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1. **Casualties**

Palestinians: **12 deaths**
 85 injured
 Israelis: **0 deaths**
 2 injured

2. **Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams**

- **26 March:** IDF detonated an explosive belt and causing damages to an ambulance after preventing the ambulance driver to remove the vehicle.
- **26 March:** Two ambulances were held at Huwwara checkpoint for 3 hours. Medical staff was forced to search Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.

Denial of access: **3** incidents
 Delay (45 min – 5 hrs): **19** incidents
 Abuse of medical staff: **1** incident

3. **Curfews**

Curfews were reported in the following locations: Huwarra and Hebron H2 (**2** days), Beir Ummar, Tuqu, al Yamun, Tura al Gharbiya, Silat adh Dhaher and Sabastiya (**1** day)

4. **House demolitions/Demolition Orders**

- **24 March:** IDF occupied a two-storey house in Huwwara to be used as an observation point.
- **27 March:** an IDF bulldozer destroyed a shelter made of iron sheets in Oryba area in Khan Yunis.
- **28 March:** The IDF handed 11 orders to stop construction of their houses to Palestinians from Arab Al Hathalin in Khashem al Karem south east of Yatta, Hebron District, due to lack of permits. This will affect 130 persons in the area.
- **29 March:** 7 houses in Qatanna adjacent to Har Adar settlement received demolition orders.

DATE	LOCATION	Completely demolished	Partially demolished	Partially damaged
24/03/2004	Khan Yunis Refugee Camp	5	3	19 shelters
27/03/2004	Biddya, Salfit	1	0	0
		6	3	19 shelters

5. **Land levelling/Confiscation**¹

West Bank:

- While Barrier construction has been halted in Ni'lin, Al Midya and Beit Sira pending a decision in the Israeli High Court of Justice, the IDF continues land levelling in Beit Liqya.
- **29 March:** Land levelling and tree uprooting started between the Beir Ur al Fuqa and Beitiniya lands on the northern side of Beir Khoron settlement in Ramallah governorate.
- **28 March:** The IDF handed a confiscation order to the head of Husan village council, in Bethlehem District. The confiscated land, which stretches for 2.3 km along the northern side of the 375 bypass road, is apparently going to be used to erect a fence to protect settlers' vehicles

¹ 4 dunums = 1 acre

- **29 March:** Settlers from the settlement of Kharsina cut 300 grape trees in the area of Al Buwera, Hebron city.

Gaza:

- 24 March: IDF bulldozers destroyed 70 dunums of olive and palm trees in the eastern quarter of Al Qarara area in Khan Younis.
- 25 March: 20 dunums of olive trees were levelled by an IDF bulldozer supported by two tanks in the southern area, east of Qissufim road.

6. Checkpoints/roadblocks/ Barrier/Restrictions on movement

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya governorates:

- In both governorates there was increase in the number of flying checkpoints. Villagers/farmers in both governorates reported major delays in the opening hours of the agricultural gates.
- The village of Ramin in Tulkarm governorate was (together with Shufa – as reported last week) closed by the IDF with earth mounds on that road the leads to Anabta. The villagers are now resorted to use small dirt roads when going to Tulkarm. Israeli DCO stated that they are looking into the matter.
- A new agricultural gate was constructed between Nazlat Isa and Qaffin as part of the new Barrier through Nazlat Isa. The vast majority of land behind the Barrier belongs to farmers from Qaffin who cultivate rain fed olives. However, the DCL in Tulkarem stated that the gate will only become operational during the harvest season.
- Additional movement restrictions were placed on the checkpoint in Nazlat Isa that also affected international organisations. According to DCL no Palestinians are permitted to cross regardless of their work affiliation and permit status. Currently, traffic is being redirected through Barta checkpoint in Jenin.
- Construction of the tunnel between Habla and Qalqilya town is ongoing.
- Opening statistics of Barrier gates are listed below in the table. The announced opening hours of the agricultural gates have not been strictly adhered to by the IDF. There were frequent delays.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **23 March:** IDF totally closed Beit Furik checkpoint east of Nablus. All Palestinians were denied access.
- **24 March:** Hundreds of Palestinians were delayed at Tappuah checkpoint south of Nablus for several hours.
- **24 March** IDF closed Jannat checkpoint south of Jenin for several hours denying access for Palestinians.
- **25 March:** IDF installed a flying checkpoint near Odala village south of Nablus preventing trucks from reaching Awarta back to back yard for several hours.
- **27 March:** IDF denied access for trucks at Hammra checkpoint east of Nablus. IDF requested all the trucks to obtain special permits to cross the checkpoint.

Ramallah/al-Bireh/Beituniya governorates:

- IDF and Border Police are regularly establishing a checkpoint in the underpass below route 443 on the road that connects the village with Beir Ur at Tahta. This access road is now the only route to Ramallah for all the villages south of route 443 in the Beit Liqya area and the Qattana cluster. The delays have particularly affected teachers.
- Long delays, ID and car checks were experienced at an Nabi Saleh gate, where a semi-permanent checkpoint operates.
- **25 March up to date:** A checkpoint has been in operation at the entrance of Rantis village.

Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- Israeli security forces were on high alert throughout the week and on 30 March in particular in conjunction with the Land Day. Numerous flying checkpoints were observed.
- Construction of the Barrier is continuing in different sections from Khamat an Nu'man northwards near Har Hommah settlement, Ash Sheikh Sa'ad, Sur Baher, Sawahriya ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis and Al 'Eizariya.
- The construction of the Barrier in Al 'Eizariya east towards Mount of Olives near Beit Fagi monastery is moving rapidly. The Barrier is in the form of 8m concrete slabs, which will close the remaining section of the passage from al 'Eizariya to the Mount of Olives.
- The construction of the Barrier opposite Al Quds University is moving rapidly. The Barrier is in the form of 8m concrete slabs.
- The construction of the Barrier ongoing opposite az Za'yem Checkpoint with land levelling east of the valley towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier in the north western villages of Beit Surik, Biddu Beit Duqqu and Beit Ijza is on halt due to the Israeli High Court issued on 18 March. Land levelling in Qattana stated again on 27 March. The levelling now stretches for approximately 2Km.
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier is continuing in the north western village of Beit Duqqu.

- IDF continued throughout the week to install concrete wall slabs in the middle of the road between Dahiet al Barid and Qalandiya checkpoint. The stretch of the slabs is now 600m long.
- **25 March:** The new established checkpoint at Nabi Samual was again relocated back to its former place some 800m south east by the road leading to Bet Ikksa. At the same time, the roadblocks put in place on the road leading to Bet Ikksa, were removed.
- The back-to-back checkpoint in Jericho was closed on 22 March following clashes that erupted between Palestinian youngsters and IDF. The checkpoint has been closed since resulting in losses from agricultural revenues. Residents of Jericho have been denied leaving the city since 22 March.

Bethlehem/Hebron governorates:

- **23 March – to date:** Contractors have started installing a concrete wall in the area north of Ayda camp, Bethlehem District, extending the route of the Barrier already built in that area towards the Gilo checkpoint.
- The implementation of closure in the southern part of the West Bank has restricted further movement for Palestinians and made access for humanitarian aid problematic, compounding, particularly in the District of Bethlehem, the already existing difficulties.
The most significant developments since the imposition of total closure have been:
 - The closure of the town of Yatta and its environs, restricting movement for close to 100,000 persons, as all crossing points on the bypass roads surrounding it have been closed.
 - The fragmentation of the District of Hebron in enclaves soon after 22 March by closing and locking gates along the main routes used by Palestinians for vehicular traffic within the District and between Hebron and Bethlehem. The closure of route 356, in the area of Wadi Sair, is still in place.
 - Significant increase in the number of flying checkpoints in the two Districts. IDF patrols have prevented Palestinians from crossing in or out of Bethlehem at the Al Khadr - Husan junction, across route 60, compounding the isolation of the villages in the western part of the District of Bethlehem caused by the continued closure of the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint (since March 3);
 - Palestinians have been prevented to enter Jerusalem or to cross into Israel at checkpoints along the Green Line
- **23 - 27 March:** The IDF closed the gates on Halhoul Bridge, Hebron District preventing movement of Palestinians between the urban area of Hebron and Halhoul.
- **23 – 27 March:** The IDF closed the gates at the Sair – Halhoul crossing preventing movement of Palestinians across bypass road 60.
- **23 March:** The IDF closed the gate at Zif on bypass road 317, eastern entrance to the town of Yatta-Hebron District.
- **23 March:** The IDF closed the gate at the entrance of Dura and put an earth mound at the entrance of Al Fawwar Camp, Hebron District.
- **25 March:** The Border Police checkpoint at the entrance to Walaja was removed and placed on the bypass road connecting Har Gilo to Jerusalem via Ein Yalow.
- **25 March:** An earth mound was placed on the two secondary roads leading from Walaja village to Bethlehem, via the area of the Cremisan Monastery.
- The number of valid permits for the buses of Hebron national bus company is 34, of which 26 for public transport between Hebron and Bethlehem and 8 are for movement between Hebron and Jericho. Buses heading to Jericho have been prevented to cross the "Container" checkpoint during this week.

Gaza

From 29 March at 6.00 all UN staff was instructed by UN headquarters to no longer cross the Erez terminal by foot when entering and leaving Gaza. With the exception of UN diplomatic passport holders, no UN staff has been able to cross Erez by vehicle since 6 March when Palestinian militias launched an attack.

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 28 January 2004, IDF started to allow women to get in and out of AsSeafa but movement is subject to body search and with 24 hours prior coordination.

Al-Mawassi: IDF imposed restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Tuffah checkpoint 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.

- 24 – 26 March: At Tuffah and Tal As-Sultan checkpoints were completely closed.
- 27 March: Tal As-Sultan and Tuffah checkpoints were reopened
- 28 March: At Tuffah checkpoint was closed.

- 29 March: Tal Es-Sultan checkpoint was completely closed but Tuffah checkpoint was open for Al Mawasi people leaving only.
- 30 March: Tal Es-Sultan checkpoint was completely closed, mean while At Tuffah checkpoint was open for men aged 25 and above to leave and men aged 40 and above to enter. Women were freely moving in and out.

Kfar Darom: The Palestinian area adjacent to Kfar Darom settlement was declared a Closed Military Zone following a suicide attack on 27 February 2004. Since 20/7/2002 no vehicular movement was allowed as the IDF erected a fence around the area.

7. Education

- **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya:** Irregular opening hours of Ras Tira gate has affected school children access to the schools in Ras Atiya and Habla.
- **Nablus, 26 March:** Teachers from Umm ar Rihan elementary school in Jenin district were denied access for three days at Umm ar Rihan checkpoint.
- **Nablus:** All school children were forced to leave schools after IDF imposed curfew on Sabastiya village north of Nablus.
- **Jerusalem:** Access of students and staff to schools/university has been restricted due to the strict closure imposed on 22 March, especially for those coming from the south of the West Bank to al Quds University in Abu Dis and for non-residential teachers in Jericho.
- **Bethlehem/Hebron:**
 - **23 March:** Schools in Beit Ummar, Hebron District, were closed due to the curfew imposed on the village.
 - **23 March:** Students in the old town of Hebron faced problems in reaching their schools due to curfew in the area.
 - **25 March:** IDF prevented 30 teachers to reach their schools in south east of Yatta, Hebron District.
 - **26 March:** IDF searched the students of Al Ibrahimya School in the old own of Hebron before they entered the school.
 - **27 and 28 March:** IDF prevented teachers from Ar Ramadin and Arab al Fureijat schools, Hebron District, to reach their schools: one of the teachers was beaten and hospitalized.

8. Labour movement to Israel

West Bank:

- **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya:** All work and trade permits have been suspended since 22 March until further notice.
- **Jenin:** All permits for Jenin residents have been suspended since 22 March.
- **Bethlehem/Hebron:** In Hebron, all permits for traders were frozen up to 29 March, after which 150 new permits were issued: none were released for workers.
In Bethlehem, no permits were issued for traders or workers this month.

Gaza:

Since 22 March 2004, Erez checkpoint was closed for Palestinian workers but partially reopened for some tens of Palestinian traders aged 28 and above on 28 March. Erez Industrial Zone was re-opened for Palestinian workers as of 28 March 2004.

Date	Israel	Erez Industrial Estate
24/03/2004	0	0
25/03/2004	0	0
26/03/2004	0	0
27/03/2004	0	0
28/03/2004	59 (Traders)	3,581
29/03/2004	158	1,782

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

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Appendix: Checkpoints Status 23 – 30 March 2004

Checkpoints

Check Point	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	Has been open in the reporting period between 07:00 and 18:00, but only for holders of permits into Israel and international vehicles. All pedestrians have to pass through a metal detector. After 22 March following the killing of Sheik Ahmad Yassin, all permits into Israel have been suspended virtually no one has used the checkpoint during the reporting period.
Kafriat	Has been operational in the reporting period for pedestrians and ambulances. No cars with green plates are allowed through without special permission (mostly traders). The checkpoint is manned 24 hours, but no one uses the checkpoint after dark. Delays have occurred during the week. The checkpoint is currently under reconstruction.
Qalqiliya DCO	The main entrance to Qalqiliya has been manned quite frequently over the week through flying checkpoints searching all cars and pedestrians carefully. Flying checkpoints were reported on 23-25 and 28 March.
Jaljoulia	Has been open whole week 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. Still, only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects to security checks.
Nablus	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Generally open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 35 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors. Students of An Najah university are allowed to cross the checkpoint in on Saturdays and out on Wednesdays.
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.
Qusin (Beit Wazzan) Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Open several hours a day when the IDF is not manning the checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. 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. 23 March IDF totally closed the checkpoint for all Palestinians.
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).
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Generally open, occasionally manned.
Salem Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmout villages	Since 11 March IDF closed the checkpoint forcing the residents to use Beit Furik checkpoint instead.
"17" ('Asira) North entrance for the villages of 'Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighboring villages.	Closed for all Palestinians except medical personnel and ambulances since 27 December.
Al Badhan	Totally closed for all traffic by 8-meter high earth mounds. Occasionally reinforced with military presence.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with permits.
Janat "Wadi Balaama" Southern entrance to Jenin	Open for all Palestinians. 24 March IDF closed the checkpoint for several hours for Palestinians.

City	
Haifa Street Western entrance to Jenin City	Open for all Palestinians.
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits to Israel Between 07:00-19:00
Salem North western entrance/ “Green Line”	Closed for Palestinians: “Military closed area”.
Qaddim (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Closed by earth mound. Partially manned.
Tubas	
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless holding special permits.
Ramallah/AI 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 usually permitted to cross. Opening hours have been extended one hour from 6.00-22.00.
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. A checkpoint has been re-established on the bridge. Usually vehicle & pedestrian access. The observation tower remains in place.
An Nabi Salih gate	The checkpoint at the gate was re-established on 26-27 March – long delays were experienced.
A-Tira roadblock	Closed. No access.
Ofra roadblock	Closed. No access.
Makkabim checkpoint	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and only those West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Ni’lin checkpoint	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Checkpoint at entrance to Ni’lin village: Usually only residents of Ni’lin and Al Midya and people with special permits can access the western villages through this checkpoint. Villagers are consistently reporting harassment by the soldiers at this checkpoint.
Rantis checkpoint	Location of checkpoint has been moved westwards to the “Green Line”. Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and West Bank/Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem	
Hizma North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Az Za’ayem Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze’ev settlement.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 North.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 / 45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals.
Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open for Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank Palestinians with permits and Internationals.
Container (“Wadi nar”) East of Abu Dis, main transit Between North and South West Bank	Checkpoint has been closed for all Palestinian traffic, pedestrian and vehicle since the 22 March. Only municipality trucks have been allowed passage. Palestinians trying to bypass the checkpoint have been shot at. Reports on frequent harassment on Palestinian taxi drivers by Border Police.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Closed all week for all Palestinians, except for Jericho residents entering the city. Only open for internationals and for humanitarian reasons.
‘Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa Northern entrance	Closed all week for all Palestinians, except for Jericho residents entering the city. Only open for internationals and for humanitarian reasons.

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	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organizations. No Palestinians with permits allowed crossing. No Palestinian plated cars also allowed. Border Police continue to request national IDs from UN local staff. Common to see long lines of Palestinians standing facing the western side of the checkpoint while apprehended by the Border Police.
Walaja Entrance to village, western access to Bethlehem	On 25 of March, the CP was removed from its place and set up on the bypass road leading to the Jerusalem Mall, near the Animal Zoo.
Bethlehem DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Closed since of 03 March.
Noqedim South-east of Bethlehem on route 356 (Zatara area)	Opened 24 hours for all vehicles. Delays during peak hours for commuting workers as this remained the only entrance to Bethlehem from the south and the rest of the district as well as the only available transit for the northern part of the West Bank.
Tunnels Route 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli plated cars and international organizations. Palestinian with permits also allowed to cross.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours and only to settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers.
Efrata Connecting route 60 to 356 IDF	Open 24 hours, restrictions apply to Palestinians as the checkpoint is on a bypass road requiring permits.
Gush Etzion On bypass road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours to all. Manned with random checks carried out on vehicles.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on 375, Green Line	Closed to Palestinians.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on 367, Green Line	Closed to Palestinians.
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At road entrance to Negohot settlement, on route 354	Closed to all Palestinian traffic. Families living close to the settlement of Negohot unable to use road with vehicles. Coordination with DCL required for access of service providers.
Ras Al Joura At crossing Between routes 35 and 60, north of Hebron	Closed since 22 March for Palestinians and opened on 27 March. Remains open for International organizations.
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. Traders and workers with permits allowed crossing smoothly. Transit of goods without problems.
Shima On Route 60, east of Samoa	Open to Palestinians with permits for route 60 (bypass road)
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it. People can cross it on foot only.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Allowed for Palestinians going to pray. On 26 March Palestinians were prevented to reach the Mosque.
Shalala street, H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	Closed to Palestinians.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada street	Closed to Palestinians.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 23-26 March, IDF allowed non-diplomatic UN International staff to cross on foot through the Palestinian workers passage, meanwhile diplomats were allowed to cross through the VIP lane in vehicles after prior notification with the IDF. - 25 March, Erez crossing re-opens for international staff with vehicles from 10:00 to 14:00. - 27-28 March. Non diplomatic UN international staff allowed walking across the VIP lane. - 28 March 2004, the crossing was partially reopened as 59 traders aged 28 and above were allowed to enter Israel. Erez industrial estate re-opened. - 29 March. The UN prohibits movement by foot across Erez to all staff members.
Karni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24 March: 2004 Karni commercial crossing closed.

	- 25 March: Re-opens at reduced capacity with container passage not allowed.
Sufa	- 24, 25, 26 and 27 March 2004, Sufa crossing closed for construction materials and workers. - 28 and 29 March, Reopened for incoming construction materials only.
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 08 October.
Abu Houli junction	Open daily from 03:00 – 20:00, but several short closures were reported : - 25 March 2004, 14:00 – 16:30 - 28 March 2004, 08:00 – 09:30
Abu al Ajin road	Closed.
Beach road	Open.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	24March 2004, Reopened for arrivals and departures.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Qalqiliya DCO	The back-to-back system has not been in use as all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya. However, all trucks have been carefully searched by the IDF during the times where flying checkpoints were established.
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational during the week, however only for food supplies.
Nablus Awarta checkpoint (the main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003), Open during day light hours only	
Awarta checkpoint	- 23 March: Open for all goods , any foodstuffs loads going out was asked to have certificate from the chamber of commerce - 24 March: No back to back was allowed - 25 March: Open for all goods , any foodstuffs loads going out was asked to have certificate from the chamber of commerce - 26-30 March: Open for incoming goods. Closed for out going goods
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial	Open for all goods for back to back system. Trucks with liquid loads were not allowed to enter the city.
Beituniya	
Beituniya commercial checkpoint	Closed Monday 22 March. Usually commercial goods and ICRC vehicles only – back-to-back system in operation.
Jericho	
Back to Back CP/DCO CP	Closed all week.

Road Gates

Gate	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Anabta	The gate is permanently 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.

Barrier Gates

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Nazlat Isa	The gate remains manned 24 hours. The gate is currently used by students and residents from Nazlat Isa on the other side of the Barrier, international organisations and settlers from Khmesh and Mevo Dotan. Over the last week, the IDF imposed additional movement restrictions on the checkpoint in Nazlat Isa, also affecting international organisations. Currently, traffic is being redirected through Barta checkpoint in Jenin.
Shweikah	The gate is officially open for farmers between 7:00-9:00 and 15:00-17:00 with a green permit, but in reality the gate is and has only been used by one family residing behind the Barrier. However, the IDF are rarely present on the announced opening hours, so more and more the family need to co-ordinate their movement in advance. This does also have an effect on the family's children who attend their classes in Tulkarem. Medical staff also needs prior co-ordination with IDF.
Kfar Sur/Kfar Jamal	The gate has been reported open for farmers with green permits at 07:00 and 16:00. Only few farmers use this gate.

Falamya North	The gate has been open for holders of green permits three times a day between 07:00-08:30, 12:30-13:30 and 17:00-18:30.
Jayyous North	The gate has been open on the following hours: 06:00-08:30, 12:30-13:30 and 17:00-18:30. Only farmers with green permits are allowed to cross.
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 Ar Rasha	The students are still being transported by a local bus company on the initiative of the IDF to the schools in Habla and Ras Atiya.
Ramadeen	The students are still being transported by a local bus company on the initiative of the IDF to the schools in Habla and Ras Atiya.
Ras Tira	The gate has been open three times a day around 07:00, 12:30 and 16:00 for approximately one hour per time and is only accessible for holders of green permits. Teachers, school children and medical staff are exempted. The opening hours since 24 March have been so erratic that it severely has affected the school children and the local residents who rely on this gate only.
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	All school children from Jbara are being collected by an IDF rented bus to bring the children to the schools in Kfar Sur and Ar Ras through Kafriat checkpoint. However, the bus only drops the children in Ar Ras and Kafr Sur, consequently school children who attend classes in Kfar Sibad must proceed and return to collection point with public transportation.
Qalqilya south (Habla)	The gate has been operational for farmers with green permits between 06:30–07:45, 12:00–13:15 and 15:45–17:00. In, principle, teachers are also allowed to use this gate, however, the movement restrictions on road 55 from Jaljoulia checkpoint force teachers to travel through DCO checkpoint and Azzun to reach the schools in Habla.
Habla	The gate has been open for holders of green permits and ambulances between 06:30–07:45, 12:00–13:15 and 15:45 – 17:00. PRCS ambulances from Qalqilya need prior co-ordination with IDF through ICRC before access is granted. In, principle, teachers from Qalqilya are also allowed to use this gate. However, as in the case with the gate above, the movement restrictions on road 55 from Jaljoulia checkpoint force teachers to travel through DCO checkpoint and Azzun to reach the schools in Habla.
Jenin	
Um ar Rihan Western gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with "green permit". 26 March, the teachers of Umm Ar Rihan elementary school (Jenin) were denied access for three days.
Bartaa Southern gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with "green permit" between 04:30-21:00.
Anin Northern gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Closed for Palestinians.
At Tayba 1 North western gate	Military gate. Closed for Palestinians.
At Tayba 2 North western gate	Agricultural gate. Usually closed for Palestinians.
Jalboun Eastern gate	Military gate. Closed for Palestinians.