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1. Situation in Gaza

Israel resumed its assassination policy on 7 February 2004, when 2 Palestinians including an Islamic Jihad activist and eleven year school boy were killed and 11 people injured, when a vehicle carrying Islamic Jihad activists was targeted by helicopter gun ships.

The death toll has been rising during the last 2 weeks with 21 Palestinians killed during successive IDF operations in Gaza. Rafah is still being exposed to almost daily Israeli incursions. On Sunday 8 February, 2 persons were killed, 20 injured and 14 homes partially demolished as Israeli forces entered the As Salam area.

2. Casualties

Palestinians: **36 deaths**
 95 injured
 Israelis: **11 deaths**
 56 injured (approximately)

3. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

Denial of access: **4** incidents
 Delay (35 – 150 min.): **8** incidents
 Harassment/Abuse of medical crew: **3** incidents
 Shooting/Damage to ambulance: **1**

4. Curfews

Curfews were reported in the following locations: Aiday Camp (2 days), Husan, Battir and Turmuss'aya (1 day)

5. House demolitions/Demolition Orders

09 February: 10 houses in Far'un adjacent to the Separation Barrier received orders to halt construction of the houses. According to the Israeli DCL these houses have been built on illegal background. Residents have been granted the option to take their cases to the Israeli High Court, which will take a decision on 03 March.

DATE	LOCATION	Completely Demolished	Partially Demolished
28/01/2004	Yatta	5	0
29/01/2004	Kobar	2	0
29/01/2004	Shukheidim	1	0
29/01/2004	Khan Yunis (al Qarara_	0	0
30/01/2004	'Ayda Refugee Camp	1	0
31/01/2004	Silwad	3	0
01/02/2004	Silwad	3 & 1 a four-floor apartment block	0
02/01/2004	'Ayda Refugee Camp	1	0
02/02/2004	Rafah	0	7
05/02/2004	Shufat	1	0
06/02/2004	Imneizil	2	0
06/02/2004	Burqin	2-storey building	0

08/02/2004	Rafah	0	14
09/02/2004	Beit Hanina	2	0
10/02/2004	Silwan	1	0
Total		22 houses , 2-storey building and 1 four-floor block	21

6. Land levelling/confiscation

- **06 February:** IDF started bulldozing land in the area north of Bardala village east of Tubas for the preparation of the Separation Barrier construction.

7. Gaza:

Date	Area	(dunums)	Acres	Crop
25/01/2004	Deir al Balah	22	5.5	Olive
TOTAL		22	5.5	

8. Checkpoints/roadblocks/Separation Barrier/Restrictions on movement

- Tulkarm/Qalqilya governorates:

- The past two weeks continued to see a relaxation in the movement with no new major restrictions (roadblocks, earth mounds, and closures) imposed on the local population in both Tulkarm and Qalqilya districts apart from the already existing. All checkpoints have been operational and in general.
- Apart from the completion of the Separation Barrier through Nazlat Isa (Barrier entrance is still pending), no other concrete steps have been taken on the ground to continue or alter the route of the Separation Barrier in conjunction with the third phase. Construction of the tunnel between Habla and Qalqilya town is ongoing.
- Following the latest suicide attack in Jerusalem on 29 January, relatives were rejected permission to visit villages behind the Separation Barrier during Eid.
- All Separation Barrier gates were closed apart from Qaffin, Baqa ash Sharqiya, Zeit North, Shuweika, Falameya North, Falameya South, Jayyous North, Jayyous South, Wadi ar Rasha, Ramadin, Ras Tira, Azzun Atmeh, Jbara and Habla.

- Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- The majority of check points in the Nablus governorate have been easier to cross.

- Ramallah/al-Bireh/Beituniya governorates:

- Earth mounds in 'Ein Arik have again been removed, thereby making movement easier. However, a presence of flying checkpoints throughout the governorate and the frequent and irregular closure of An Nabi Saleh Gate, are all making the movement for Palestinians difficult.
- Ongoing construction of the Separation Barrier in Rantis south towards Qibya.
- In Budrus the construction of the Separation Barrier is still on halt. (It was not declared a closed military area as announced in media on 09 of January). Construction works are expected to start soon due to the movement of construction equipment along the route of the Separation Barrier.

- Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- Ongoing construction of the Separation Barrier in different sections in Khallet a Nu'man and north near Har Hommah , Ash Sheikh Sa'ad.and Sour Baher
- The construction of the Separation Barrier in as Sawahriya ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis and Eizariya east of the Mount of Olives near Beit Fagi monastery is rapidly progressing in terms of installing a 9-meter concrete blocks to close the remaining section of the passage from Eizariyah to Mount of Olives.
- Ongoing Separation Barrier construction opposite az Zayem Checkpoint, where land levelling down to the east in the valley to Maaly Adoumim to be completed.
- The replacement of 3-meter concrete blocks with 9-meter ones is on going in Abu Dees to the north of the junction near the main road and south behind the Cliff hotel near the "Palestinian legislative Council Building". Several stores near the junction were ordered to shut down and Border Police imposed restrictions on moving in and out for cars and pedestrians.
- During the last week, Israeli Border Police erected several flying checkpoints in the neighbourhoods near East Jerusalem, confiscating vehicles under the pretext that these vehicles had West Bank ID holders in them for one month. More than 70 were confiscated and parked in the Qalandiya airport.

Bethlehem/Hebron governorates:

- **27 Jan – 9 Feb:** Work continues at Gilo on the new site for the Border Police checkpoint. Fences have been erected around the construction site on the eastern side of the road. On the western side of the road excess dirt and rubble from the site is being used to create the foundations of a new section of the Separation Barrier.

- **29 January – 3 February:** IDF imposed a tight closure on Bethlehem District after the suicide bomb attack in Jerusalem: all check points in the District were closed.
- **9 February:** Israeli Border Police dug up once more the three trenches cutting the road from Walaja to Bethlehem (Cremisan). The trenches had been filled in by the local residents to allow for the passage of vehicles during the Al Eid period at the end of January.
- **9 February:** The Border Police blocked the only access road to the village of An Nu'man, Bethlehem District rendering it a closed village.
- The number of valid permits for buses of the Hebron national bus company is 29, of which 21 for public transport between Hebron and Bethlehem and 8 for movement between Hebron and Jericho. From 30 January until 3rd of February the IDF prevented the buses to carry passengers from Bethlehem District to Hebron District. Restrictions applied also to private Palestinian vehicles travelling from Hebron along the Wadi Sair secondary road.

Gaza crossings/checkpoints

The enclosed areas:

- **As-Seafa:** Movement remains restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate opening twice daily for As-Seafa ID holders from 06:30 to 08:30 and 14.00 to 16.00. Motor vehicles are not allowed to enter since November 2000, with the exception of international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF. Since 15 January 2004, the women were not allowed move through the checkpoint. Since 28 January 2004, IDF started to allow women to get in and out of Al Seafa but movement is subject to full body search and with 24 hours prior coordination.
- **Al-Mawassi:** IDF imposed restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate opening twice daily for Al Mawassi ID holders from 07.00 to 09.00 and 14.30 to 17.00. No passage is possible for male Al Mawassi ID holders aged 15-23 without prior coordination. Youths aged below 15 must be accompanied by a guardian. Motor vehicles are not allowed to enter, with the exception of international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF. Since 21 January till 9 February 2004, IDF was completely closing at-Toffah check point denying the access of all people as well as the goods. It was reopened on 10 February 2004, Tel as-Sultan checkpoint (RAFAH) was closed on 10 February 2004.

9. Access to schools

- **9 February:** In Surif village, Hebron District, the IDF attacked the Boys' Secondary School with tear gas and sound bombs, one teacher was injured.
- No major delays for teachers and school children have been reported over the past two weeks. However, over the past two weeks there have been reports of harassment and body search of female students at the Ras Tira gate. Increased (psychological) harassment of school children by the IDF has also been reported at the Jbara gate, e.g. one parent reported that his child was forced to take a hand grenade and throw it.

10. Labour movement to Israel

West Bank:

- All work permits to Israel for Tulkarm and Qalqilya are still under suspension as a consequence of the incidence that took place in Tel Aviv on 25 December. A further total of 60 renewed/new traders' permits over the past two weeks have been issued for Qalqilya and another 100 for Tulkarm. According to Palestinian DCL, the current number in Tulkarm stands at approximately 800 and 650 in Qalqilya.
- In Hebron and Bethlehem Districts no new workers' permits were issued during the reporting period. In Hebron District there are a total of 670 valid permits released for traders, and approximately 90 are valid in Bethlehem.

Gaza

Entry is still only granted to workers over 35 years of age, a seven-year increase from the previous minimum age of 28. Passage through Erez is problematic on account of the suicide bombing that took place on January 14. The IDF is requiring workers to show their legs and raise their shirts before being allowed passage. Injuries from congestion are still being reported as workers undergo a "filtration process" that takes place in a tunnel measuring 88 metres by 11 metres.

11,943 permits to enter Israel were issued to Palestinian agricultural and construction workers and 1,343 traders.

Date	Israel	Erez Industrial Estate
28/01/2004	6,723	2,800
29/01/2004	7,458	2,187
30/01/2004	5,509	1,799
31/01/2004	254	1,446
01/02/2004	0 (Al Adha holiday)	0 (Al Adha holiday)
02/02/2004	521	125

03/02/2004	2,580	1,075
04/02/2004	6,531	2,603
05/02/2004	6,895	1,749
06/02/2004	6,162	1,193
07/02/2004	331	2,249
08/02/2004	6,217	2,110
09/02/2004	5,377	2,449
10/02/2004	7,020	2,544

11. Other incidents

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya governorates

- **8 February:** The IDF entered the secondary school in Shweikah in Tulkarm and conducted a search campaign. No arrests were reported.
- **9 February:** The IDF entered Tulkarm Refugee Camp around 04:30 in the morning. One person was injured while attempting to escape. He and his three brothers were arrested. Concurrently, the IDF conducted a search campaign in the southern part of Tulkarm city. No arrests were reported.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates

- Several search and arrest campaigns took place during the reporting period in Nablus, Jenin and Tubas.
- **08 February:** IDF entered Fatayer street south of Nablus and occupied one house and held the residences of the building in one room. A search of the nearby houses took place, but no arrests were reported.
- **09 February:** IDF occupied a four-storey building in Silah adh Dhaher village south of Jenin and used the building as an observation point. 20 people residing in the building were locked in one room.

Ramallah/Al-Bireh/Beituniya governorates:

- **29 January:** The IDF entered al Bireh and conducted a search operation. Two people were arrested.
- **29 January:** The IDF entered the village of Kobar and arrested two people.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **28 January:** Four Palestinians were beaten in Jin'ba village (Hebron District) by settlers from Susya settlement.
- **30 January:** The IDF entered Bethlehem city at night. Search and arrest campaigns took place in Aida Refugee Camp, ad Duheisha Refugee Camp, Beit Jibrin (al Azeh) Refugee Camp, and Bethlehem city.
- **2 February:** Four Israeli soldiers were injured and one Palestinian was killed during a military operation in Aida camp. Confrontations took place in the camp during the day and IDF used live ammunition, rubber bullets and tear gas in the clashes. Three Palestinians were injured and four were arrested during arrest campaign at night.
- **7 February:** Settlers from Kiryat Arba attacked Palestinians from Wadi An-Nasara to prevent them from using "Prayer's road"
- **8 February:** Settlers from Tel Rumeida attacked Palestinian houses in H2 with stones and empty bottles causing damage. Three Palestinians were assaulted and injured, two of them children.
- **9 February:** One settler from Betar Illit was injured when Palestinians threw a firebomb at a car on route 375, between the villages of Husan and Battir.

Gaza

- **09 February:** 6 Fishermen from Beach Refugee Camp were arrested by IDF when sailing. No fishing is currently possible from any area of al Mawasi.
- During the reporting period 65 mortars, 23 home made rockets and 9 anti tanks missile have been fired towards the Israeli settlements of Neve Dekalim, Dugit, Netzarim, and Gadid. No injuries reported.
- **28 January:** 8 Palestinians were killed and another 4 injured during an incursion of at least 5 IDF tanks, 3 bulldozers into az Zaytouna area south of Gaza City
- **30 January:** Two Palestinians were killed and another injured when IDF spotted the three of them trying to plant a road side bomb east of Dugit Settlement.

(Source: OCHA field units, UNRWA, UNSCO, PRCS, MoH, UHHC, Governors' office, Israeli MoFA & IDF web sites, Al Mizan, PCHR)

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Appendix: Checkpoints Status 28 January – 10 February 2004

Checkpoints

Check Point	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	Open during the reporting period between 07:00 and 21:00, but only for holders of permits into Israel and international vehicles. All pedestrians have to pass through a metal detector
Kafriat	The checkpoint has been open during the reporting period for pedestrians and ambulances only. No Palestinian green-plated cars were allowed through without special permits (mostly traders). The checkpoint is in principle open 24 hours, but no one uses the checkpoint after dark.
Qalqiliya DCO	Has been open and unmanned during the whole reporting period allowing everyone to pass without discrimination.
Jaljoulia	Open during the reporting period 24 hours, but only for holders of permit into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Daba, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for "security checks".
Nablus (Checkpoint opening hours: 06:00. Closed for vehicles at 18:00, for pedestrians at 20:00)	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Generally open for holders of Nablus ID-cards, students, teachers and medical doctors.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Same as Huwwara
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through. It is easier to pass for all during Eid Al Adha holidays.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Open several hours a day when the IDF is not manning the check point.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans with major delays. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan valley	Occasionally open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajjan, Azmout, Deir al Hatab and Salem. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through but with significant delays.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have special permits.
Maale Efrayim South east connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have special permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tobas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having special permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through). Since the 6 th of February IDF is asking all the Palestinians to have special permits to pass and unload the goods at the check point to be inspected.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Generally open, occasionally manned.
Salem (new) Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmot villages	Open for Villagers from the three villages.
"17" ('Asira) North entrance for the villages of 'Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighboring villages.	Totally closed for vehicles by several earth mounds. Closed for all Palestinians except medical personnel and ambulances since 27 December.
Jenin (Check point opening hours: 06:00. Closed for vehicles at 18:00, for pedestrians at 20:00)	
Janat "Wadi Balaama" Southern entrance to Jenin City	Occasionally manned.
Haifa Street	Occasionally manned.

Western entrance to Jenin City	
Al Amn Al Watani Northern entrance of Jenin	Occasionally manned.
Salem North western entrance/ "Green Line"	Closed for Palestinians. "Military closed area".
Um ar Rihan Western gate on the separation barrier	Closed for Palestinians living in the area behind the Barrier and the "Green Line". After 17 October residents of these areas are were ordered to obtain special permits to enter/exit.
Qaddim (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Closed during most hours of the day.
Tubas (Open during day light hours only)	
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless holding special permits. Since the 6 th of February IDF is requesting all the Palestinians to obtain a special permit to cross and unload the goods at the check point to be inspected.
Ramallah/Al Bireh/Beituniya	
Qalandiya checkpoint	Open. Access usually only permitted for West Bank/Gaza Palestinians with permits, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with foodstuffs are permitted to cross. Usually open daily from 6.00-21.00.
Beit El/DCO checkpoint	Open. No access for pedestrians. Vehicle access only for diplomatic/foreign/ UN/yellow plated cars, ambulances, some trucks and West Bank cars whose drivers carry permits. Usually open daily from 6.00-22.00.
Atara Bridge	Open. Vehicle & pedestrian access. The bridge is partially manned by IDF soldiers. The observation tower deters many people from using this crossing at night.
An Nabi Salih gate	Opened most of the time. Soldiers manned in the Observation Tower closes the gate from time to time on a no-regular-base. Reports on frequent harassment by the soldiers towards Palestinians.
A-Tira roadblock	Closed. No access.
Ofra roadblock	Closed. No access.
Makkabim checkpoint	Open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and only those West Bank/Gaza Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Ni'lin checkpoint	Open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and West Bank/Gaza Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Residents of Budrus, Qibya, Deir Qaddis and Kharbatha Bani Harith villages are no longer permitted to use the Ni'lin access road.
Rantis checkpoint	Open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and WBGS Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
'Ein Arik	The earth mounds were removed 29 January and the road was opened for all traffic.
Jerusalem	
Hizma CP North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. Palestinians without special permits denied access. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
Az Za'ayem CP Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without special permits denied access.
Ar Ram CP Northern entrance on Road 60 North.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals.
Bir Nabala/Atarot CP Northern entrance on Road 404 / 45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without special permits denied access.
Ramot Allon CP North western entrance on Road 436/Beit Iksa village.	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinians without special permits denied access.
Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open all week for Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank Palestinians with permits and Internationals. Palestinian without special permits denied access.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open all week between 0600 hrs until 2200 hrs. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards allowed entrance on foot. Entrance with car only for ambulances and internationals and

	Palestinians with permits.
'Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa Northern entrance	Open all week between 0600 hrs until 2200 hrs. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards allowed entrance on foot. Entrance with car only for ambulances and internationals and Palestinians with permits.
Gate opposite Allenby CP off Road 90.	Gate manned by IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for the Shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem/Hebron (selected checkpoints)	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours to international humanitarian organizations Palestinians with permits. Transit for Palestinians impossible in the days following suicide attack in Jerusalem. Border Police insists to request passports as only valid documentation for international UN staff.
Walaja Entrance to village, western access to Bethlehem	Officially open 24 hours but in practice works 07:00 to 19:00. The ability to move for local residents has eased since the presence of an IDF liaison officer with the Border Police at the checkpoint. Walaja is effectively a closed village after 19:00.
Bethlehem DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Open 07:00 to 19:00 hours to internationals and Palestinians. Following suicide attack in Jerusalem, restrictions applied to Palestinian movement, particularly outbound.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between North and South West Bank	Open 24 hours to all Palestinians but no Palestinian-plated private vehicles allowed through unless with appropriate permission. Following suicide attack in Jerusalem, closed from 30 Jan to 5 Feb for all Palestinians
Noqedim South-east of Bethlehem on route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours to all Palestinians as well as international humanitarian organizations. Following suicide attack in Jerusalem, prevented access to Palestinians and effectively cut movement between the districts of Hebron and Bethlehem for private Palestinian vehicles.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on route 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open from 06:00 to 17:00 Sunday to Thursday, Friday open until 14: 00, closed on Saturdays. Transit of goods without problems.
Ras Al Joura ("Abu Habla") Main entrance to Hebron	Closed since opening of Halhul road on 12 December. Can be opened for emergencies through liaison with Israeli DCL.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Open, - 29 January 2004, PA security forces at Erez began stopping and searching vehicles travelling to Israel. Cars are being searched and IDs checked, apparently as a result of demands made by the IDF directly to the Palestinian side. - 29 January 2004, IDF closed Erez checkpoint for 2 hours whilst processing the Palestinian prisoners who were to be handed over as part of the swap deal between Israel and Hizbullah.
Karni	Open during all the days of the reporting period but closed on 9 February 2004.
Sufa	-Open, 29 January 2004, the crossing was reopened for worker and 135 workers crossed. On 09 February 2004, no workers entry was allowed.
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 08 October.
Abu Houli junction	Open daily from 03:00 – 20:00. On 01/02/2004 was open 24 hours. Closed for several hours on: - 03 February 2004 (10:30 -14:20) - 28 January 2004 (09:15 -10:00) 04 February 2004 (18:30 – 20:30)
Abu al Ajin road	Closed
Beach road	Open
Rafah crossing	Open, On 29 January 2004, IDF closed the terminal at 13:00.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Qalqiliya DCO	The back-to-back system has not been in use as all trucks had full access to Qalqiliya.
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational for all kinds of goods.
Nablus Awarta checkpoint (the main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003), Open during day light hours only	
28/01.- 10/02	Open for all goods
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial	Back to back was allowed for all goods.

Beituniya	
Beituniya commercial checkpoint	Open for goods and ICRC vehicles only – back-to-back system in operation.
Jericho	
Back to Back CP/DCO CP	DCO CP functions also as a Back to Back checkpoint for goods in and out of the city.

Road Gates

Gate	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Anabta	The gate is closed for vehicles but open for pedestrians and therefore it functions as a back-to-back system for buses and taxis between 08:00 and 18:00.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole reporting period.

Separation Barrier Gates

Qaffin	Open 24 hours and manned by soldiers and only accessible for holders of green permits, except for the residents of Nazlat Isa, Nazlat Abu Nar, Baqa Ash Sharqiya, and medical staff and teachers.
Baqa Ash Sharqiya	Open between 04:00 and 24:00 and manned by soldiers. Females opt for a detour through Qaffin gate in the absence of female soldiers at this gate for body search. Local residents of Nazlat Isa, Nazlat Abu Nar and Baqa Ash Sharqiya are not required green permits together with teachers, suppliers and medical staff. Medical staff was denied access on 9 February for no apparent reasons.
Zeita North	The gate has been open three times a day approximately around 06:00, 12:00 and 18:00 for holders of green permits
Shweikah	The gate is only open for and used by one family residing behind the barrier. Medical staff needs prior co-ordination with IDF. The gate is closed for anyone else.
Falamya North	The gate has been open for holders of green permits three times a day for approximately 20 minutes per time around 06:00, 12:00 and 15:45.
Falamya South	The gate has been open for holders of green permits three times a day for approximately 20 minutes per time around 06:20, 12:20 and 16:00.
Jayyous North	In a meeting between the Mayor of Jayyous and the DCO on 6 February, the IDF agreed to extend the opening hours of the gate as follows: 06:00-08:30, 12:30-13:30 and 17:00-18:30. Subsequent monitoring of this gate by UNRWA over the past couple of days has proven that these new opening hours have been implemented with minor irregularities. Only farmers with green permits are allowed to cross. The gate was reported closed in the period 4-6 February after an incident where some villagers (who allegedly have been rejected green permits) attempted to set the gate on fire.
Jayyous South	The gate is in principle only open for one family residing behind the barrier on the following hours: 07:25-08:00, 12:55-13:20 and 16:40-16:50. Farmers with green permits who appear in front of the gate during these opening hours are sometimes allowed to cross.
Wadi As Rasha	The gate has been reported open twice a day around 07:00 and 13:00. The gate is used by school children from Ramadeen and Arab Abu Farda and farmers with green permit.
Ramadeen	The gate has been reported open twice a day around 07:00 and 13:00. The gate is used by school children from Ramadeen and Arab Abu Farda and farmers with green permit.
Ras Tira	The gate has been open three times a day and only accessible for holders of green permits between 07:00 – 08:00, 12:00 – 13:00 and 16:00 – 17:00. Teachers, school children and medical staff are exempted. The gate was reported closed on 5 February following an incident where some young villagers attempted to cut the fence.
Azzun Atma	The gate has been open between 06:30 – 21:00. Access to Azzun Atma requires green permits. Residents of Azzun Atma as well as ambulances, teachers and school children from Beit Amin and Saniria are still exempted. The gate is manned by soldiers who also guard the adjacent gate into the Israeli settlement of Sha'are Tiqwa.

Jbara	The gate has been reported open, but only for school children. The opening hours are: 07:00 – 08:00 and 12:30 – 14:00.
Habla	The gate has only been open for holders of green permits between 07:00 – 08:00, 12:00 – 13:00 and 16:00 – 17:00 and teachers and ambulances. The gate is manned by soldiers. However, PRCs ambulances from Qalqilya need prior co-ordination with IDF through ICRC before access is granted. Teachers from Qalqilya barely use this gate any more due to irregular opening hours and difficulties at Jaljoulia checkpoint. Consequently, teachers travel through Azzun to reach the schools in Habla.

Closure Status – January 2004

Closure statistics by Governorate January 2004

Gov\Barrier	Earth mound	Roadblock	Checkpoint	Road Gate	Barrier Gate	Partial Checkpoint	Total\Gov
Jenin	31	6	5	1	5	4	52
Tulkarm	31	3	2	3	11		50
Nablus	65	7	12	8		2	94
Tubas		2	1	1			4
Salfit	45	14	1	4	1	1	66
Qalqiliya	14	4	2	2	23	1	46
Jerusalem	31	6	8	1			46
Jericho	1	3	3	2			9
Ramallah	55	20	6	6		2	89
Bethlehem	67	9	10	2			88
Hebron	139	26	9	11			185
Total	479	100	59	41	40	10	729