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1. Casualties

Palestinians: 8 deaths
 52 injured
 Israelis: 16 deaths (suicide bombings on two buses in Beersheba)
 103 injured

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

2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

West Bank

24 August: A PRCS ambulance was stopped at Gush Etzion Checkpoint while on route from Hebron to Beit Jala Hospital. PRCS says one of the ambulance medics was beaten by an IDF soldier. After an hour-and-a-half delay, the medic was released and the ambulance was allowed to pass.

29 August: A PRCS ambulance was delayed for one hour and denied access, Jerusalem AzZayem Checkpoint.

Gaza:

24 August: A Gaza PRCS ambulance came under direct IDF gunfire, while on route to Qararah. No injuries were reported. The ambulance was allowed to pass after a one-and-a-half hour delay.

Israeli authorities are still not allowing male Palestinian aged 16 to 35 and those with metal implants to travel out of Gaza through Rafah terminal. Ministry of Health (MoH) reported that a large numbers of patients with medical referral documents for necessary treatments abroad have been denied access.

27 August : A PRCS ambulance in Nablus was stopped and searched. Total delay time was one hour.

29 August: A MoH ambulance was delayed for three hours at Abu Houli Checkpoint and searched by IDF.

31 August: A MoH ambulance was delayed for three hours at Abu Houli Checkpoint and denied access.

Denial of access: 2 incidents

Delay (30 minutes – three hours): 4 incidents (Jerusalem, Gaza, Nablus, and Hebron)

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 1 incident (noted above, Gaza)

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
25 August	Beit Sira / Ramallah	12 hours
27 August	Beit Ummar/ Hebron	2 Hours
27 August	Ya'bad town (Jenin)	6 Hours
28 August	Salim (Nablus)	5 Hours
29 August	Kafr Qalil (Nablus)	5 Hours
30 August	Qusra (Nablus)	6 Hours
31 August	Jenin city and Jenin camp	5 Hours

4. House demolitions/Demolition Orders/People Displaced

Date	Location	Completely demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
25 August	Al Mughraqa/ Gaza	Shack and water well		
25 August	Al Mughraqa/ Gaza	4 houses	2 houses	
25 August	Yetmah village/ Nablus	1 house		1 house
26 August	Block J / Rafah	13 houses		
30 August	Jerusalem	1		
Total		19 houses, a shack and a water well	2 houses	1 house

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Confiscation¹

West Bank:

- **31 August:** The IDF issued a second amendment of the requisition order T/14/03 of the Rachel Tomb area, Bethlehem district. According to the municipality of Bethlehem, 40 shops and houses along the Bethlehem road will now fall on the Palestinian side, while Rachel's Tomb will be accessible only from the Jerusalem side.

Gaza:

- **25 August:** Thirty-eight dunums (3.8 hectares) of olive, citrus and palm trees were levelled in Al Mughraqa area, south of Netzarim settlement.

Sources: OCHA FCU

6. Closure²/Restrictions on movement

Hebron & Bethlehem

- 25-26 August: The IDF set up a flying checkpoint both mornings for a few hours on Halhul Bridge, Hebron district, hampering the movement of Palestinians out of Hebron city.
- 25-26 August: The IDF and Israeli police set up a flying checkpoint at An Nabi Younes the main entrance into Halhul, Hebron district, hampering the movement of Palestinians in and out of Halhul city.
- 25 August: The IDF closed the shops on Shohada Street, in the Old City of Hebron during a military operation in the area.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- In Salfit district, movement between the villages is still hampered by road blocks and earth mounds, and the prohibition to travel on the main roads. This week saw virtually no military operations; only search campaigns took place in Anabta and Tulkarm.
- According to the Israeli DCL, the tunnel connecting Habla with Qalqiliya town was officially opened on Tuesday, 31 August. The DCL has informed OCHA that the IDF will closely monitor the movement through Habla and Qalqiliya South gates, with a view to determine opening hours. Neither of the two municipalities has completed connecting roads with the tunnel on their respective sides.
- A significant number of barrier gates have changed their status over the past weeks and new expanded opening hours have been announced by the IDF. These include the following gates in Tulkarm: new expanding hours for Deir al Ghusun and Schweika, while Jbara is now open; and in Qalqiliya: Falameya South is now closed, while Falameya North, Jaiyous North and South, Qalqiliya Habla, Isla, Kfur Thulth, Ras Tira, Habla, Izbat Jalud and Izbat Salman all have new expanded opening hours.
- The preparation work for the Barrier construction in Ar Zawiya remains suspended following a decision from the Israeli High Court of Justice. Also, preparation work around Ariel is suspended pending new a court decision.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **29 August:** A flying check point was established on the road leading to Jenin near Kafr Ra'I village (Jenin).

Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate:

- **28 August:** A flying checkpoint was set up around 12pm on Road 60 near Silwad causing long traffic delays. There were also long delays of up to two hours late afternoon/evening at Qalandiya checkpoint.
- **30 August:** At around 6.30pm, the IDF blocked the main western entrance to Al Mughayyir village with large boulders and a large metal container. A nearby dirt road used by Al Mughayyir and Khirbet Abu Falah villages was blocked with earth mounds. The IDF told villagers they are also prohibited from using the eastern exit road

¹ 4 dunums = 1 acre

² For a reference West Bank checkpoint map please check the following link: http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints_march04.pdf

that connects with bypass Road 458 (the “Allon” road), although this road was not blocked. The IDF say that a Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli bus on Road 458 the previous evening

Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- Jericho remained closed during the week for Palestinians with West Bank IDs unless they held a special permit. Israelis and local residents of Jericho could move freely without a permit.

Jerusalem Envelope Barrier:

- **East:** Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in An Nu'man, Ash Sheikh Sa'ad, Sur Baher, Sawahriya Ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis, and Al 'Eizariya. Construction is almost completed from Mt. of Olives to the hill south of Al Quds University in Abu Dis. There are still gaps from Mt. of Olives to Ras Al Kubsa and a 75m gap opposite Al Quds University.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier is still halted in Biddu, Bet Duqqu, Bet Ijza, and Al Qubeiba. Construction is ongoing in Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim.
- **North:** The road from Qalandiya checkpoint to 150m north of Al Ram checkpoint is now only open for traffic from south to north in the eastern lane only. In the middle of the road, the work has been suspended following a court order. A roundabout has been constructed south of Qalandiya checkpoint facilitating traffic from Ar Ram to Road 45 in direction east towards Jaba' and in direction west (where a new segment of Road 45 has been asphalted) as well as in directions towards Atarot and Road 404 and Bir Nabala checkpoint.
- **Northeast:** Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier is ongoing north of Anata as well as west of Hizma.

The enclosed areas in Gaza:

- **As-Seafa:** Since 22 April 2004, the IDF has allowed only three to four people with As-Seafa IDs to go in and out on foot, for one time only, with prior coordination, in order to bring food in. These people are permitted to exit and enter through the gate from 6.30am to 08.30am and from approximately 2pm to 4.30pm, however the opening hours remain irregular. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been extremely problematic. Since 3 June, As-Seafa ID holders below 30 years of age are not permitted to enter or leave. Between 26-29 August, those permitted to pass through the gate were not permitted to bring any items into As-Seafa. Since 29 August, a sniffer dog has been stationed at the gate to check baggage being brought out of As-Seafa.
- **Al-Mawassi:** IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally opening twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders from approximately 8am to 1pm and from approximately 2.30pm to 5pm. Since 10 May 2004, males aged below 30 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders, have been required to have prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. Since 6 June 2004, prior coordination has been required for unmarried females with Al Mawassi ID who are between the ages of 18 and 25. Vehicles are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF. Tel As-Sultan checkpoint is closed. On 25 Aug, Al Tuffah checkpoint was opened only at 1pm.
- **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 July 2002, no vehicular movement has been allowed in and out of the area and the IDF erected a fence around the area. Movement is restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate generally opening four times daily for Al Maa'ni ID holders from 6.30am to 7.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, 1pm to 2pm and 4pm to 5pm. Access for international organisations into the area remains extremely problematic.

Source OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

7. Water:

26 August: Israeli settlers from Hallamish settlement closed the valve on the pipe that supplies water to five villages in the north Ramallah district, according to the Water and Sanitation Hygiene Monitoring Project (WaSH MP). An Nabi Salih, Beit Rima, Deir Ghassaneh, Kafr Ein, and Qarawat Bani Zeid, with an estimated population of 10,000 are supplied by water from the Israeli water company Merkorot's main pipeline inside the settlement.

8. Labour movement to Israel

West Bank:

- The number of workers from Tulkarm with a valid permit to Israel currently stands at 1,258 and the number of traders is 850. A total of 117 applications for trader permits are currently in the approvals process. In Jericho, no work permits for Israel or in settlements were issued. The total number for trade permits in Jericho currently stands at 300. In Hebron district, 470 workers permits were issued and 1,150 traders permits. In Bethlehem district, 611 workers received permission to cross into Israel, as well as 350 traders.

Gaza:

- A total of 5,166 permits have been issued for workers and 226 permits for traders aged 35 and older, including 2,000 permits to stay overnight. However, only a couple of hundred workers and traders were actually allowed to enter.

Date	Israel	Erez Industrial Estate
25 August	2,059	349
26 August	2,451	681
27 August	1,436	102
28 August	95	332
29 August	4,131	793
30 August	2400	721
31 August	0	0

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNSCO

9. Other:

Hebron

- **30 August:** The IDF evacuated settlers and demolished the shacks of the Hazon David outpost near Kiryat Arba settlement, Hebron district. The settlers came back after a few hours and rebuilt the demolished structures.

Nablus

- **26 August:** At 11.30 am, the IDF entered the main square in Nablus city. Clashes broke out between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. Fourteen Palestinians and one international were injured. A 9-year- old girl and her father were injured after a helicopter fired at a house in the old city of Nablus.
- **26-31 August:** The IDF occupied a three floor building in Silat adh Dhahr village (Jenin). The building is used as observation point. The residents of the house (20 persons) are prevented from both exiting the house and having any contacts with persons outside.
- **30 August** A nine-years old girl was injured and hospitalised after a missile fired from an IDF helicopter hit her house in the city of Jenin.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- **25 August:** The IDF raided the offices of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) and the Islamic (Scouts) Club, all in the centre of Ramallah; three Palestinians were injured and three from the PFLP office were arrested. The Islamic Club was closed down.
- **28 August:** A 27-year-old Palestinian from Beit Sira village was killed in Al 'Amari camp by masked gunmen. The 27-year-old was killed on suspicion of being a collaborator.
- **30 August:** A request from the Palestinian DCL for the return of thousands of school books that were confiscated the previous week from a print shop in Al Bireh was turned down by the Israeli police.
- **30 August:** The IDF fired rubber bullets and tear gas on Palestinians and foreign peace activists demonstrating against the "wall" in Budrus. Four people were injured from rubber bullets.
- **30 August:** A 22-year-old shepherd (Abed Salem) from Kafr Malik was attacked and stabbed by settlers from the nearby Kokhav Ha-Shakhar while he was tending his herd near the settlement.
- **30-31 August:** A general strike was observed in Ramallah/Al Bireh and Beituniya..

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▪ **Appendix: Checkpoints Status 25 – 31 August 2004**

Checkpoints:

Check Point	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The checkpoint has been operational over the course of the week allowing people through with a valid permit. Open from 6am to 6pm
Kafriat	The checkpoint has been open and operational over the course of the week allowing all residents from Tulkarm town and Kafriat area through. The IDF continues not to check the IDs of the local population when entering and leaving Tulkarm town from the West Bank side. The checkpoint however is strictly in force for movement to and from Israel proper on Road 57 and all vehicles are being carefully searched.
Qalqiliya DCO	The checkpoint has been un-manned most of week allowing everyone to cross. Flying checkpoints have been established occasionally for one to two hours at a time. The gate and the observation tower at the checkpoint have been dismantled, but the rest of the checkpoint structure is still in place.
Jaljoulia	The checkpoint has been operational over the course of the week. However, access is only granted for holders of permit into Israel proper (mainly settlers and international organisations) and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Daba, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadeen and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior co-ordination with DCL. Still, only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Deir Ballout	The checkpoint saw no unusual restrictions imposed over the week. In general, the checkpoint restricts movement for Palestinians on that road that leads to Highway 5. The checkpoint is open daily from 6am to 5pm.
Nablus	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Generally open for holders of Nablus ID cards older than 30 years, students, teachers, and medical doctors.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Generally open for holders of Nablus ID cards older than 30 years, students, teachers, and medical doctors. Major delays involving students and a number of young people took place.
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 Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March, diverting traffic through Beit Iba 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	Generally open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajjan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem older than 30 years of age. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Maale Efrayim South east connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tobas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having 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	Permanently manned. Major delays occurred throughout the week.
Salem Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Closed with earth wall since 11 March 2004.
Al Badhan North entrance to Jordan Valley	Closed since 17 July. According to Nablus DCL, the closure is indefinite.
'17' ('Asira) North entrance for the villages of 'Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighboring villages	Closed by road blocks.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr "al Amn al Watani"	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.

Northern entrance of Jenin	
Salem North western entrance/ “Green Line”	Closed for Palestinians. “Military Closed Area”.
Qaddim (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Partially manned.
Tubas	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open for permit holders.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians, except permit holders.
Ramallah/Al Bireh/Beituniya	
Qalandiya checkpoint	Usually open from 6am to 10pm. There is no direct access south to Dahiet Al Barid and A Ram neighbourhoods due to Barrier construction. Traffic to Jerusalem must now take the Atarot road west to Highway 443 through the Bir Nabala checkpoint or the Jaba road east and then to Hizma checkpoint. Ramallah/Al Bireh residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Other West Bank and Gaza Palestinians need permits to cross. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
Beit El/DCO checkpoint	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. No access for pedestrians. Access in vehicles only for diplomats/foreign passport holders/staff of UN and international humanitarian organisations/and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Open. A semi-permanent checkpoint was operating on the bridge every day. Long lines and delays often experienced during rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. The IDF temporarily closed the gate on 23 August for several hours.
At Tayba	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
Makkabim checkpoint	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and only West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits to enter Israel (Road 443 is out of bounds to West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem).
Ni’lin checkpoint	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Checkpoint at entrance to Ni’lin village: Usually only residents of Ni’lin and Al Midya, humanitarian organisations 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 and 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. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
Az Za’ayem Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze’ev settlement.	Checkpoint relocated some 75m further east due to new road construction. Open for Israeli, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, 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 ID/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. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open all week 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 ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
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	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits, humanitarian reasons for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Soldiers at the checkpoint refuse from time to time to open and close the gate, making the drivers, also ambulance drivers, open and close it themselves.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Vehicle traffic is open for humanitarian organisations as well as Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, and Jericho residents listed with vehicle and personal details at checkpoint. Closed for Israelis and West Bank Palestinians unless with a permit to enter or with a visa for travel to Jordan Opening hours: 6am to 10pm.
‘Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa Northern entrance	Open for Jericho residents with proper permits and internationals. Closed for Palestinians with West Bank and Jerusalem ID cards. Opening hours: 6am to 6pm.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby border crossing to Jordan.

Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Border Police continue to request additional identification from both local and international UN staff. Palestinians with permits are allowed to pass.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Only Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and Palestinians who work for UN and international organisations are allowed to pass.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Open from 7am to 7pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass. Only buses of Hebron national bus company are not allowed to cross. Long lines and delays were experienced for the vehicles coming out of Bethlehem.
Noqedim South-east of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles. Delays experienced.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Palestinians with permits are allowed to pass.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers.
Efrata Connecting Road 60 to Road 356	Open 24 hours. Restrictions apply to Palestinians without permits as the checkpoint is on a bypass road.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	The checkpoint is manned, checking and searches occur for Palestinian vehicles coming from Hebron towards Bethlehem district continuously, but no delays experienced.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Palestinians with permits can cross.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Palestinians with permits can cross.
Avnot On Road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	On bypass Road 90. Palestinian plated vehicles not allowed.
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 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 Roads 35 and 60, north of Hebron	The checkpoint is not manned and the gate into Hebron is closed as the alternative route on Halhul bridge is available.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open from 4.30am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, Friday open until 2pm, closed on Saturdays. Transit allowed for workers, merchants and humanitarian cases with permits and families of prisoners.
Shima On Road 60, east of Samoa	Palestinians with permits can cross.
Ar Rifa'iyya On Road 317, east of Yatta	Open for all, checking and searches occur for Palestinian vehicles on both directions.
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 and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Allowed for Palestinians going to pray - after undergoing a body search.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians in the direction of Shuhada street. Physical searches conducted by the IDF on Palestinians walking towards or coming from the market. On 13 July, a new gate was erected in front it.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada street	Closed to Palestinians
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians in the direction of Shuhada street and north towards the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians on foot living between it and the settlement
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Partially open for traders aged 35 years and older. On 31 August Erez was closed
Erez Industrial Estate	Partially open for workers aged 30 years and older.

	On 20 August 2004, Erez Industrial Zone was completely closed.
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 8 October 2003.
Abu Houli junction	Checkpoint was open as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 Aug. 6am to 7.30 am, 8.45am to 8pm - 26 Aug. 5.30 am to 11.30 am, 6pm to 8pm - 27 Aug. 3.30 pm to 5.30m - 28 Aug. 10:30am to 8pm - 29 Aug. 5.30am to 8am, 8.30am to 8pm - 30 Aug. 5.30am to 8pm - 31 Aug. 5.30am to 10am, 3pm to 8pm <p>Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars are not permitted to cross Abu Houli Gush Qatif checkpoint.</p>
Abu al Ajin road	Closed
Beach road	On 26 Aug, at 1.30 pm, IDF closed the coastal road next to Netzarim settlement.
West Morag Junction	Closed
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah Terminal was open in both directions. Male Palestinians aged 16 to 35 have not been allowed to leave since 17 April 2004.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Qalqiliya DCO	The back-to-back system, the transfer from the back of one vehicle to the back of another at a checkpoint, has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya town. Movements have been hampered during periods where flying checkpoints were established.
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational for all types of commodities during the course of the week.
Nablus Awarta checkpoint (the main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003), Open during day light hours only	
Awarta checkpoint	Open for incoming and outgoing goods.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial	Open for incoming and outgoing goods. Since 14 August, the checkpoint has only been operational for food products.
Beituniya	
Beituniya commercial checkpoint	Checkpoint now closes at 5pm weekdays, 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system in operation), ICRC and UN vehicles only.
Jericho	
Back to Back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	Partially open all week but mainly in one direction from Israel to Gaza.
Sofa	Sofa crossing remained closed since 4 July for labourers but open for construction materials.

Road Gates

Gate	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Anabta	The gate remains closed for vehicles but open for pedestrians and therefore it functions again as a back-to-back system for buses and taxis between 8am and 6pm.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole reporting period.