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1. Casualties

Palestinians: **17 deaths**
56 injured
Israelis: **5 deaths**
9 injured

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, IDF website, Israeli MoFA.

2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

Denial of access: **4** incidents

Delay (1- 5 hours): **9** incidents

Physical/Verbal abuse of Medical team: **2** incidents

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: **3** incidents

Evacuation of Patient from an Ambulance: **1** incident: A dialysis patient was evacuated from the ambulance and denied him access. He was accompanied by another patient (1-year old girl) with respiratory problems.

- Since 17 January 2004, following the suicide bombing at Erez in which four IDF soldiers were killed, Israeli authorities have imposed additional restrictions on the MOH ambulances transporting Gaza patients to Israeli and West Bank hospitals. All patients and medical staff are required now to use the worker's tunnel to proceed to the Israeli side and no longer the VIP track.
- Since 22 March 2004, the number of medical transfers dropped sharply. Only 6-10 co ordinations were approved per day while more than 40 per day were approved before the 17 January 2004.
- Since 18 April 2004, the number of medical transfer has dropped to 2-3 per day following the assassination of Dr. Rantisi.

Sources: FCU, PRCS, MoH

3. Curfews

Curfews were reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
27 April	Kharbatha Al Misbah	1 day
28 April	Ya'bad, Jenin	1 day
28 April	Idna, Hebron	1 day
28 April-02 May	Beit Sahur, Bethlehem	4 days
28-29 April	Deir Istiya, Salfit	2 days
29 April	Madama, Nablus	1 day
29 April	'Asira al Qibliya	1 day
30 April	Beituniya	1 day
30 April – 02 May	Beit Jala, Bethlehem	2 days
03 May	Al Khadr	1 day

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

4. House demolitions/Demolition Orders

Date	Location	Completely demolished	Partially demolished	Partially damaged
29/04/2004	Khan Yunis	12	8	3
29/04/2004	Yatta, Hebron	7	0	0
29/04/2004	Khirbet at Tabban, Hebron	5	0	0

29/04/2004	Khirbet Asafi, Hebron	2	0	0
29/04/2004	'Ein el Beida, Tubas	1 gas station	0	0
30/04/2004	Sara, Nablus	2	0	0
30/04/2004	Beit Ummar, Hebron	1	0	0
02/05/2004	Az Zirr area next to Kissufim settlement	12	0	0
02/05/2004	Rafah	4	0	0
03/05/2004	Al Mughraga area, Gaza Middle	4	4	0
03/05/2004	Abu al Ajin, Deir al Balah	1	0	1
04/05/2004	Khan Yunis	38	8	0
Total		88 houses and 1 gas station	20	4

Sources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights, PCHR, MSA

5. Land levelling/Confiscation¹

West Bank:

- **25 April:** Settlers from Mizad B Settlement uprooted 50 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Sa'ir, Hebron District.
- **28 April:** The IDF leveled and uprooted olive trees belonging to six families in Deir Istiya, that covered 10 dunums at the west entrance to Deir Istiya in Salfit district because they claimed it obscured the view to the road and Molotov cocktails had been thrown from this area.
- **29 April** IDF levelled 4 dunums near a gas station in 'Ein el Beida village while demolishing the station.
- **29 April:** Settlers from Neve Daniel Settlement confiscated 10 dunums of land near the settlement belonging to Palestinians from Al Khadr village, Bethlehem District.
- **02 May:** A large demonstration was organized by Deir Qaddis villagers to protest Modi'in settlement expansion on 2,000 dunums of village land between Deir Qaddis and Ni'in that was confiscated a few years ago. The Israeli High Court halted the construction recently and the land was scheduled to be handed back to the village in 2005.
- **03 May:** Residents of Ras Khamis in Shu'fat received confiscation orders for 51.5 dunum of land for the construction of the Barrier in that area.

Gaza:

- **29 April:** IDF bulldozers dug a deep trench approximately 700 metres in length next to Salah Ed-Din road, between Kfar Darom settlement and Kissufim junction in an attempt to prevent Palestinian cars reaching the area.
- **30 April:** 10 dunums of land of citrus trees were leveled in the area to east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
- **02 May:** 4 dunums planted with vegetables were levelled in western area of Al Qarara in Khan Yunis,

Sources: OCHA FCU

6. Checkpoints/Roadblocks/ Barrier/Restrictions on movement

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya governorates:

- The status of high alert continued over the week with restrictions on the movement imposed on the local population. A number of search campaigns and military raids were conducted in the towns and villages in all three districts of Qalqilya, Tulkarm and Salfit. Over the week, the IDF intensified the checking of commuters on the main roads (road 55 and 57) using public transportation. The two main entrances to Tulkarm town has been under closure for the local population only allowing selected groups of people to cross.
- Israeli DCL confirmed that the new system to administer and issue green permits at its office in Tulkarm would take a few more months before it is operational. Due to the limited capacity at DCL in Qalqilya to expedite these requests individually, the DCL has instructed the Palestinian DCL in the interim to co-ordinate and submit requests for green permits collectively on behalf of applicants. Once the new system is operating in Tulkarm, Qalqilya DCL will undergo the same change, after the "pilot phase" in Tulkarm has proven sustainable.

¹ 4 dunums = 1 acre

- The additional earth mounds that were put together in front of all the main entrances to Ramin village in Tulkarm district were removed allowing all local residents to move freely again.
- There have been no major changes taking place on the agricultural gates over the past week.
- Construction of the tunnel between Habla and Qalqilya town is ongoing.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- Major delays occurred at checkpoints around Nablus, especially students and young people. On 3 May, all checkpoints were totally closed for Palestinians.
- Major delays and harassment were witnessed at Tayasir checkpoint in Tubas governorate.
- **28 April:** IDF announced Jordan valley a closed military area. Most of the checkpoints in northern Jordan valley were closed for Palestinians.
- **28 April:** IDF entered Yabad town (Jenin), imposed curfew on the town and closed its entrances with earth mounds.
- **29 April** Flying checkpoints were put near Al Fara'a refugee camp, Tamun village and Al Aqrabaniya village (Tubas governorate)
- **03 May** Flying checkpoints were erected at the entrance of AL Fara'a Refugee Camp and Al Aqrabaniya village (Tubas).
- **03 May** WFP team was denied access at Huwwara checkpoint; the team was told that the checkpoint is closed for all including UN staff.

Ramallah/al-Bireh/Beituniya governorates:

- The partial checkpoint at Atara Bridge was operating on a daily basis. On 02 May, at An Nabi Saleh partial checkpoint, UN field staff member witnessed three children (ages 12-13) being held at the checkpoint with their hands tied behind their backs.

Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- The closure imposed on the West Bank and Gaza has prevented people from entering Jerusalem as well as Jericho. Numerous flying checkpoints in East Jerusalem were established.
- The "Container" checkpoint, on Wadi Nar Road, the main road between the southern and northern West Bank has been closed for all, pedestrian as well as vehicular, traffic all week. Palestinians have tried to bypass the checkpoint by walking down the hill just before the checkpoint, sometimes being chased, beaten and detained by the Border Police. Numerous reports have also occurred on delays for ambulances at this checkpoint.
- Construction of the Barrier is continuing in different sections from Khallet 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 and 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 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 Biddu, Bet Duquq, Beit Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Qatanna has continued throughout the week.
- **02 May:** the Israeli Supreme Court decided again to suspend the construction works of the Barrier in Bet Surik.
- The road between Qalandiya CP and Jaba' village east was closed on 30 April and 01 May.
- The stretch of concrete slabs in the middle of the road between Dahiet al Barid and Qalandiya checkpoint is now 800m long.

Bethlehem/Hebron governorates:

- The implementation of tight closure in the southern part of the West Bank has prevented movement of Palestinians between the two districts and into Jerusalem. The fragmentation of the District of Hebron in enclaves by closing and locking gates on Halhoul Bridge, the road to Beit Kahil, Dura – Al Fawwar junction and the significant increase in the number of flying checkpoints, also within H1 area – Hebron IDF and Israeli Border Police restricted the movement of Palestinians vehicular traffic within the District and between Hebron and Bethlehem.
- **Since 03 March:** In Bethlehem District, the heavy presence of 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. In addition, the curfew on Beit Sahour has effectively prevented Palestinians from entering or exiting the Bethlehem urban area.
- **28 April:** The IDF closed the main entrance of Idhna, Hebron District with earth mounds.
- **28 April to date:** The heavy presence of IDF at Al Khadr – Husan crossing, is restricting movement across bypass road 60, Bethlehem District.

- **30 April:** The IDF closed the gates on Halhoul Bridge and put barbed wires. IDF closed the main road with concrete blocks 50m before the bridge on Hebron side, Hebron District, preventing movement of Palestinians between the urban area of Hebron and Halhoul. The IDF conducts body searches for the apprehended young people.
- **30 April:** The IDF closed the road from Hebron to Beit Kahil with earth mounds, Hebron District, preventing movement of Palestinians in or out Hebron.
- **01 May:** The IDF closed the gate at the entrance of Dura/ at Al Fawwar/Dura junction, Hebron District.
- The number of valid permits for the Hebron national bus company is **34**, of which 26 for public transport between Hebron and Bethlehem and 8 for movement between Hebron and Jericho. Since 30 April, buses could not move in or out of Hebron because IDF closed the gates on Halhoul Bridge and put barbed wires, 50m before the bridge on Hebron side, the main road was closed by concrete blocks. At Gush Etzion CP random checks took place and since 1 May, IDF has restricted transit through the CP preventing movement between the two districts. No buses headed to Jericho this week since the "Container" checkpoint has remained closed since 22nd of March.
- **30 April to date:** Numerous incidents of harassment have been reported on Halhoul Bridge. Clashes between stone throwing Palestinians and Border Police responding with rubber coated metal bullets, tear and shock grenades also occurred. On 04 May one Palestinian youth, approx. 20 years old, was injured when one tear gas grenade hit him in the face.

Gaza

The enclosed areas in Gaza:

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 16:30. 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 17 April:** As-Seafa gate was closed, with no movement allowed.
- **Since 22 April:** IDF is allowing 3-4 people to go in and out for one time only with prior coordination to bring food in.
- **Since 29 April:** IDF start to allow the schools students to cross in and out in addition to the 3-4 people mentioned above.
- **01 and 02 May:** the gate was completely closed.

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.

- Tal As-Sultan checkpoint was closed all the week.
- **01, 02 and 03 May:** At Tuffah checkpoint was closed.
- **04 May:** People aged below 30 years, required to have prior coordination to move through Al Tuffah checkpoint.

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. Movement restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate opening four times daily for Al Ma'ni ID holders from 06:30 to 07:30, 10:30 to 11:30, 13:00 to 14:00 and 16:00 to 17:00.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNSCO, UNRWA

7. Education

- **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya:**
 - Over the past three days, children from Ramadin and Wadi Ar Rasha were not able to attend their classes in Habla and Ras Atiya as the bus transportation was suspended. In Qalqiliya, for two days the pupils did not attend school as they observed a mourning strike for the three Palestinians that were killed on 23 April during an IDF operation.
 - **26 April:** During a military operation, tear gas was thrown into the UNRWA female school compound, 15 pupils suffered from tear gas inhalation.
- **Nablus:**
 - **28 April:** The schools in Yabad town (Jenin) were closed due to curfew.

- **29 April:** IDF closed the entrance of al Fara'a Refugee camp with earth mounds and did not allow the students to attend schools in the camp.
- **29 April:** The schools in Madama & Asira al Qbliya villages (Nablus) were closed due to curfew.
- **30 April:** Settlers from Shakid and Hannanit settlement in Um Ar Raihan enclave (Jenin) entered Um Ar Raihan village late at night and threatened to demolish the school in the village claiming that stones were thrown at the settlers' cars while passing near the school.
- **Bethlehem/Hebron:**
 - Teachers and students could not reach their schools in Beit Sahur due to the curfew imposed on the city on 28-29 April. Students in Hebron – H2 area, on their way to school, have experienced delays by the Border Police.
- **Jerusalem:** Access for students and staff to schools/universities have been greatly restricted due to the strict closure imposed 22 March. This has been especially noticeable for students/staff coming from the south of the West Bank trying to reach Al Quds University in Abu Dis and for non-residential teachers in Jericho.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF

8. Labour movement to Israel

West Bank:

- **Tulkarm/Qalqilya:** All work and trader permits into Israel are still under suspension since 22 March. It is not clear when the restriction will be lifted. Only severe medical cases are granted permission into Israel for urgent treatment through co-ordination with the Palestinian DCL.
- Last week it was reported that the IDF had changed the logo of the green permits with requirements similar to those that Palestinian workers usually obtain to work inside Israel proper. Israeli DCL confirmed that IDF ascertained that this was an error made by the IDF, and that the permits had been printed with the wrong colour and given to people inadvertently.
- **Bethlehem/Hebron:** No permits trade or work permits were issued this month in Bethlehem. In Hebron, 145 new permits were issued for traders and 108 permits were issued for the bypass roads this month but due to the tight closure on the Hebron District no body was allowed to pass, none was released for workers.

Gaza:

- **Since 18 April:** Both Erez crossing and the Industrial Estate were closed and workers were allowed to cross.
- 11,429 workers holding valid work permits were not allowed to cross the Green Line due to the imposed closure. 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 2004.

Date	Israel	Erez Industrial Estate
28/04/2004	0	0
29/04/2004	0	0
30/04/2004	0	0
01/05/2004	0	0
02/05/2004	0	0
03/05/2004	0	0
04/05/2004	0	0

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNSCO, PMG

9. Other:

- **02 May:** Settlers, accompanied by Israeli security forces, moved into two Palestinian occupied houses in Abu Dis. The two houses are located west of the Barrier. The area in question was apparently on Jewish hands in the early nineteen twenties. This area is believed to be part of a settler community consisting of approx. 200 housing units.
- **28 April:** An Israeli gunboat opened fire towards fishing boats opposite Al Sudaniya, west of Bait Lahia.

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Appendix: Checkpoints Status 28April – 04 May 2004

Checkpoints

Check Point	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	Due to the suspension of movement into Israel, the checkpoint has been only operational to allow the back-to-back system; however on a minimum level. All other traffic through the checkpoint is suspended. International organisations have been allowed to cross. The opening hours of the gate however have been very erratic during the week against the official opening hours from 07:00 – 17:00.
Kafriat	The restricted access at this checkpoint continued over the past week allowing only teachers, students, official employees, medical staff and international organisations to cross. Also residents of Shufa and Jbara have occasionally been allowed to cross. Over the last week the delays were witnessed at the checkpoint. In general, the checkpoint prohibits people to travel to other districts. These commuters are resorted to use public transportation through the back-to-back system in Anabta.
Qalqiliya DCO	The checkpoint has been manned around the clock since 17 April. Major delays occurred as all pedestrians and vehicles have been searched.
Jaljoulia	Has been manned whole week 24 hours. Access is only permitted for holders of permit into Israel and in principle residents of Ras Tira, Ad Daba, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances need prior co-ordination with DCL. Still, only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. The checkpoint is currently under reconstruction, thus the checkpoint has temporarily moved some 100 meters further to the west to facilitate the reconstruction. It is anticipated that the reconstruction will be completed in a couple of months. The new checkpoint will also include a commercial back-to-back system and thus replace the old system next to Qalqilya DCO checkpoint.
Deir Ballout	The checkpoint is manned 24 hours.
Nablus	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Generally open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 35 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors. 03 May the checkpoint was totally closed for all Palestinians.
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. 03 May the check point was totally closed for all Palestinians.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Close by a gate and an earth mound since the mid of March, forcing people to go through Beit Iba check point.
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. 03 & 04 May the checkpoint was totally closed for all Palestinians.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have special permits. 03 May the checkpoint was totally closed for all Palestinians.
Maale Efrayim South east connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have special permits. Since 28 April the checkpoint has been closed for Palestinians as the IDF announced the Jordan valley as closed military area.
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 (villagers are occasionally let through). Since 28 April the checkpoint difficulties in crossing the checkpoint were witnessed as the IDF announced the Jordan valley as closed military area.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Generally open, frequently manned through the reporting period.
Salem Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmot 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.

Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open for Palestinians with permits. During the reporting period permits were suspended.
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	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open for Palestinians with permits. During the reporting permits were suspended.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless holding special permits.
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 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. WBGS Palestinians with special permits allowed to cross in vehicles. Usually open daily from 6.00-22.00.
Atara Bridge	Open. A semi-permanent checkpoint was operating on the bridge every day.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Checkpoint was operating every day. Long delays sometimes experienced.
At Tayba	Open.
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 WBGS 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.
Rantis checkpoint	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’ayyem 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 and trucks with basic goods, as well as ambulances were allowed to cross. Ambulances have on several occasions this week waited for several hours to cross. Palestinians trying to bypass the checkpoint have been shot at. Reports on frequent harassment on Palestinian taxi drivers by Border Police. The Border Police has also on several occasions refused to open and close the gate, making the ambulance drivers, truck drivers as well as internationals open and close the gate themselves.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Closed most of the week for all Palestinians, except for Jericho residents entering the city. Checkpoint opened up on 03 May for Palestinian holding West Bank ID card holders, Jerusalem ID card holders and internationals.

'Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa Northern entrance	Closed most of the week for all Palestinians, except for Jericho residents entering the city. Checkpoint opened up on 03 May for Palestinian holding West Bank ID card holders, Jerusalem ID card holders and internationals.
Gate opposite Allenby CHECKPOINT 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 Palestinian plated cars allowed. Border Police continue to request additional identification from both local and international UN staff. Both local and International UN staff was allowed to cross.
Ein Yalow Entrance to village	Opened 24 hours and only for Israeli plated cars and international organizations. Only Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and Palestinians who work for UN and international organizations were allowed to cross.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Closed since of 03 March.
Noqedim South-east of Bethlehem on route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for UN and humanitarian organizations. The checkpoint was closed for Palestinian vehicles during the week.
Tunnels Route 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organizations. Palestinians who work for UN and international organizations were 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. On 1- 2 May it was closed for Palestinian vehicular.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on 375, Green Line	Closed to Palestinians.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on 367, Green Line	Closed to Palestinians.
Avnot On road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	On bypass road No. 90, no Palestinian plated vehicles are allowed to travel on it.
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	The checkpoint is manned continuously: open 24 hours for international organizations and Palestinians. The gate into Hebron is usually closed. It was opened on 30 April while Halhoul-Hebron access closed.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on route 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open from 07:00 to 16:30 Sunday to Thursday, Friday open until 14:00, closed on Saturdays. Transit of goods without problems, but movement of Palestinians into Israel not allowed.
Shima On Route 60, east of Samoa	Closed to Palestinians.
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 after body searches.
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	- Since 22 March 2004, Erez checkpoint has been closed to Palestinians, Open only for foreign nationals and diplomats.
Erez Industrial Estate	- Since 18 April 2004, Erez Industrial Zone has been closed.
Karni	- 29 April to 01 May 2004 closed. - 2 May 2004 re-opened.
Sufa	- Since 28 March 2004, Sufa crossing was open for construction materials only. No

	workers permitted to cross. On 02 May 2004, Sufa was completely closed.
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 08 October.
Abu Houli junction	Open daily from 03:00 – 20:00, but several short closures were reported : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 28 April 2004, 09:15 – 11:30 - 01 May 2004, 06:30 – 09:00 - 02 May 2004, closed - 03 May 2004, closed
Abu al Ajin road	Closed.
Beach road	Closed on 02 and 03 May
West Morag Junction	Closed
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 16 April 2004, Rafah Terminal is closed to Palestinian males and females aged 16 – 35 years to depart to Egypt.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Qalqiliya DCO	Trucks have been able to enter and exit Qalqiliya town, but have all been carefully searched by the IDF.
Taybeh	The back-to-back system is currently only operational for food commodities going into Tulkarm. No other commodities (including food) are allowed to exit Tulkarm.
Nablus Awarta checkpoint (the main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003), Open during day light hours only	
Awarta checkpoint	28 April – 03 May: Checkpoint was open for incoming goods while closed for outgoing goods.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial	Open for incoming goods while closed for outgoing goods.
Beituniya	
Beituniya commercial checkpoint	Checkpoint now closes at 14.00. Open for commercial goods and ICRC vehicles only – back-to-back system in operation.
Jericho	
Back to Back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open between 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs.

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. Upon instruction from the IDF, the commercial traffic has been suspended the whole week.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole reporting period.