 26 February. However, access for Palestinian males between 16 and 35 years of age continues to be difficult.
- **116** flying checkpoints, **120** IDF search operations and **119** arrests were reported.

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



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

## 1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

### Gaza Strip:<sup>2</sup>

- **27 February:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy (civilian) was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border line east of Al Bureij Camp opened fire at a group of children approaching the border fence (Central Gaza).
- **27 February:** Five Palestinians (aged 19, 20, 24(2) and 29 years; Hamas members) were killed and three others (unknown status) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a mini-bus at a Hamas military base west of Khan Younis. The minibus was destroyed (Khan Younis).
- **27 February:** Two Palestinian farmers (aged 35 and 59 years; male civilians) were killed and a 32-year-old Palestinian woman (civilian) was injured when the IDF stationed at the border fired one surface-to-surface missile at Hamas members east of Jabaliya. The 35-year-old man died immediately while the other farmer died in hospital from his wounds (North Gaza).
- **27 February:** Two Palestinian boys (aged 12 and 13 years; civilians) were killed and another five (aged 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 years; civilians) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at an area north of Beit Hanun where a rocket was reportedly launched from (North Gaza).
- **27 February:** A 7-month-old Palestinian infant (male; civilian) was killed in his home by falling rubble and three other Palestinians (aged 1, 20 (f) and 80 years; civilians) were injured when an F16 aircraft fired three missiles at the Ministry of Interior building in Al Nasser area. The building was destroyed and a nearby UNRWA school sustained damage (North Gaza).
- **27 February:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man (unknown status) was injured by IDF gunfire in response to a rocket attack at the IDF Kerem Shalom military base by Hamas members southeast of Rafah (Rafah).
- **27 February:** A 47-year-old Israeli college student was killed in Sapir College near Sderot by rocket fire out of the Gaza Strip (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** A 23-year-old armed Palestinian man was killed and another one (unknown status) was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of armed Palestinians north of Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** Two armed Palestinian men (aged 22 and 23 years; Hamas members) were killed and one was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of Hamas members near a Hamas military base in Zaitoun quarter east of Gaza City. Another 26-year-old PRC member was injured but died in hospital from his wounds on the same day (Gaza).
- **28 February:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man (civilian bystander) was killed and four other bystanders were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a vehicle travelling on Khalil al Wazir street in Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** A Palestinian man (unknown status) was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile near Abu Ubaideh Secondary school west of Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy (civilian) was killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the borderline opened fire at the Islamic cemetery east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** A Palestinian man (unknown status) was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting Beit Lahiya. The circumstances surrounding the incident are unknown (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** Four Palestinian children (aged 7, 8, 12 and 17 years; civilians) were killed and another two children (civilians) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a group of boys playing football near As Salam Mosque, which is located on Al Qerem Street east of Jabaliya. The area where the children were playing was reportedly near another area where a rocket was launched towards Israel. (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** Two Palestinians (unknown status) were injured and several houses were damaged when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting an area between Jabaliya and Tal Eza'ter (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** Two Palestinians (civilians) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting an area east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** A 23-year-old Palestinian paramedic (civilian) working with the Palestinian Civil Defence was killed and five other persons (including 1 child; unknown status) were

<sup>2</sup> Information in this section was finalized based on data received from OCHA Gaza field office, Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights, the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR), Defence for Children International Palestine Section and B'TSELEM, the Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories.

- injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a Hamas naval base west of Beach Camp. The body of was found on 03/03/2008 (Gaza).
- **28 February:** 35 Palestinians (including 2 children and 5 women; civilians) were injured by flying debris when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting the Labourers Federation Union building, which is located in a large residential area in Jabaliya town. The building was destroyed and dozens of nearby homes sustained damage (North Gaza).
  - **28 February:** A 22-year-old Palestinian man (civilian) was killed and another 38-year-old man (civilian) was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a vehicle belonging to the Gaza Electricity Distribution Company carrying two technicians in Al Amal quarter of Khan Younis. The vehicle was destroyed (Khan Younis).
  - **28 February:** Two Palestinians (aged 26 and 30 years; PRC members) were killed and two civilian bystanders were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at and destroyed a truck used to transport soft drinks on Nasser Street in Gaza City (Gaza).
  - **28 February:** Two armed Palestinians (aged 23 and 25 years; members of An Nasser Salah ed-Din Brigades) were killed and two others (unknown status) were injured when an IAF drone fired a missile at a gathering of Brigade members near Al-Tawfi mosque on Baghdad street in Gaza city (Gaza).
  - **28 February:** A 19-year-old Palestinian (member of Ezzidin al Qassam Brigades) was killed when an IAF drone fired a missile at armed Palestinians in Shuja'iyyeh quarter in Gaza City (Gaza).
  - **28 February:** A 23-year-old armed Palestinian was killed in an exchange of fire between the IDF and armed Palestinians (North Gaza).
  - **28 February:** Two armed Palestinians (aged 22 and 23 years) were killed in an exchange of fire with the IDF. They were found dead on 03/03/2008 (North Gaza).
  - **28 February:** According to Egyptian sources, a 13-year-old Egyptian girl was killed when the IDF opened fire towards the Egyptian side of the border. The incident took place during the IDF military operation inside Al Jaradat area east of Rafah; IDF tanks were deployed around Gaza International Airport and conducted search operations of houses in the area. At 2200 hours, the IDF withdrew under the cover of Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) fire (Rafah).
  - **28 February:** A 22-year-old Palestinian policeman (unknown status) was killed and another 17-year-old Palestinian civilian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a police station located behind Beach (Al Shati') Camp, near the home of the deposed Palestinian PM Ismail Haniya (Gaza).
  - **28 February:** A 21-year-old Palestinian shepherd (civilian) was killed whilst herding his sheep when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at him in western Beit Lahiya (North Gaza).
  - **28 February:** A 17-year-old Israeli girl (in Ashkelon), a 70-year-old Israeli woman, a bodyguard of Israeli minister Avi Dichter and two others were injured by rockets fired from the Gaza Strip towards Ashkelon and Sderot (North Gaza).
  - **29 February:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy (civilian) died of wounds sustained due to an IAF missile attack on Al Shati' Police station on 28/02/2008 where the boy was reportedly visiting a friend (Gaza).
  - **29 February:** Two Palestinians (civilians) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting an area east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
  - **29 February:** Three Palestinians (civilians) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting an open area west of Jabaliya Camp (North Gaza).
  - **29 February:** A Palestinian man (unknown status) was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting an area adjacent to the house of a Hamas leader. The IDF demanded that the leader evacuate his home prior to a planned air strike. Instead of evacuating, a group of family members and neighbours formed a "human shield" around his home, which prevented the IAF helicopter from launching a missile directly at the house (North Gaza).
  - **29 February:** A 26-year-old armed Palestinian (Hamas member) was killed when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
  - **29 February:** An Israeli man and woman were injured in the Western Negev by rockets fired from the Gaza Strip (North Gaza).
  - **1 March:** Six Palestinians from the same family (aged 25(f), 30(f), 32, 35, 60(f) and 62 years; civilians) were killed and 10 others (including three children and one three-day-old infant; civilians) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a three-storey house belonging to a Hamas activist in Al Daraj quarter in Gaza City. The house was destroyed (Gaza).

- **1 March:** A Palestinian man (unknown status) was injured during clashes between armed Palestinians and an IDF Special Forces unit that had entered Gaza northeast of Al Bureij Camp. The IDF withdrew at 0200 hours (Central Gaza).
- **1 March:** A Palestinian man (unknown status) was injured when IDF tanks stationed near Kissufim military base fired one tank-shell at a rocket-launching site east of Khuza'a from which two rockets were fired towards the Western Negev (Khan Younis).
- **1 March:** Two Palestinian policemen (both aged 24 years; unknown status) were killed and another policeman (unknown status) was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a police car parked close to the police station near Khan Younis municipality. The car was destroyed (Khan Younis).
- **1 March:** Six Palestinian policemen (aged 20, 21, 26, 31, 34 and 36 years; unknown status) were killed and 25 Palestinians (including six children, four women and an UNRWA guard; civilians) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired five missiles targeting Bader Mosque (under construction) in Rafah, which is adjacent to the Rafah police station and an UNRWA warehouse. The policemen reportedly took shelter in the mosque in fear of shelling at the police station. The mosque and one nearby house were destroyed while the police station, the UNRWA warehouse, an UNRWA school and many other homes in the area sustained damage. An IAF also aircraft fired a missile at a generator located near the police station, causing a power outage in Rafah (Rafah).
- **1 March:** Five Palestinians (aged 25(F; by missile), 40, 19, 25, 24 years; civilians) were killed in their homes and 12 armed Palestinians (aged 19, 20, 21 (2), 22, 23, 24, 25 (4), 28 years) were killed during the IDF incursion into Jabaliya. 130 additional persons (unknown status) were injured, of whom 35 were children (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Two Palestinian children (aged 14 and 17 (f) years; civilians) were killed by live ammunition fired by IDF snipers on the roof of their neighbour's house in Jabaliya. The 14-year-old boy was shot when he tried to look out of his window then his sister was shot while trying to help him (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Two Palestinian men (aged 16 and 45 years; civilians; members of the same family) were killed by IDF snipers in Jabaliya. The circumstances remain unknown (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy (civilian) was shot and killed by live ammunition fired by the IDF while he was inside his father's home in Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** A 1.5-year-old Palestinian girl (civilian) was killed and three other children (civilians) were injured when IDF tanks fired a shell at their home in the former civil administration quarter in eastern Jabaliya. The house sustained damage (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** A 20-year-old Palestinian woman (civilian) was killed when the IDF opened fire towards her house in the former civil administration quarter in eastern Jabaliya. She died from her wounds in hospital that evening (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Three Palestinian boys (aged 14 and 16(2) years; civilians) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile near them in Tal Al Za'tar neighbourhood in eastern Jabaliya. The two aged 16 years died from shrapnel wounds while the other died from the blast (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** A 12-year-old Palestinian girl and a 19-year-old Palestinian woman were killed when an IAF drone fired a missile at their father's house on As Sikka street in eastern Jabaliya. The house sustained damage (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Six Palestinian children (aged 15, 16(3) and 17(2) years; civilians) were killed in an explosion caused by an IAF missile while there were present near Al Qerem circle in Jabaliya. One child was reportedly helping an injured man at the time he was killed (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Two Palestinian children (aged 16 and 17 years; reportedly armed persons who were killed while fighting) were announced dead at Al Shifa Hospital (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** A 15-year-old Palestinian child (civilian bystander) was killed when an IAF drone fired a missile at armed Palestinians close to him. The body of was found on 03/03/2008 (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** A 12-year-old Palestinian girl (civilian) was killed when IDF soldiers opened fire at her home. The girl bled to death after the IDF denied a Palestinian ambulance access to the area. The IDF had penetrated into Ezbet Abed Rabbo in eastern Jabaliya near the former civil administration area (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** A 25-year-old armed Palestinian man was killed when IAF drones launched two missiles towards Bi'r al Naja area in western Jabaliya that landed near the civil defence building (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Two armed Palestinians (aged 19 and 20 years) were killed when an IAF drone launched missiles at a group of men on Al Mahkama street east of Riyadh as Salehem area in Jabaliya. The 19-year-old man was reportedly helping with the evacuation of the wounded when he was hit (North Gaza).

- **1 March:** Medical sources announced the death of a 20-year-old Palestinian man (the guard of Hamas leader Mahmoud Al Zahar) who died from wounds sustained near Talet Al Rayes in eastern Gaza City. The circumstances of his death are unknown (Gaza).
- **1 March:** Three armed Palestinians (aged 17 and 19(2) years; male) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at a group of armed Palestinians in the former civil administration area in eastern Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Medical sources announced the death of an 18-year-old Palestinian (civilian) who was shot by the IDF near Zimm square in Jabaliya earlier that day. The circumstances of his death are unknown (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** A 20-year-old armed Palestinian died of wounds sustained due to an IAF attack on the former civil administration area in eastern Jabaliya. The circumstances of his death are unknown (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Five Israelis (adults) were injured in two separate rocket attacks on Ashkelon from the Gaza Strip (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Two IDF soldiers were killed and another five soldiers were injured in exchanges of fire during a military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 10 IDF armoured vehicles entered Gaza north of Beit Lahiya and the IDF was deployed in the former Nisanit settlement (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** A 20-year-old armed Palestinian man was killed by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft at a vehicle west of Jabalia Camp (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** Two Palestinian men (aged 15 and 17 years; civilians) were killed when an IDF tank stationed at the border fired a tank shell at a vehicle travelling on Salah Ed-Din road east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** Two armed Palestinians (aged 25 and 38 years) were killed and two others (unknown status) were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of armed Palestinians east of Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** Two Palestinians (aged 16 and 18 years; male; civilians) were killed and two others (unknown status) were injured when an IDF tank fired a shell at them in Jabaliya. The circumstances of the deaths are unknown (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** A 23-year-old Palestinian man (civilian) was shot and killed by IDF snipers in Ezbet Abed Rabbo area east of Jabaliya. He was injured and died ten minutes after arriving at Kamal Udwan Hospital (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** A 55-year-old Palestinian farmer (civilian) was shot by the IDF whilst looking for his son. The IDF denied access to an ambulance for two hours; when the man was finally transported to Al Shifa' hospital, he was pronounced dead (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy died of wounds sustained on 01/03/2008 during an IDF incursion into Jabaliya. The body was found on 03/03/2008 (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** According to Israeli media reports, two Israelis were injured (one man in the Western Negev and a woman in Ashkelon) by rockets fired from the Gaza strip (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** According to Israeli media reports, six IDF soldiers were injured east of Jabaliya Camp, reportedly in an explosion. Hamas claimed that its armed members had detonated a roadside bomb near an IDF armoured vehicle (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** Three Palestinians (unknown status) were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a group of people east of Jabaliya. The circumstances are unknown (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** Two armed Palestinians (aged 20 and 24 years) were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at members of Al Mujahideen Brigades east of Gaza City (Gaza).
- **3 March:** A 20-year-old armed Palestinian (member of Izzidin al Qassam Brigades) was killed and three others (unknown status) were injured when IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of armed Hamas members who were situated near the sea south of Beach Camp (Gaza).
- **3 March:** A 24-year-old armed Palestinian man was killed and another man (unknown status) was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired one surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians on Salah Ed-Din road near Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** Two Palestinian men (aged 18 and 27 years; Islamic Jihad members) died in Egypt of wounds sustained (by live ammunition) on 01 March during the IDF incursion into Jabaliya (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** Two Palestinian policemen (aged 24 and 34 years; unknown status) died in an IAF missile attack on a Hamas Naval Base west of An Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **3 March:** A 21-year-old Palestinian policeman (unknown status) died in Egypt of wounds sustained in an IDF missile attack west of An Nuseirat Camp. The circumstances are unknown (Central Gaza).

- **3 March:** According to Israeli media reports, four IDF soldiers were injured during a military operation in the Gaza Strip.
- **4 March:** A 24-year-old Palestinian (Islamic Jihad member) was killed and another man (Islamic Jihad member) was injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at them at the entrance to Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **4 March:** A Palestinian man (unknown status) was injured when IDF soldiers stationed at the observation post near the Islamic cemetery east of Jabaliya opened fire at him near the border (North Gaza).
- **4 March:** The body of a 45-year-old Palestinian man (unknown status) was found east of Jabaliya. It is believed that he was killed in the IDF incursion into Jabaliya on 01/03/2008 but this cannot be confirmed. Circumstances of his death are unknown (North Gaza).
- **4 March:** Two Palestinian relatives (a one-month-old infant and a 42-year-old Islamic Jihad member) were killed and four others (including two children aged 4 and 11 years and one 42-year-old woman; all civilians) were injured during armed clashes between the IDF and armed Palestinians. The armed clashes erupted after five IDF jeeps entered approximately 1 kilometre east of Abu Al 'Ajeen area and encircled the house of the Islamic Jihad member. The IDF troops withdrew to the border after arresting two men (Central Gaza).
- **4 March:** A 20-year-old armed Palestinian man was killed and another one (unknown status) was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians east of Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City (Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **27 February:** Armed Hamas members fired six rockets from Al Tofah area east of Gaza City towards the eastern border. No injuries were reported. At 1830 hours an IAF aircraft fired a missile at the rocket launch site. No injuries were reported (Gaza)
- **29 February:** An IAF helicopter distributed leaflets that warned people not to aid armed Palestinians (North Gaza).
- **29 February:** The IDF informed a Hamas leader to evacuate his house in Jabaliya Camp prior to a planned air strike. A group of people formed a human shield around the house and the IDF did not carry out the air strike (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Armed Palestinians fired one Qassam rocket from east of Sheikh Zayed City targeting Sderot. The IAF responded by firing a missile at the rocket-launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** An IDF Special Forces unit entered Gaza east of Al Bureij Camp. Armed Hamas members fired five mortar rounds at the unit; no injuries were reported. The IDF withdrew at 1715 hours (Central Gaza).
- **1 March:** Three IDF tanks moved from Kerem Shalom military base approximately 200 meters into El Shouka area east of Rafah under the cover of heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported. The IDF withdrew at 1245 hours (Rafah).
- **1 March:** Members of the military wing of Islamic Jihad detonated a roadside bomb while an IDF armoured vehicle was patrolling the border area. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **2 March:** The Izziddin Al Qassam Brigades announced that they had detonated a mine under an IDF APC east of Jabaliya. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** Armed Palestinians fired two rockets from south of Sheikh Zayed City towards Sderot. In response, an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting the area from which the rockets were fired. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** Four rockets were fired from east of Toufah towards the Green Line. IDF soldiers stationed at the border responded by firing tank shells at the rocket-launching site. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 200 metres into Al Qarrara area east of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **3 March:** An IAF helicopter hovered over Ma'en area east of Khan Younis. Armed Hamas members opened fire towards the helicopter. No injuries or damage were reported (Khan Younis).
- **3 March:** At 0740 hours IDF tanks stationed at the border fired one surface-to-surface missile towards an open area north of Beit Hanun. The rocket landed near the agricultural school. No injuries or damage were reported (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** Israeli patrol boats fired seven shells and HMG fire at a National Security base west of Rafah that monitors the border with Egypt. No injuries or damage were reported (Rafah).
- **4 March:** Three IDF vehicles entered approximately 1 kilometre into Al Qarrara northeast of Khan Younis while an IAF aircraft hovered over the area. Armed clashes took place

between IDF soldiers and armed Hamas members who fired five mortar shells at the aircraft and soldiers. At 2150 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Khan Younis).

#### West Bank:

- **27 February:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man was killed and a 19-year-old male was injured by live ammunition in Nablus City when an IDF undercover unit opened fire at their vehicle and arrested two other persons from the vehicle. Both men were from Balata refugee camp (Nablus).
- **28 February:** Two Palestinian men (aged 25 and 26 years) were killed and two others (aged 21 and 23 years) were injured by live ammunition during an exchange of fire between the IDF and armed Palestinians in Balata refugee camp, The IDF arrested one of the injured persons (Nablus).
- **29 February:** A 21-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Tammun by shrapnel during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers while the IDF was conducting a search and arrest campaign (Tubas).
- **29 February:** Three Palestinian males and one international were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets fired at them by IDF soldiers during the weekly demonstration held by about 400 Palestinian, Israeli and international activists in Bil'in village to protest against Barrier construction on village land and the Israeli military operation in Gaza. Cases of Asphyxia among the demonstrators were also reported (Ramallah).
- **1 March:** Two Palestinian men (both aged 23 years) were injured in Salfit City by live ammunition during a demonstration held to protest against the killings in Gaza Strip (Salfit).
- **2 March:** A 20-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Hajja village by live ammunition during confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers while the IDF was conducting a search and arrest campaign (Qalqiliya).
- **2 March:** Two Palestinian boys (both aged 16 years) were injured in Qalqiliya City by rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration held near the Barrier in protest against the killings in the Gaza Strip (Qalqiliya).
- **2 March:** The IDF injured four Palestinians with rubber-coated metal bullets during a protest organised by Bil'in village residents near the Barrier to protest the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip (Ramallah).
- **2 March:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy was killed when IDF soldiers opened fire at stone-throwing Palestinians in Beit Awwa who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** An Israeli settler man (adult) and three IDF soldiers were injured near Zif Gate (road gate connecting Yatta with Road 317) in Yatta when Palestinians threw stones in protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** Four Palestinian men (aged 18, 21, 22 (2) years) were injured with live bullets in Bab Al Zawiya neighbourhood in the H1 area of Hebron City when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy from Dura and another 16-year-old boy from Taffuh were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets in Bab Al Zawiya neighbourhood in the H1 area of Hebron City when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** Three Palestinian boys (aged 15(2), 17 years) were injured with live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Yatta who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** Two Palestinian boys (both aged 15 years) were injured with shrapnel when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers in Al Arrub refugee camp who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Al 'Arrub refugee camp who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Sa'ir who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** Two Palestinian boys (aged 16 and 17 years) were injured with live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Halhul who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** A 33-year-old Palestinian man and two Palestinian boys (one aged 15 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at

- Palestinian stone-throwers in Halhul who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** Two Palestinian boys (aged 13 and 14 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers in Tequ' who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Bethlehem).
  - **2 March:** Two Palestinian boys (aged 13 and 15 years) were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Bethlehem City who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Bethlehem).
  - **2 March:** One IDF soldier was injured by a stone when a group of Palestinian children from Qalandiya refugee camp threw stones at IDF soldiers manning Qalandiya checkpoint during a protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were reported among demonstrators (Jerusalem).
  - **3 March:** A 28-year-old Palestinian taxi driver was injured by a stone when settlers attacked his vehicle near Yitzhar settlement on Road 60 and damaged the wind shield (Nablus).
  - **3 March:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured with live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers near Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem City who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Bethlehem).
  - **3 March:** A 15-year-old Palestinian girl, a 16-year-old boy, and a 22-year-old man were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Beit Ummar who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
  - **3 March:** Two Palestinian men (aged 18 and 21 years) were injured with live bullets while another 30-year-old Palestinian man was injured with shrapnel when IDF soldiers opened fire at stone-throwing Palestinians in Beit Ummar who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
  - **3 March:** Three Palestinian boys (aged 10, 12 and 15 years) and a 20-year-old Palestinian man were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets in Bab Al Zawiya neighbourhood in the H1 area of Hebron City when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Beit Ula who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
  - **3 March:** A 28-year-old Palestinian man was injured with live bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Bab Al Zawiya neighbourhood in the H1 area of Hebron City who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
  - **3 March:** Two Palestinian boys (both aged 16 years) were injured with live bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Al 'Arrub refugee camp who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
  - **3 March:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy sustained multiple body injuries when a group of IDF soldiers physically beat him during stone-throwing incidents carried out by Palestinians in Al 'Arrub refugee camp in protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
  - **3 March:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured with live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Surif who were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza. The clashes erupted in the aftermath of the injury of an Israeli settler woman (adult) by a stone thrown at her car by Palestinians at Al Jaba'a-Surif junction (Hebron).
  - **3 March:** Two Palestinian boys (aged 16 and 17 years) from Al 'Azza refugee camp were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers during an IDF incursion into the Camp (Bethlehem).
  - **3 March:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy and another 18-year-old male were injured with live ammunition when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone-throwers in Nahhalin during an IDF incursion into the town (Bethlehem).
  - **3 March:** Four Palestinian males were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets shot at them by the IDF during a demonstration in Qalandiya refugee camp in protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Jerusalem).
  - **3 March:** A 17-year-old Palestinian male from Al Mazra'a al Qibliya (Ramallah) was killed with a live bullet in the head shot at him by an Israeli settler from Talmon settlement during a student demonstration held by school students in the village fields (near the settlement) to protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Ramallah).
  - **3 March:** One Israeli settler was injured by a stone when Palestinian students threw stones at Israeli settlers travelling near Wadi Al Joz area (Jerusalem).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):



- **During the reporting period** clashes erupted between the IDF and Palestinians protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza, especially in Bab Al Zawiya and Halhul Bridge (Hebron) and near Rachel's Tomb (Bethlehem). Other localities included Beit Ummar, Zif, Bani Nueim, Dura, Surif, Yatta, Al Arrub and Al Fawwar refugee camps and Beit Awwa (Hebron) as well as in Husan, Wadi Fukin, Tuqu' and Ayda and Al Duheisha refugee camps (Bethlehem). As a result, a large number of flying checkpoints were reported as well a large number of injuries among Palestinians.
- **29 February:** Palestinians demonstrated inside Al Aqsa Mosque in protest against the IDF military operation in Gaza. No injuries or arrests were reported (Jerusalem).
- **1 March:** Unknown persons opened fire towards an IDF jeep near Pesagot settlement. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).
- **1 March:** Clashes took place near 'Atara checkpoint between the IDF and Palestinian students protesting against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries or arrests were reported (Ramallah).
- **2 March:** Palestinians held demonstrations in all the governorates of the northern West Bank to protest against the Israeli military operation and the killing of children in the Gaza Strip.
- **2 March:** Six Palestinian girls (aged 15, 16(4) and 17 years), nine Palestinian boys (aged 16 (4) and 17 (5) years) and a 40-year-old Palestinian man suffered from tear gas inhalation when IDF soldiers threw tear gas canisters at stone-throwing Palestinians near the southern entrance of Halhul town while they were protesting the Israeli military operation in Gaza (Hebron).
- **2 March:** Palestinians demonstrated in Al Am'ari refugee camp and burned tyres in protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries were reported (Ramallah).
- **2 March:** Palestinians threw three Molotov cocktails at an Israeli settler vehicle travelling near Beit Sira village. No injuries or damage were reported (Ramallah).
- **2 March:** Palestinian students threw stones at the IDF in Sultan Suleiman Street in protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries or damages were reported (Jerusalem).
- **2 March:** The IDF opened fire at Palestinians demonstrating and burning tyres near Qalandiya refugee camp in protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries were reported (Jerusalem).
- **2 March:** Palestinian students demonstrated on Salah Al Din Street in protest against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries or arrests were reported (Jerusalem).
- **2 March:** Palestinians demonstrated 100 metres away from the Israeli DCO in Jericho to protest against the Israeli military in Gaza. No injuries or arrests were reported (Jericho).
- **3 Marched:** Students from Bir Zeit University demonstrated against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries or arrests were reported (Ramallah).
- **3 March:** During a demonstration against the Israeli military operation in Gaza, Palestinian students threw stones at the Israeli Border Police in Jerusalem. No injuries or damage were reported (Jerusalem).
- **3 March:** Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles travelling near the Hebrew University. No injuries or damage were reported (Jerusalem).
- **3 March:** Students from the Hebrew University demonstrated against the Israeli military operation in Gaza. No injuries or arrests were reported (Jerusalem).

## 2. [Physical Protection – other incidents involving casualties<sup>3</sup>](#)

### Gaza Strip:

- **27 February:** A 23-year-old Palestinian (Islamic Jihad member) died of wounds sustained on 26 February while attempting to plant an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) near the border fence east of Al Bureij Camp (Central Gaza).
- **29 February:** A 3-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and two others were injured when two rockets fired from east of Beit Hanoun towards Israel landed in Gaza, hitting two Palestinian houses (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed by a stray bullet during the funeral of those killed due to IDF shelling on Al Daraj quarter in Gaza City (Gaza).

<sup>3</sup> Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not recorded in the total in Section 1.

- **3 March:** Two Palestinians from the same family were injured when one of two rockets fired from east of Sheikh Zayed City towards Sderot landed in Gaza, hitting and damaging a Palestinian house (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **29 February:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 70,000 people participated in the demonstration, which proceeded from various Gaza City mosques and ended peacefully at 1430 hours at the PLC building (Gaza).
- **29 February:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 15,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1400 hours (Gaza).
- **29 February:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 5,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1400 hours (Khan Younis).
- **29 February:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 7,000 people participated in the demonstration, which proceeded from Al Awda mosque and ended peacefully at 1345 hours (Gaza).
- **29 February:** Fatah organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 4,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1400 hours (Rafah).
- **29 February:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 20,000 people participated in the demonstration, which proceeded from Jabaliya mosques through Jabaliya Camp. At 1400 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- **1 March:** Ten members of the Gaza Electricity Distribution Company organised a sit-in in front of the UNRWA Field Office to protest against the killing of one of their colleagues on 28 February by an IAF air strike. The protestors handed over a letter addressed to the UNRWA Director of Operations. At 1300 hours the sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **1 March:** The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) organised a rally at the Unknown Soldier Park in Gaza City to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of DFLP. Approximately 500 people participated in the rally, which ended peacefully at 1430 hours (Gaza).
- **1 March:** Fatah organised a demonstration in An Nuseirat Camp to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 1,500 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 2030 hours (Central Gaza).
- **1 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 10,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1630 hours (Khan Younis).
- **1 March:** DFLP organised a demonstration to protest against the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip. Approximately 500 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1300 hours (Rafah).
- **1 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 10,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended at 1930 hours (Rafah).
- **2 March:** Fatah organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1230 hours (Khan Younis).
- **2 March:** Fatah organised a demonstration in Al Bureij Camp to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 5,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 2030 hours (Central Gaza).
- **2 March:** Fatah organised a demonstration in An Nuseirat Camp to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 3,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 2020 hours (Central Gaza).
- **3 March:** Ten members of the Dentists Association demonstrated in front of the UNSCO compound to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1100 hours (Gaza).
- **3 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Gaza City to protest against the Israeli military operation in Jabaliya. Approximately 30,000 people participated in the demonstration, which proceeded from Palestine square to the PLC building, where it ended peacefully at 1230 hours (Gaza).
- **3 March:** Fatah organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. The demonstration proceeded from Al Wehda junction to the Unknown

Solider Park. Approximately 20,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1220 hours (Gaza).

- **3 March:** Hamas organised demonstrations in Jabaliya Camp and Jabaliya town to support persons affected by the IDF incursion. The demonstrations proceeded to east of Jabaliya, near the primary site of the IDF incursion (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Al Bureij camp to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 2,500 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 2040 hours (Central Gaza).
- **3 March:** The National Work Group organised a demonstration in An Nuseirat Camp to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 1,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1900 hours (Central Gaza).
- **3 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Al Maghazi Camp to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 2,500 people participated in the demonstration which ended peacefully at 2040 hours (Central Gaza).
- **3 March:** Fatah organised a demonstration in Deir Balah to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 700 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1700 hours (Central Gaza).
- **3 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Deir Balah to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 2,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 2040 hours (Central Gaza).
- **3 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 8,000 people participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 1630 hours (Khan Younis).
- **3 March:** Hamas organised a rally in Rafah to celebrate the withdrawal of the IDF from east of Jabaliya. Approximately 4,000 people participated in the rally, which ended peacefully at 1900 hours (Rafah).
- **4 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Jabaliya Camp to protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 700 women participated in the demonstration. The demonstration proceeded to the area of the IDF incursion east of Jabaliya. At 1200 hours the demonstration ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- **4 March:** Hamas organised a demonstration in protest against the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip and in support of the families of those killed due to an IAF air strike on a naval base west of An Nuseirat. Approximately 1,500 Hamas supporters participated in the demonstration, which ended peacefully at 2100 hours (Central Gaza).

#### West Bank:

- **1 March:** An 18-year-old Palestinian man was injured when an explosive device he was attempting to throw at an IDF observation tower located at the entrance of Beit Ummar exploded in his hand. He was later arrested by the IDF (Hebron).

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

No incidents to report.

#### Inter-factional violence

No incidents to report.

### 3. Shelter and Property

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
27/02/2008	Al Katiba, Khan Younis	1 workshop	-	-	N/A
27/02/2008	Hamas milit. base, Khan Younis	-	1 minibus	-	N/A
27/02/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	1 Ministry of Interior	1 UNRWA school	-	N/A
28/02/2008	Jabaliya, North Gaza	1 Labourers Union Fed.	12+ houses	-	N/A
28/02/2008	Al Amal quarter, Khan Younis	-	1 vehicle	-	N/A
28/02/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	-	1 truck	-	-
28/02/2008	Jabaliya, North Gaza	-	3+ several houses	-	N/A

28/02/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	-	1 shop	-	N/A
29/02/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	1 workshop	-	-	N/A
29/02/2008	Khan Younis, Khan Younis	-	1 workshop	-	N/A
29/02/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	-	1 house	-	N/A
01/03/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	1 house	-	-	N/A
01/03/2008	Khan Younis, Khan Younis	-	1 vehicle	-	N/A
01/03/2008	Rafah, Rafah	2 (mosque + house)	10+	-	N/A
02/03/2008	'Abassan, Khan Younis	1	-	-	N/A
02/03/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	-	4+	-	N/A
02/03/2008	Rafah, Rafah	-	4+	-	N/A
02/03/2008	Beit Hanun, North Gaza	-	1 workshop	-	N/A
02/03/2008	Jabaliya, North Gaza	-	1 house	-	N/A
03/03/2008	Jabaliya Camp, North Gaza	1 workshop	-	-	N/A
03/03/2008	Jabaliya, North Gaza	1 workshop	-	-	N/A
03/03/2008	Rafah, Rafah	1 workshop	4	-	N/A
03/03/2008	Gaza City, Gaza	-	1 workshop	-	N/A
03/03/2008	Khan Younis, Khan Younis	-	1 office	-	N/A
03/03/2008	Rafah, Rafah	-	4+	-	N/A
03/03/2008	Sheikh Zayed City, North Gaza	-	1 vehicle	-	N/A
03/03/2008	Road 60, Nablus	-	1 vehicle	-	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>55+</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>N/A</b>

- **27 February:** An IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting and destroying a **workshop** in Al Katiba area north of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported. At 2330 hours an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting another workshop in Bani Suhiala east of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **27 February:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile at and destroyed a mini-bus at a Hamas military base west of Khan Younis (Khan Younis).
- **27 February:** As a result of the IAF air strike on the **Ministry of Interior**, the building was destroyed and the nearby *UNRWA school sustained damage* (120 window panes were broken and school attendant shelter damaged) (Gaza).
- **28 February:** An IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting the **Labourers Federation Union** building, which is located in a large residential area in Jabaliya town. The building was destroyed and dozens of nearby homes sustained damage (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a vehicle belonging to the Gaza Electricity Distribution Company carrying two technicians in Al Amal quarter of Khan Younis. The vehicle was destroyed (Khan Younis).
- **28 February:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile at and destroyed a truck used to transport soft drinks on Nasser Street in Gaza City (Gaza).
- **28 February:** Several houses were damaged when an IAF aircraft fired a missile towards an area between Jabaliya and Tal Ez'ater (North Gaza).
- **28 February:** An F16 aircraft fired two missiles targeting a shop that sells car batteries belonging to a local family in Al Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City. The shop was damaged (Gaza).
- **29 February:** An IAF helicopter fired two missiles targeting a workshop in Al Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City. No injuries were reported but the **workshop** was destroyed (Gaza).
- **29 February:** An IAF helicopter fired one missile at a metal workshop owned by a Hamas activist in Khan Younis. The workshop was damaged but no injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **29 February:** An IAF aircraft fired one missile at the house of a PRC member who was killed on 2 February by an IAF air strike near Shifa Hospital. The house sustained damage but no injuries were reported (Gaza).

- **1 March:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile at a three-storey **house** belonging to a Hamas activist in Al Daraj quarter in Gaza City. The house was destroyed (Gaza).
- **1 March:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a police car parked close to the police station near Khan Younis municipality. The car was destroyed (Khan Younis).
- **1 March:** An IAF aircraft fired five missiles targeting Bader Mosque (under construction) in Rafah, which is adjacent to the Rafah police station and an UNRWA warehouse. The policemen reportedly took shelter in the mosque in fear of shelling at the police station. As a result, the **mosque and one nearby house** were destroyed while the *police station, the UNRWA warehouse, two UNRWA schools, one truck and many other homes* in the area sustained damage. An IAF also aircraft fired a missile at a generator located near the police station, causing a power outage in Rafah (Rafah).
- **2 March:** An IAF aircraft fired two missiles at armed Palestinians in a field near 'Abassan village. The missile hit and destroyed an **extension** to a residential house that is used for agricultural purposes. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **2 March:** Two IAF missiles hit Ismail Haniyeh's office, located west of the UNDP office in Gaza City. The building and several nearby houses sustained damage. The building was evacuated prior to the attack and no injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **2 March:** An IAF aircraft fired three missiles at a carpentry workshop in Rafah; one of the missiles did not explode. The workshop and several nearby houses were damaged. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **2 March:** An IAF aircraft fired one missile at a carpentry workshop in Beit Hanun. The workshop was damaged but no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **2 March:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border fired two tank shells at a house east of Jabaliya. The house was damaged but no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a metal workshop in Jabaliya Camp. The **workshop** was destroyed but no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting a carpentry workshop in Jabaliya. The **workshop** was destroyed but no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** An IAF aircraft fired three missiles at a workshop in Zo'rob square southwest of Rafah. The **workshop** was destroyed and four other buildings sustained damage—a workshop, a paint shop, a house and a storehouse belonging to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **3 March:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile at a metal workshop in Al Darraj quarter of Gaza City. The workshop was damaged but no injuries were reported (Gaza).
- **3 March:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a Hamas PLC office in Khan Younis. The office sustained damage but no injuries were reported (Khan Younis).
- **3 March:** An IAF aircraft fired two missiles at a metal workshop west of Rafah. The workshop and several nearby houses sustained damage. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **3 March:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile at a police vehicle east of Sheik Zayed City. The vehicle was damaged but no injuries were reported (North Gaza).
- **3 March:** Israeli settlers attacked with stones a Palestinian taxi driver travelling on Road 60 near Yitzhar settlement. As a result, the windshield of the car was damaged and the driver was injured (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

**28 February:** The IDF handed over an order for the demolition of an animal pen in Deir Ballut due to the lack of building permit. The pen is located in Area C (Salfit).

**3 March:** IDF soldiers occupied two houses in Beit Ummar and another house in Bani Na'im for six hours and used them as military posts (Hebron).

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

- **29 February:** Members of the Palestinian police forcibly broke into Al Ahli Youth Club, which is run by Fatah supporters, in An Nuseirat Camp and confiscated official documents and furniture (Central Gaza).

## **4. Natural Resources**

### **Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>4</sup>**

#### **Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and Salfit Governorates:**

No incidents to report.

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

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**Previous reporting period:** A total of 587.99 dunums of land was requisitioned from Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, 'Ein Arik and Beituniya (T/88/06) to open a new fabric of life road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya (see below).

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - **As of 6 November:** Barrier construction has totally stopped in the Ramallah governorate, including construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements—as part of the extension of the “Ariel finger.” According to the DCL officer in Ramallah, the decision was made due to technical reasons at the Ministry of Defence.
  - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
  - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has stopped pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
- Construction of four “fabric of life” roads, which is part of a Gol plan to build roads for Palestinians as an alternative to main roads now inaccessible due to road obstacles, the route of the Barrier, and the route of roads which Palestinians are restricted from using:
  - Construction of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to Roads 465 and 446, has almost been completed, except for the final 50 meter section to connect it back to Road 465. The road is open for access between Shuqba and 465 via an underpass at the intersection of 446 and 465.
  - Construction of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan has been completed and is now operational.
  - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The Israeli DCL reports that the underpass will be completed during the summer of 2008.
  - Construction has begun on a new road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Beituniya. A total of 587.99 dunums of land were requisitioned (see above) and some land levelling at Beit 'Ur al Fauqa has begun. The Israeli DCL reports that the construction of the road will take approximately ten months.

**Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3-km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending an appeal filed by a few Bedouin families who would be displaced if construction continues.
  - Construction of the Barrier between the neighborhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains incomplete. One detour route for pedestrian and vehicular traffic continues to connect these two neighbourhoods, but when the Barrier is completed, the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood will be separated from Ar Ram and the rest of the West Bank. The iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remained closed during the week for all pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The gate is planned to be used only by Israeli security patrol vehicles.
  - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
  - Since **26 November 2007**, Barrier construction has been halted between Al Jib and An Nabi Samwil villages due to budget constraints.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure

work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.

- A new “fabric of life” road between Anata and Az Za’ayim (Road 70) is in the final construction stage to allow Palestinians to enter and exit Az Za’ayim without using the entrance lane off Road 1 near Za’ayim checkpoint.
- Construction of a “fabric of life” sunken road and tunnel is nearing completion between Al Jib and Biddu villages under Road 436. Road 436 connects the settlements of Ramot Allon and Givat Ze’ev and is primarily for Israeli use.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
  - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel checkpoint but building of the patrol road along this section was started.
  - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City).
  - The Barrier contractor suspended land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
  - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was suspended in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
  - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was suspended around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was suspended during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for new crossing continued next to Al Jab’a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu’man crossing is ongoing.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, Elizar, Allon Shevut and Efrat settlements.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

**27 February:** The IDF levelled a 3-dunum piece of land located near Karmi Tzur settlement south of Beit Ummar town.

Ongoing incidents:

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

#### **Gaza Strip:**

- **4 March:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered approximately 500 metres into Gaza near the Gaza International Airport. The bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations under the cover of heavy gunfire. At 1330 hours the IDF withdrew to the border (Rafah).

## **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

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

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
2–4 March 2008	Huwwara, Nablus	62 hours
2 March 2008	‘Azzun, Qalqiliya	49 hours
2 March 2008	Hajja and Baqat al Hatab, Qalqiliya	30 hours
2 March 2008	Shufa, Tulkarm	2 hours
3 March 2008	Husan, Bethlehem	3 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>146 hours</b>

**2 – 4 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (pop. **5,797** persons) for 62 hours from (1000 on 2 March to 2400 on 4 March) after Palestinians allegedly opened fire at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 60 from/to Israeli settlements (Nablus).

**2 – 4 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on 'Azzun (pop. **8,262** persons) village for 49 hours (from 2300 on 2 March to 2400 on 4 March) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles travelling on Road 55 from/to Israeli settlements (Qalqiliya).

**2 – 4 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Hajja (pop. **2,529** persons) and Baqat al Hatab (pop. **1,748** persons) villages for 30 hours from (2300 on 2 March to 0500 on 4 March), during which they carried a search and arrest campaign (Qalqiliya).

**2 March:** The IDF imposed curfew on Shufa village (pop. **1,253** persons) for two hours (1000 – 12:00) during an IDF search and arrest campaign (Tulkarm).

**3 March:** IDF soldiers imposed curfew on Husan (pop. **5,708** persons) in the aftermath of clashes between the IDF and Palestinian stone-throwers (Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents:

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

**b) Access to education**

**During the reporting:** Attendance rates at schools in the Gaza Strip were disrupted, especially in the North Gaza and Gaza governorates.

**3 and 4 March:** Three schools in Huwwara were closed due to the curfew imposed on the village (Nablus).

**3 and 4 March:** All schools in 'Azzun were closed due to the curfew imposed on the village (Qalqiliya).

**3 March:** All schools in Hajja and Baqat al Hatab were closed due to the curfew imposed on these villages (Qalqiliya).

- **During the reporting period:** The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid came on schedule to escort the children from and to the school in At Twani. **However**, the IDF and Israeli Police have been leaving school children before the chicken barn and, thus, the children have to walk the remaining distance alone, including passing immediately near the outpost of Havot Ma'on. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. The IDF escort includes soldiers walking beside the children. The soldiers, however, usually stay in the jeep while the students walk in front of the IDF jeep (Hebron).

**c) Access to employment**

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

Ongoing incidents:

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

**d) Closures/movement restrictions**

**Nablus Governorate:**

**During the week:** Delays and long queues were reported at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Tappuah checkpoints.

**27 February:** The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for one hour due to a security alert and arrested three Palestinian boys who were allegedly carrying explosives (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:



- **29 October 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'n village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).
- **29 October 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including access to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **29 August 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing access for all except ambulances with emergency cases (Nablus).
- **28 March 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations (Nablus).

#### **Jenin Governorate:**

**2 March:** Palestinians removed the earth mounds placed by the IDF since 7 February to close the roads connecting Al Judeida with Sir and Tubas with Meithalun.

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF prohibits the free movement of all commercial trucks to enter the Barta'a enclave surrounded by the Barrier. Forty trucks, registered with the IDF at the checkpoint with a freight load of under two tonnes are allowed to transport food products. Other materials require prior coordination.

#### **Tubas Governorate:**

**2 March:** Palestinians removed part of the earth mound placed by the IDF since 6 February to close the main road connecting Tubas to Jenin. The closure was placed on the road segment between 'Aqqa and Al Kufeir.

#### **Tulkarm Governorate:**

**During the week:** Delays and long queues were reported at Enav and Ar Ras/Kafriat checkpoints.

**2 March:** The IDF closed Ar Ras/ Kafriat checkpoint for one hour due to security alert.

Ongoing incidents:

- **15 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Shuweika to Iktaba village with an earth mound.
- **14 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Beit lid and Kur village with an earth mound.
- **8 February 2008 to Date:** The IDF continues to close four roads connecting Bal'a with Road 57, 'Anabta, Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba with earth mounds.
- **5 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Al Masqafa and Shuweika with an earth mound (Tulkarm).
- **12 December 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Dhinnaba to Kafr al Labbad with an earth mound.

#### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**27 February – 3 March:** The IDF opened the roads connecting 'Azzun with 'Asla (was closed since 9 February 2008) and the road connecting 'Azzun with Izbat at Tabib (was closed since 18 May 2007).

**2 March:** The IDF closed the main road between Hajja and Al Fuduq with two earth mounds as well the dirt roads connecting Hajja with Al Funduq and Hajja with Baqat al Hatab.

**4 March:** The IDF closed with earth mounds the roads connecting 'Azzun with 'Asla, the road connecting 'Azzun with Izbat at Tabib and the road connecting 'Azzun with Jayyus.

Ongoing incidents:

- **9 February 2008 to date:** The IDF continues to close the northern entrance of 'Azzun with concrete blocks and an earth mound. The IDF also continues to close with an earth mound a dirt road connecting 'Azzun with Kafr Laqif, after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling on Road 55 en route to Israeli settlements.
- **13 July 2007 to date:** IDF soldiers positioned at the partial checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from entering Qalqiliya City.

#### **Salfit Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **27 November 2007 to date:** The IDF continues to close the entrance of Kifl Haris with road blocks.
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**1 March:** An Nabi Saleh partial checkpoint was in operation throughout the day. Delays of up to 30 minutes were reported.

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July 2007 to date** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis were permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:*****Previous Reporting Period***

**26 February:** The Israeli DCL reported that the age restriction imposed on 6 February 2007 was lifted; Palestinian males from Jenin who are between 16 and 35 years of age are no longer prohibited from crossing through Tayasir and Hamra checkpoints to access the northern Jordan Valley area. However, access for Palestinians who fall under this category continues to be difficult.

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF has announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or to travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **26 April 2007 to date:** Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents through Hamara and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.
- **2 January 2008 to date:** The Dead Sea checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. Palestinians and Palestinian plated vehicles are no longer prohibited from accessing the Dead Sea area. However, all Palestinians and their vehicles have been denied access by the Israeli Border Police whenever the checkpoint is manned, particularly during the weekends.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **As of 10 January 2008:** Additional installations were added to Ramot checkpoint and the Israeli Border Police presently checks all vehicles and IDs of Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

- **29 February:** IDF soldiers obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles at the southern entrance to Bethlehem City (a.k.a. Al Nashash) due to the weekly anti-Barrier demonstration held in Al Khader town.
- **3 March:** The IDF and Israeli private security personnel operating at Al Jab'a checkpoint informed commercial trucks holding the appropriate papers to access Israel that they would not be allowed to go through the checkpoint anymore and that all commercial traffic will be re-directed to Tarqumiya crossing.

**Hebron Governorate:**

- **2 March:** The IDF removed the earthmound located beneath the Beit Kahil bridge.

**Gaza Strip**

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- **Erez** was open on five days this week for the movement of diplomats as well as internationals and Palestinians with special coordination arrangements. National UN staff members continue to be denied entry to Israel, even with permits and prior coordination. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affairs office due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- **Rafah** crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June.

- **Karni** crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on three days this week to transfer wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- **Sufa** crossing was open on five days this week; it was closed on 29 February and 1 March. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for humanitarian and commercial commodities (it had been closed since 28 October). Sufa has been the principal alternative commercial crossing following the closure of Karni crossing in mid-June.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing was open on one day this week (4 March) for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. During the closure of Sufa between 28 October and 22 December, Kerem Shalom was effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- **Nahal Oz energy pipelines** were open on six scheduled operating days this week.
- Gaza fishermen continue to be permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

#### Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north of Beit Hanun and north and northwest of Beit Lahiya due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF.

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bizzariya (1), Huwwara (3), Talluza (1)	5
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Jab'a (1), Al Kufeir (2), Fahma (2), Silat al Harithiya (2), Al Yamun (1), Qabatiya (3), Sanur (1), Ya'bad (2), Az Zababida (1), Zbuba (1)	18
Tubas	Tubas (1), 'Aqqaba (1)	2
Tulkarm	Ramin (1), Al Jarushiya (2), 'Illar (1), Bala'a (1), Kafr Sur (2), Qaffin (2)	9
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (4), Jayyus (1), Wadi Qana (3), Izbat at Tabib (4), Kafr Laqif (4), Immatin (1), Habla tunnel (3), Kafr Thulth (1), Kafr Qaddum (1), Jinsafut (1)	23
Salfit	Marda (2), Iskaka (1), Haris (2), Kafr ad Dik (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	7
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Road between Yabrud and Silwad (1)	1
Jericho	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem western entrance junction with Rd 60 (8), Tuqu' (4), Obaidiya (2), Al Shawawrah (2), Za'atara (2), Beit Sahur (1)	19
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (6), Halhul Bridge (5), Beit Kahil (1), Al Fawwar RC (4), Khursa (2), Halhul-Sa'ir Partial checkpoint (4), Between Halhul and Nuba (1), Dura (2), As Samu' (1), Ar Ramadien (2), Al Arrub RC (4)	32
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>116</b>

## 6. Search/Arrests/Detentions

**Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)<sup>1</sup>**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus City (5), Balata RC (3), 'Askar RC (2), As Sawiya (1), Beita (1), Beit Furik (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Huwwara (3), Tell (1), Sabastiya (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP	20	26
Jenin	Jenin RC (3), Jenin City (4), Qabatiya (1), Al Yamun (2), Kafr Ra'i (1), Zbuba (1), Tura al Gharbiya (1), Dir abu Da'if (1), Ya'bad (1), Jaba'a (1), Silat al Harithiya (1)	17	33
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (1), Al Far'a RC (2), Tayasir CP	5	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), 'Anabta (1), Qaffin (1), Zeita (3), Kafr al Labbad (1), Dhinnaba (1), Shufa (1), 'Illar (1), Beit Lid (1)	12	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya City (3), 'Azzun (5), Jayyus (3), Kafr Qaddum (3), Hajja (3), Jit (2), Habla (2), Ras 'Atiya (2), Kafr Thulth (2)	25	1
Salfit	Deir Istiya (2), Iskaka (1), Marda (2), Salfit City (1), Haris (1), Az Zawiya (1), Zeita Jamma'in (1), Deir Istiya (1)	10	13
Ramallah	Silwad (1), 'Ein Yabrud (1), Ramallah City (2), Beituniya (1)	5	9
Jericho	Jericho City (1)	1	0
Jerusalem	Hizmah (1), Shufat RC CP, Old City of Jerusalem (1), Salah Al Din Street	2	6
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (3), Husan (1), Khader (1), Wadi Fukin (1)	6	11
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (4), Sa'ir (2), Beit Ula (2), Dura (2), As Samu' (1), Shyoukh Al Arrub (1), Area between Halhul and Nuba (1)	17	15
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>119</b>
Khan Younis	Al Foukhari area (1)	1	0
Rafah	Al Jaradat area (4), Al Umour area (1)	5	15
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>134</b>

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

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

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus (1,1), Jamma'in (1,2), Zawata (1,1)	3	4
Tubas	Tubas (1,2)	1	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1,2)	1	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (1,1)	1	1
Salfit	Salfit (1,1)	1	1
Ramallah	Beit Liqya (1,1)	1	1
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Gaza Strip*</b>			
<b>Total Gaza Strip</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total oPt</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>

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

**Appendix: Checkpoints: 27 February – 4 March 2008**

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

<i>northern villages</i>	Shamaliya checkpoint, preventing all access through the checkpoint including to ambulances with emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar, Partial CP</b>	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
<b>Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP</b>	Controls access to areas north of Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan, Partial CP</b>	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
<b>Jenin :</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b>	A crossing for workers and traders to enter Israel. Operating between 0530 to 2000 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0530 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
<b>Reikhan/ Barta'a</b> <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Operating between 0500 to 2200 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. 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.
<b>Salim DCO (Green Line CP)</b>	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
<b>Mevo Dotan</b> <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0400 to 2300 hours for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas :</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i> <i>On the Green Line</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Palestinians holding both businessman cards and permits to enter Israel are allowed to cross. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
<b>Tayasir</b> <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April 2007, this checkpoint is open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates using public transportation as well as commercial trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. On 26 February, the age restriction on males from Jenin who are between 16 and 35 years of age was lifted. However, access for people in this category continues to be difficult.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Connects Jericho and Nablus governorates. Operating from 0600 to 2200 hours. Only Palestinians with a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or possess an Israeli permit that allows them to be present in the Jordan Valley area are permitted to cross. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
<b>Hamra</b> <i>East, before closure regime</i> <i>main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to the Jordan Valley and Nablus. Operating from 0300 to 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians using public transportation and commercial trucks. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from crossing. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Some delays were reported during the reporting period. On 26 February, the age restriction on males from Jenin who are between 16 and 35 years of age was lifted. However, access for people in this category continues to be difficult. and delays were reported on daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. As of 14 January 2008, a Border Police company is in charge of manning the checkpoint.
<b>'Atara Bridge</b>	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP</b>	Usually Open. On 2 March the checkpoint was in operation, delays of up to 30 minutes were reported.
<b>At Tayba</b> <i>At intersection between Road 458 and Road 449</i> <i>(Al Mu'arrajat road that links Road 90 to Road 458)</i>	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards,

	workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.
<b>Rantis</b>	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours/day. As of 26 September 2007, all West Bank ID-holders can enter Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Palestinians from the north of the West Bank (Nablus, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Tulkarm) are not allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint and are hence forced to take the old road to Ramallah via Yitav checkpoint. All other West Bank ID-holders may exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint or Yitav. During the reporting period, delays of up to one hour were reported on a daily basis for people leaving Jericho through the checkpoint.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours/day for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians who are non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs travelling northward to Al Auja and the northern Jordan Valley area are prohibited from crossing unless they hold Israeli permits that allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling from and to Ramallah. Delays of up to 40 minutes were reported during the reporting period.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
<b>An Nwemeh, Partial CP</b> <i>North Jericho</i>	Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
<b>Dead Sea</b> <b>Became a partial checkpoint</b> <b>as of 2 January 2008</b>	Located on Road 90 near the Dead Sea. Was a permanent checkpoint between 1 July 2007 and 01 January 2008. As of 31 October 2007, it is manned by the Border Police and until 2 January 2008 operated on a daily basis 24 hours/day allowing passage only to Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. As of 2 January 2008, the checkpoint was converted to a partial checkpoint. Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards and Palestinian-plated vehicles are denied access to the Dead Sea area whenever the IDF is present, at random during weekdays and 24 hours per day on the weekends.
<b>Jerusalem :</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers and their family members are allowed to cross while staying inside the vehicle. All other persons, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint along with the IDF for extra random security checks. Delays facing pedestrians continue to be reported on a daily basis. Long delays and verbal assaults by IDF soldiers continue to be reported at the pedestrian lane.
<b>Hizma</b> <i>Eastern entrance of junction</i> <i>Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev</i> <i>settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. As of 3 February 2006, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they also are employees at international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers or BMC Card holders.
<b>Az Za'ayyem</b> <i>North eastern entrance, on</i> <i>Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, internationals, Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and BMC Card holders. Palestinian permit holders who do not belong to one of these categories are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem.
<b>Ar Ram</b> <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed whose names and ID numbers are registered on a list at the checkpoint. All other Palestinians, both holders of Jerusalem IDs and permit holders, are not allowed to cross since this is not one of the four Israeli-designated crossings into Jerusalem.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> <i>Northern entrance on Road</i> <i>404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID cards.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> <i>North western entrance on</i> <i>Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with East Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal IDs/national passports in addition to their UN ID cards. As of 10 January, additional installations were added to the checkpoint. The Israeli Border Police now checks all vehicles and IDs

	of Palestinians travelling between Bir Nabala and Biddu enclaves. Since 14 January 2008, delays of up to 20 minutes have been reported on a daily basis by Palestinians crossing the checkpoint westwards to reach Beit Iksa village.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations. West Bank Palestinians need permits to cross. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to cross. Commercial trucks transporting merchandise from places other than Shu'fat Camp are not allowed to cross and must use Beituniya checkpoint.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</b>	Operating for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Az Zaytoun (olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1</b>	Operating 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, other Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
<b>Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</b>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access is allowed only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</b>	Was moved northward to the new Israeli-built Rafat road and has become closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion.
<b>Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</b>	Random checks by IDF soldiers. During the reporting period, delays were reported on a daily basis. During the reporting period, delays of up to 30 minutes were reported on a daily basis for Palestinians traveling to Ramallah.
<b>Atarot junction At roundabout leading to bypass Road 45</b>	Manned by the Border Police. Vehicle checks for those travelling towards Qalandiya and Beit Hanina are conducted.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</b>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Operating 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinian permit holders. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) must walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders travelling to Bethlehem City are asked to show their IDs. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to cross only if driven by a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint after showing their IDs, work permits, and occasionally their magnetic cards as well as sometimes undergoing hand print scanning. Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to reach their work places inside Israel on schedule.
<b>An Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</b>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in An Nu'man and listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers from 0600 to 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
<b>Ein Yallow / Al Walaja Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</b>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Previously known as Ein Yallow. Operating 24 hours only for Israeli-plated cars, international organisations and commercial trucks.
<b>Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP Entrance to Beit Jala</b>	Rarely-manned. Operating 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo</b>	Operating 24 hours. Manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security personnel since 23 February 2007. Palestinians working for international organisations are requested to show their local IDs and permits to cross into Jerusalem. Other Palestinian permit holders are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. Commercial trucks are permitted to cross from 1100 to 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel.
<b>Settler checkpoint: Mizpe Shalem – Efrata</b>	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. Previously known as settlers-Efrat checkpoint.
<b>Gush Etzion</b>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers sometimes check northbound vehicles.



<i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i>	Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Operating from 0500 to 1900 hour for Palestinians with work permits to cross through the pedestrian lane to work in Israel. Land levelling and construction is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. On 3 March, the IDF and Israeli security personnel operating the checkpoint informed commercial trucks holding the appropriate papers to access Israel that they would not be allowed to go through the checkpoint anymore and that all commercial traffic will be re-directed to Tarqumiya crossing.
<b>Betar Illit</b> <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access their land, which is beyond the checkpoint, upon showing personal IDs.
<b>Mitzpe Shalem</b> <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa, Partial CP</b> <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing on Road 354. Manned by the Border Police. Operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks. Employees for MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) reported experiencing thorough checks and maltreatment, especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Palestinian workers from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates holding valid work permits are allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Family visits coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were cancelled between 7 and 9 January and are expected to resume on 10 January. During the reporting period, long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal.
<b>Meitar</b> <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Border Police and operating from 0500 to 1900 hours Sundays through Thursdays. On Fridays, the checkpoint operates from 0500 to 1300 hours and on Saturdays it is closed. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work places inside Israeli through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
<b>Shani</b> <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. Restricts the movement of Palestinians living near the settlement of Beit Yatir south of the checkpoint. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Palestinians living in Imneizil can now access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint have their names listed with the IDF to allow them passage. Friends and family members holding Palestinian IDs cannot visit their relatives in the area since their names are not on the list.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living near the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allows passage to international humanitarian organisations although TIPH and ICRC staff have reported being able to use it.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians travelling to Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b>	Open to Palestinian pedestrians living between the checkpoint and the

<i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i>	settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint a "Closed Area", barring the entry of anyone except Israeli citizens, the IDF, Israeli Police and those with an IDF-issued permit.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Ibrahimi Mosque. Palestinians exiting Al Kasaba must go through several turnstiles and a metal detector that allow one person to pass at a time. The process is slow during Friday prayers.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> <i>Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007. Located at intersection between Ar Ramadin entrance and Road 325.
<b>Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP</b> <i>Also called 'Nabi Younis' CP)</i>	Located at Halhul's entrance on the junction between Halhul and Sa'ir on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar, Partial CP</b> <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. On 6 and 11 February, the IDF erected a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar Camp, east of Al Fawwar partial checkpoint.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP</b>	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura, Partial CP</b>	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Erez was open on five days this week for the movement of diplomats as well as internationals and Palestinians with special coordination arrangements. It was closed on 28 February and 1 March. On 28 February, Erez was open from 1500 to 1600 hours for internationals with special coordination to cross into and out of Gaza. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 March:</b> A total of 25 Palestinian patients (mainly those who were injured during IDF military operation in North Gaza) crossed to Egypt through Rafah crossing (Rafah).</li> <li>• <b>3 March:</b> Palestinian patients continued to cross to Egypt through Rafah crossing. Approximately 40 patients crossed to Egypt following an agreement between Hamas and the Egyptian Authorities to allow up to 250 patients to cross to receive medical treatment.</li> </ul> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah crossing continues to be closed. It was last open on 9 June. On 25 and 26 February, Rafah was open for the return of Palestinians from Egypt.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh (Green Line CP)</b>	A private Israeli company controls traffic movement. The back-to-back system is operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0600 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to cross whereas all other loads must be transferred using the back-to-back system.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama (Green Line CP)</b> <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0800 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January 2007, the checkpoint is open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday and 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley area to export their agricultural produce to Israel using the back-to-back system.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system). Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to cross without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. It is not open for private cars or pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross.

<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Tarqumiya</b> <i>West of Hebron on Road 35</i>	Entrance for commercial goods from both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1300 on Fridays. All cargo is checked by the Border Police and a container x-ray machine is in place. During the reporting period, long delays of commercial trucks were reported.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The conveyor belt operated on three days this week (27 February, 3 and 4 March) for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, Karni remained closed for all other imports and all exports.
<b>Sufa</b>	Sufa crossing was open on five days this week; it was closed on 29 February and 1 March. Sufa crossing was re-opened on 23 December for commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was open on one day this week (4 March) for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods.
<b>Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines</b>	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days this week. On 1 March, they were closed for the weekend. On 27 February, Nahal Oz was open but not functioning as the Israeli contractor refused to work due to a shooting incident on 26 February. On 28 February, Nahal Oz was partially open for the entry of fuel for a short period of time.

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**Method and Sources**

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

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

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