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1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 95
 Injured: 364 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths: 4
 Injured: 7 (approximate)
 Internationals: Injured: 4

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

2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

West Bank

Denial of access: 1
Delay (30 minutes – 7 hours): 0
Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

Gaza:

Denial of access: 4
Delay (30 minutes – 7 hours): 7
Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 4

- Male Palestinians aged 16 to 35, including patients and those with metal implants, are still not permitted to travel out of the Gaza Strip through the Rafah Terminal. The Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH) reported that a large number of patients with medical referral documents for necessary treatment abroad continue to be denied access.
- **29 September:** A MoH ambulance transporting a pregnant woman in labour was delayed for four hours in Beit Hanoun despite prior coordination with the IDF.
- **29 September:** A PRCS ambulance was confined in Jabalia refugee camp from 10pm 29 September till 4pm 1 October. The ambulance was able to leave the area after ICRC coordination.
- **30 September:** A PRCS ambulance was subjected to direct IDF gunfire while on route to transport injured persons from Jabalyia refugee camp to hospitals. One PRCS medic sustained moderate injuries in the arm.
- **30 September:** A PRCS ambulance came under IDF fire in Jabalia refugee camp. As a result, the ambulances' windshield was shattered.
- **2 October:** A MoH ambulance transporting the dead body of a 12-year-old boy from Gaza to his family's place in the south of Gaza was delayed for eight hours on beach road.
- **3 October:** A Palestinian woman gave birth at Al Tuffah checkpoint in Khan Younis when the PRCS ambulance transporting her to Naser hospital was denied access.
- **3 October:** A MoH ambulance attempting to evacuate a wounded Palestinian man from Jabalia refugee camp was delayed for six hours by the IDF. The wounded was later found dead.
- **3 October:** Two MoH ambulances trying to evacuate wounded people in Jabalia refugee camp were confined for four hours after being subjected to IDF warning shots.
- **4 October:** A seriously injured Palestinian man bled to death when IDF tanks prevented the ambulance from reaching him in Jabalia refugee camp.
- **5 October:** A PRCS ambulance attempting to evacuate a seriously wounded 13-year-old girl was denied access by the IDF. A MoH ambulance evacuated the girl after 35 minutes. The girl was then dead.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
3 October	Beer Shev'a road, Hebron City	3 hours
4 October	Beer Shev'a road, Hebron City	3 hours
5 October	Qabatiya, Jenin	1 day
5 October	Silat Ad Dahr, Jenin	2 ½ hours

Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL

4. House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced

West Bank:

- No incidents to report

Gaza:

Due to the Israeli military operation in the northern Gaza strip, a thorough assessment of house demolitions has not yet been conducted. Initially reports are as follows:

- People made homeless: 58 families, 327 individuals

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
29 September	Northwest of Netzarim settlement	3 shelters and a 2-storey house		
30 September	Northern Gaza Strip (NGS)	24 houses		
30 September	Rafah	1 house and an animal farm		
1 October	NGS	3 houses		
2 October	Rafah, next to Gush Katif settlement	4 houses		
3 October	NGS	8 houses		
5 October	Khan Younis	2 houses		
Total		3 shelters, 37 houses, a 2-storey house, and an animal farm		

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Requisitions¹

West Bank:

- Requisition orders have been issued for land belonging to Rantis village in Ramallah district, as part of new Barrier construction between the village and Deir Ballut in Salfit district. It is unclear how much land is involved.
- **30 September:** The IDF uprooted some 60 olive trees on a side street in Schweika suburb in Tulkarm.
- **3 October:** Israeli contractors guarded by the IDF started levelling land for the preparation of Barrier construction in Al Burj village, Hebron district.
- **4 October:** Israeli contractors guarded by IDF started levelling land and uprooting olive trees for the preparation of construction of the Barrier in Surif village, Hebron district.

Gaza:

- **29 September:** Ten dunums of agricultural land were levelled in the Palestinian area northwest of Netzarim in Gaza City.
- **30 September:** Five dunums of olive trees were levelled in western Rafah.
- **1 October:** Thirty dunums of olive and almond trees were levelled in the Palestinian area north of Sufa terminal in Khan Younis.
- **5 October:** Fifty dunums of land, and two house, were levelled in Khan Younis.

Sources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Village Council

6. Closure²/Restrictions on movement

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_july04.pdf

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- The IDF maintained, for a fourth week, the restricted movement on the local populations in Tulkarm governorate and Salfit district due to the Jewish holidays. However, the restriction became more relaxed over the week and fewer flying checkpoints were observed. In Qalqiliya governorate, the movement has been less restricted and people have been able to move freely within the governorate, including through the tunnel between Habla and Qalqiliya town.
- The work on preparation for the Barrier in Ar Zawiya is still suspended following a decision from the Israeli High Court of Justice. In addition, preparation work around Ariel is suspended pending a new court decision.
- **4 October:** An earth mound was placed by the IDF on the dirt road between Shufa and Kafr al Labad in Tulkarm governorate.
- On 2 August, OCHA reported that six permanent residents from Jbara village in Tulkarm governorate did not receive renewal of their green permits due to security reasons. On 5 October, the Palestinian DCL said that these six residents had been granted renewal of their green permits for another 12 months. In the interim period, these six residents had not been able to access their homes in Jbara.
- The IDF DCL offices in both Tulkarm and Qalqiliya (Quedumin) were closed 28 September to 2 October in commemoration of the Jewish holidays. The DCL office in Qalqiliya, however, was open for a couple of hours on Wednesday, 29 September.
- **Barrier gates:** The olive harvest has slowly started in some places, and consequently Palestinian and international organisations have started to carefully monitor access through the barrier gates. No incidents have been reported over the week. In Qaffin in the northern part of Tulkarm governorate, the IDF had informed local villagers that three barrier gates, which have been declared “seasonal gates”, would be open as of 1 October in conjunction with the harvest. The opening of these gates has, according to the Palestinian DCL, been postponed to 8 October. In Qaffin, only 156 out of more than 500 farmers who have applied for a green permit since the beginning of 2004 have been approved.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **29 September:** IDF prohibited Palestinian cars from using Road 90 near Bardala and Kardala villages for the third week in a row.
- **30 September:** IDF shortened opening hours at all checkpoints around Nablus from 6am to 8pm to 6am to 5.30pm starting 30. September 2004. According to IDF DCL, the measure was introduced to enhance security for the checkpoint soldiers.
- **30 September:** IDF erected a flying check point at the entrance of Zububa (Northwest of Jenin) prohibiting people from moving in or out of the village.
- **30 September:** Since the start of the Jewish holidays, the IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint east of Tubas for all Palestinians (including permit holders), Palestinians teachers are an exception. The northern Jordan valley was announced a closed military area two months ago.
- **3 October:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Road 60 near Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. Dozens of Palestinian cars were held at the checkpoint for several hours.
- **4 October:** Villagers from Sarra and Tell villages, who were trying to reach their villages, were held at Tell earth mound (south of Nablus) by the IDF for several hours.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorate:

- **2 October:** At 12.30pm, the Israeli Border Police prevented residents of Ni’lin from passing through the Ni’lin checkpoint at the entrance to the village for several hours.

Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- All Palestinian movement in and out of Jericho has been prohibited since the Israeli holiday of Yom Kippur. Only internationals can enter. Some easement occurred 3 to 5 October; a few Jericho residents with permits were allowed to exit the city.
- IDF mobile checkpoints have been observed frequently at the entrance to Al ‘Eizariya/Ma’ale Adumim settlement resulting in long lines of cars waiting to get through.
- **1 October:** Only Palestinian Jerusalemites older than 40 years of age were allowed access to Al Aqsa.
- **3 and 4 October:** IDF blocked the main roads around the Old City, Jerusalem, due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Checkpoints were also in several places in East Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Envelope Barrier:

- **North:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing along Road 60, the main road, between Qalandiya and Ar - Ram checkpoints. Land levelling for the Barrier is also taking place alongside the road between Hizma and Anata villages.
- **East:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing in Ash Sheikh Sa’ad, Sawahriya ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis, and Al ‘Eizariya. Construction is nearly completed from Mt. of Olives to the hill just south of Al Quds University in Abu Dis. Barrier construction in Sur Bahir is still on halt.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Bet Duquq, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim. In Biddu, Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik, construction is still on halt.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- Restrictions on movement continued to be implemented in the Governorate of Hebron: Yatta remains closed to vehicular traffic. Family visits for prisoners originating from Hebron and Bethlehem have been suspended during the Jewish holiday season. No family visits have taken place from Hebron since the Be'er Sheva bombing on 31 August.
- **2 October:** The IDF closed the gate at the main entrance of Beit Ummar, Hebron district; access for international humanitarian organisations is allowed.
- **3 October:** Halhul Bridge, the main connection between Hebron city and Halhul was re-opened to pedestrian traffic.

The enclosed areas in the Gaza strip:

- **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, to bring food in. These people are permitted to exit and enter through the gate at two irregular periods: approximately 6.30am to 8.30am and from approximately 2pm to 4.30pm. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been extremely problematic.
 - From 25 September to 4 October, the gate was completely closed. No one was permitted to pass including 24 students.
 - On 5 October, the gate was reopened and four people were allowed to exit.
- **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.
 - Since 23 September to date, Al Tuffah checkpoint is completely closed.
 - Tel As-Sultan checkpoint is completely closed.
- **Kfar Darom:** The Palestinian area adjacent to Kfar Darom settlement was declared a closed military area 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 only 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. Access to schools:

West Bank:

- Hundreds of school pupils from Abu Dis and Al 'Eizariya, Jerusalem district, are experiencing difficulties in crossing the gate in the Barrier near Ras al 'Amud to reach their schools in East Jerusalem each day. The gate is manned by Border Police and only Palestinians with valid permits or Jerusalem IDs are allowed to cross. Schools in several Palestinian Jerusalem neighbourhoods are becoming overcrowded because many students have been forced to change schools due to Barrier construction.
- **29 September:** IDF entered the campus of the Arab American University in Jenin and searched the buildings. Two of the university guards were held for four hours. A number of doors were forced open and rounds were reported fired inside the university compound.
- **30 September:** IDF manned the entrance of Zububa village, northwest of Jenin, prohibiting people from entering or going out of the village, including teachers from outside the village to reach the schools inside.
- **3 October:** IDF entered Silat adh Dhahr vocational school, Jenin district. Teargas canisters were fired inside the school. Two teachers were held and forced to clean the street in front of the school of stones and burnt tires.

Gaza:

- **From 25 September to 4 October:** All As Seafa students were not able to attend their schools as the IDF completely closed the gate.
- **3 October:** A 14-year-old female student was injured in the foot and another five-year-old boy was wounded as a result of IDF fire towards the UNRWA Khan Younis Preparatory Girls School.
- **2 October:** Thirteen windows and five doors were damaged at Al Omarya UNRWA Preparatory Boys School in Rafah as a result of IDF shooting.

8. Labour movement to Israel

- All travel, work and trade permits are still suspended as a consequence of the Jewish holidays.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO

9. Other:

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **26 September:** Two Palestinians were injured in Camp number One, Nablus district, during clashes with IDF.
- **29 September:** One Palestinian man was killed in Nablus by the IDF.
- **29 September:** IDF opened fire at a taxi in the industrial zone in Jenin killing two Palestinian men and injuring a pregnant woman.
- **4 October:** IDF occupied the Nasif house south of Nablus (Nablus al Jadida) turning it into an observation post. The same house has been occupied 27 times during the last four years
- **5 October:** The IDF conducted an military operation in Qabatiya, Jenin, and curfew was imposed. One Palestinian was reported injured.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- Military operations and search campaigns took place in Nur Shams refugee camp, Qalqiliya town, Jayyous, Azzun, Jit, Farkha, Qarawat Bani Hassan, Seida and Tulkarm town. In total, seven people were reported arrested.
- **4 October:** In a hospital in Israel, a 70-year-old Palestinian woman died due to injuries. The woman was injured by a random bullet in her home while the IDF conducted a military operation in Haris, Salfit district, on 21 July.
- **5 October:** Four Palestinians were injured during an IDF search and arrest operation in Nur Shams refugee camp, Tulkarm district.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- IDF search and arrest operations have taken place in Qalandiya refugee camp, Beit Rima, Silwad and Beit Liqya. Approximately 15 Palestinians were detained in these operations.
- **30 September:** According to villagers, Israeli Border Police patrol entered around 15 houses in Budrus during the evening and beat a number of youths who had been participating in recent demonstrations against the Barrier.
- **30 September:** At around 6pm, five masked armed youth walked around Ramallah town centre shooting in the air and demanding that shops and cafes close in protest at the killing of 28 Palestinians by Israeli missiles in Gaza. Most of the centre of Ramallah closed down for the rest of the evening, and the following day only grocery shops opened.
- **2 October:** A very strict commercial strike was observed throughout the governorate, including in villages, in protest at the IDF operations and killing of civilians in Gaza.
- **3 October:** A commercial strike was observed in Ramallah, Al Bireh and Beituniya in mourning for the Palestinians killed the previous evening.
- **3 October:** In an exchange of fire between the IDF and three Palestinians, all in their 20s, two Palestinians were killed and the third, a “wanted man”, was seriously wounded. One Israeli officer was also killed. The exchange of fire continued, an additional three Palestinians were injured, one who was a “wanted man.” He was taken away by the IDF along with the “wanted man” in the first gunfire exchange.

Jerusalem

- Search and arrest campaign have taken place in Ar Ram and ‘Issawiyya. Approximately, three Palestinians were detained.
- **4 October:** Israelis attacked Palestinian property inside the Old City. No injuries were reported.

Hebron/Bethlehem

- **29 September:** Masked men ambushed a group of Palestinian primary school students near the Jewish settlement of Ma’on, south Hebron. The attack, conducted with batons and chains, resulted in the injury of two schoolgirls and the hospitalisation of two US citizens with serious injuries. The two were accompanying the children to school on a road running from the Palestinian village of Tuba to that of At Tuwani.
- **1 and 4 October:** Throughout the day Palestinians stoned IDF soldiers at the site of the construction of the Barrier near 'Ayda camp, Bethlehem district. The IDF responded with tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets. No injuries were reported.
- **2 October:** Palestinian children stoned IDF in Halhul, Hebron district, who responded with tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets. Four Palestinians were injured.
- **2 October:** A general commercial strike took place in Hebron city as a protest against the Israeli military operations in Gaza. In the afternoon, a demonstration took place and 10 Palestinians were injured
- **3 October:** A demonstration held by residents and peace activists against the construction of the Barrier took place in Beit Awwa, Hebron district. Twenty-three Palestinians and two internationals were injured.
- **5 October:** An armed Palestinian man, allegedly a Hamas militant, was shot dead by IDF in Kherbit al-‘Adisa.
- **5 October:** Palestinians opened fire at an Israeli vehicle travelling on Road 60 close to Efrat settlement north of Hebron. One Israeli was slightly injured.

Gaza

- **29 September:** Two IDF soldiers were wounded when their base was hit by mortar shell fire in Netzarim.
- **2 October:** Two alleged Palestinian militants were killed and another four passers-by were wounded when an IAF helicopter opened fire on a car travelling on Salah Ed-Din road.

Sources: OCHA FCUs, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF

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Appendix: Checkpoints Status 29 September – 5 October 2004

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The checkpoint and the barrier gate have been closed the whole week. The IDF had announced limited opening hours of the barrier gate during the week to allow for the commercial back-to-back system to operate (<i>see below</i>). All other traffic has therefore been resorted to travel through Kafriat checkpoint.
Kafriat	The checkpoint is divided into three parts: 1) that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town, 2) that controls movement to Israel proper and 3) that controls movement to and from Jbara. All parts of the checkpoint have been manned during the week. From Tulkarm town only Palestinian plated vehicles with special permit have been able to cross, everyone else has only been allowed to cross by foot.
Qalqiliya DCO	The checkpoint has been un-manned the whole week allowing everyone to cross without discrimination. The gate and observation tower 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 Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin 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 subjects for security checks.
Deir Ballut	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 now only open between 6am to 9am. and 4pm to 7pm. The checkpoint is used by commuters from Deir Ballut, Rafat, Masha, Ar Zawiya and surrounding villages who daily travel to and from Ramallah.
Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 30 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 30 years old, 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	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem over 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.
Salem Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Closed by earth wall since 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 neighbouring 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” Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm
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. 30 September IDF closed the gate for all Palestinians.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Qalandiya	Open from 6am to 12am. Often long delays caused by slow checking procedures on Saturdays. There is no direct access south to Dahiyat al Bareed and Ar 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 oPt Palestinians need permits to cross. Israelis citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. No access for pedestrians. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays sometimes experienced during rush hours.
At Tayba	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni’lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Secondary checkpoint at the 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. Restrictions have recently relaxed and other villagers are able to enter. Closed on 2 October by Border Police for several hours.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and oPt Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem	
Hizma 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.
Az Za’ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	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 ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Roads	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

404/45 Road Atarot Junction	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 (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and 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 - including ambulance drivers - open and close the gate themselves.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Vehicle traffic is open for humanitarian reasons as well as for internationals. Closed for Israelis and Jerusalemites and Jericho residents going out and West Bank Palestinians unless with a permit to enter or with visa for travel to Jordan. Opening hours: 0600 – 2200 hrs. Totally closed during the Yom Kippur holiday, and has since then been totally closed for all Palestinian movement, with some easement for a few Jericho residents with permits being allowed to exit the city from 3 to 5 October.
‘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 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. Buses queuing to drop off Jewish visitors at Rachel Tombs continue to cause significant delays for inbound and outbound traffic.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli plated cars and international organizations. Only Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and Palestinians who work for UN and international organisations were 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. Buses of Hebron national bus company are not allowed to cross.
Noqedim South-east of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles. Delays experienced during this week.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Access of Palestinians with permits is denied. Delays experienced.
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	Palestinian vehicles coming from Hebron and towards Bethlehem district are subject to checks and searches, but no delays were experienced.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Access of Palestinians with permits is denied due to the Israeli holidays from 15 September to 7 October
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Access of Palestinians with permits is denied due to the Israeli holidays from 15 September to 7 October.
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 manned and the gate into Hebron is open from 7am to 6pm for UN, humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs - the alternative route on Halhul bridge is closed to vehicles but on 3 October it re-opened for pedestrians. Delays were experienced during the week.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem	Closed for all. On 20 September transit allowed for humanitarian cases with permits and commercial trucks

districts	
Shima On Road 60, east of Samoa	Not manned after 31 August.
Ar Rifa'iyya On Road 317, east of Yatta	Not manned after 31 August
Meitar	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours.
Shani	Manned by IDF.
Bet Yatir	Manned by IDF. Open 24 hours.
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	Access was denied for Palestinians going to pray due to an agreement –Hebron Protocol- between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority..
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. Long delays were experienced this week due to Jewish holiday.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since 31 August, Erez terminal has been closed for Palestinians. - On 29 and 30 September, because of the IDF operation in the Gaza north, Erez terminal was effectively closed for internationals though it was announced open for diplomats. - Since 2 October, a new “humanitarian route” was proposed by the IDF to be used by internationals. The route goes to the west from Salah edin to Anada tower area in Beit lahia and then toward the Bedouin village to the northwest and then to Beit Lahia town . However, this route was considered not safe as heavy IDF presence could be seen and only 4x4 vehicles could travel on this route. - Non-diplomat internationals are still not allowed to drive their vehicle through Erez.
Erez Industrial Estate	Closed since 31 August, 2004
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 8 October 2003.
Abu Houli junction	<p>Checkpoint was open as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 29 September 6.30am to 7pm - 30 September closed - 1 October closed - 2 October closed - 3 October closed - 4 October 2.30pm to 5pm - 5 October closed <p>Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli junction.</p>
Abu al Ajin road	Closed.
Beach road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since 27 September, beach road is closed. - On 4 October, open from 2.30pm to 5pm - On 5 October, closed.
West Morag Junction	Closed.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	On 4 October, the terminal was closed both directions. Male Palestinians aged from 16 to 35 are still not allowed to exit the Strip since 17 April 2004.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Qalqiliya DCO	The back-to-back system has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to

	Qalqiliya town.
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has over the week only been operational for humanitarian aid and certain commodities (e.g. fuel and gas) during limited opening hours announced by the IDF.
Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open for incoming and outgoing goods. The checkpoint was totally closed from 29 September to 2 October.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open only for food.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya New back-to-back terminal is being built near the wall construction beside Beituniya.	Officially open 6am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. However, checkpoint often opens late in the mornings between 6.30am to 7am depending on the IDF. 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 dairy products Other goods need a permit to be brought inn. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	On 1, 2, 3 October, Karni crossing was closed.
Sofa	On 3 October, Sufa terminal was reopened for construction materials only.

Road Gates

Gate	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Anabta	The gate remains closed for vehicles but has been 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.

Separation Barrier Gates

Jenin	
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main terminal to Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permit. 6am to 10pm.
Um ar Rihan Western gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Open only for students from Um ar Rihan enclave two times a day.
Barta'a Southern gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Open only for students from Um ar Rihan enclave two times a day.
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.