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1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 29
 Injured: 71 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths: 1
 Injured: 3 (approximate)

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

2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

West Bank

Denial of access: 0

Delay (30 minutes): 2

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

Gaza:

Denial of access: 0

Delay (30 minutes): 0

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- Since 21 October, male Palestinians aged 16 to 35 including medical patients and those with metal implants have been allowed to travel out of the Gaza Strip through the Rafah Terminal. However, the actual numbers of those allowed are few and prior coordination with the IDF is still required.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
20 October	Husan, Bethlehem district	12 hours
24 October	Camp No.1, Nablus district	7 hours
24 October	Beit 'Ur at Tahta	10 hours
25 October	Huwwara village, Nablus district	6 hours
26 October	Huwwara village, Nablus district	10.5 hours

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

4. House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced

West Bank:

- **21 October:** Early in the morning, IDF bulldozers demolished two houses in Qalqiliya town belonging to families of two arrested persons. One family was allowed to remove personal belongings before the IDF demolished the house, the other family was not. Post demolition assistance was subsequently provided by the ICRC.
- **26 October:** The IDF threw sound bombs after a search campaign which sparked a fire in a workshop in the Abu Kteila neighbourhood, Hebron city. All machinery was destroyed and the workshop burned.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
21 October	Qalqiliya town	2 houses		

26 October	Hebron city	1 workshop		
Total		2 houses and 1 workshop		

Gaza:

- **21 October:** One house was demolished in Orayba area north of Rafah.
- **21 October:** One house was demolished and two other houses were damaged in Orayba north Rafah.
- **22 October:** One house was damaged in the southern side of Beit Lahia when it was hit by an IAF missile.
- **24 October:** Twenty-five houses were demolished and another house was damaged in Al Baten Al Sameen area, southern Khan Younis.
- **25 October:** Two houses were partially destroyed in Al Zaitoun neighbourhood of Gaza City.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
21 October	Orayba, Rafah district	1 house		
21 October	Orayba, Rafah district	1 house		2 houses
22 October	Bet Lahia			1 house
24 October	Al Baten al Sameen, Khan Younis	25 houses		1 house
25 October	Al Zaiton, Gaza City		2 houses	
Total		27 houses	2 houses	4 houses

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Requisitions¹

West Bank:

- **21 October:** Sixty-two petitioners from the western villages of Deir Samit, Beit Awwa, Sikka and Deir al 'asal at Tahta and al Fauqa, Hebron district, obtained a court order to stop the construction of the Barrier in the area until a final decision is reached.

Gaza:

- **21 October:** Nine dunums (.9 hectares) planted with tomatoes were levelled in the Orayba area north of Rafah.
- **21 October:** Five dunums (.5 hectares) planted with vegetables were levelled in Orayba, north of Rafah.
- **22 October:** Seven dunums (.7 hectares) of greenhouses planted with vegetables were destroyed in Orayba, north of Rafah.
- **24 October:** Twenty-two dunums (2.2 hectares) of greenhouses were demolished in addition to one agricultural store and two water pumps in the northern part of Beit Hanoun.
- **25 October:** Thirty to 40 dunums (3 to 4 hectares) of land were levelled in the Al Baten Al Sameen area, southern Khan Younis.
- **25 October:** Twenty dunums (2 hectares) planted with fig trees were levelled in Al Zaitoun neighbourhood in Gaza City.

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

6. Closure²/Restrictions on movement

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- In Tulkarm Governorate, the IDF maintained the restricted movement on the local populations by manning all parts of the Kafriat checkpoint. Only residents of Jbara and Shufa were able to cross the checkpoint in their own vehicle without needing a special permit.
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, the IDF maintained the restricted movement on the local population in Qalqiliya town. The tunnel between Habla and Qalqiliya town has been closed. The DCO checkpoint has been manned and everyone has been carefully checked when leaving Qalqiliya town. Vehicles are also checked. The movement into Qalqiliya town has been less restrictive.
- In Salfit District, the movement between the villages continues to be hampered by the existence of road blocks and earth mounds and the restrictions to travel on the main roads.
- Barrier gates: no gates have been reported closed, however the opening hours of the gates remain erratic, which is somewhat due to the fact that the same military jeep personnel is responsible for opening multiple gates with the same opening hours. Despite three announced opening hours, the IDF rarely opens the gate at the announced mid-day hours unless farmers are waiting.

¹ 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

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

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **22 to 26 October:** The IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint east of Tubas to all Palestinians, including permit holders, from 8am to 3pm.
- **23 October:** Major delays occurred at Zaatara (Tappouah) as the IDF delayed Palestinian cars at the checkpoint.
- **24 October:** Flying checkpoints were erected south of Jenin near Qabatyia and Kufeirir towns.
- **25 October:** A flying checkpoint was erected near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (Nablus) on Road 60.
- **25 October:** Four flying checkpoints were erected around Tubas City on the northern entrance, southern entrance, near El Far'a Camp, and near Tammun village.
- **25 October:** Major delays occurred on Zaatara (Tappouah) as the IDF delayed Palestinian cars and settler cars.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorate:

- **20 October:** The IDF reinforced the earth mound on the main road between Umm Safa and Deir as Sudan after Umm Safa villagers had partially opened it. There is now no vehicular access into the village. According to the Palestinian DCL, who raised the issue with the Israeli DCL, the earth mound will remain until the Israeli side is given a guarantee that no stones or Molotov cocktails will be thrown at IDF patrols in the area.
- **21 October:** The IDF erected four half earth mounds on the road between An Nabi Salih and Beit Rima in order to slow down Palestinian traffic.
- **24 October:** At about 1pm, the Israeli Border Police and IDF set up a checkpoint between Beit 'Ur at Tahta and Kharbatha al Misbah causing long delays
- **24 to 25 October:** The IDF established checkpoints at An Nabi Salih gate on both days from around mid-day to about 6pm to 7pm at night causing long delays for people returning home for the Ramadan "iftar", breaking of the fast.
- **25 October:** The IDF searched cars and checked IDs at Atara checkpoint at around 7am and again from 3pm to 6pm. Many Palestinian commuters were unable to reach home in time for the "iftar".

Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- IDF mobile checkpoints function on a daily basis at the entrance to Al 'Eizariya/Ma'ale Adumim settlement resulting in long lines of cars waiting to pass.
- IDF mobile checkpoints at the junctions of Road 1/ Road 437 and Al 'Eizariya/Ma'ale Adumim have stopped Palestinian vehicular movement on Road 1 for several hours every Saturday after Shabbath.
- After the construction of the Barrier started northwest of 'Anata village, Jerusalem district, the Israeli Border Police have on almost a daily basis operated a checkpoint inside the village.
- **22 October:** West Bank Palestinian males older than 60 years and females older than 40 were allowed entrance to Al Aqsa for the second Friday prayer of the month of Ramadan. Any other West Bank Palestinian needed a permit.

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 halted.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Bet Duqqu, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim. In Biddu, Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik, construction is halted.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

Restrictions on access of Palestinians even with permits to Israel/Jerusalem from Bethlehem district remain tight. Restrictions were applied at the beginning of the Jewish holidays on 11 September.

- **22 October:** The Israeli Border Police closed the road between An Nu'man village, Bethlehem district, and Jerusalem with an earth mound.
- **22 October:** Access for Muslim worshippers travelling to the Al Aqsa Mosque on the second Friday of the holy month of Ramadan at Gilo and Tunnels checkpoints was allowed for Palestinians older than 60 years of age without Jerusalem permits and for those older than 40 with permits. An initial agreement with the Palestinian DCL was supposed to allow women of all ages to cross without the requirement for permits - on 22 October, this was not respected. Men also within the accepted age group were also rejected without explanation.
- **24 October:** The IDF placed an additional earth mound on the road leading from At Tuwani village into Al Karmil, Hebron District, preventing the vehicular movement of Palestinians from Masafer/Yatta to the urban area of the governorate.
- **25 October:** Family visits to Palestinian relatives imprisoned in Israeli jails resumed through Tarqumiya checkpoint for both the Governorates of Hebron and Bethlehem. The visits had been stopped after the Be'er Sheva bombing on 31 August.
- **25 to 26 October:** Gilo checkpoint is closed to all traffic due to the large influx of Jewish worshippers celebrating the anniversary of the matriarch at Rachel's Tomb. At the same time, the IDF has kept the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint open for 24 hours.

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.
- **22 to 24 October:** The gate was closed; no entry or exit was permitted to anyone, including the 24 students living in the area.
- **25 October:** The gate was opened one time only for 45 minutes from 10.40am until 11.25am - as a result students were not able to reach their schools.
- **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.
- Al Tuffah checkpoint was open all week.
- Tel As-Sultan checkpoint remained closed during the week.
- **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.
- **Rafah Terminal:** Since 21 October, approximately 50 Palestinian males aged 16 to 35 years old have been allowed to exit the Gaza Strip through Rafah Terminal. However, prior coordination with the IDF is required.

Source OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

7. Olive Harvest incidents

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit:

- An agreement was reached between the Israeli DCL and its Palestinian counterpart that farmers will now be allowed to enter their olive groves behind the settlement boundaries of Oranit and Qarne Shamaron in Qalqiliya Governorate. The agreement allows the farmers to enter 24 to 30 October between 8am and 4.30 pm.
- Despite ongoing efforts to coordinate between Israeli and Palestinian DCLs, farmers from Kfur Qaddum have still not been able to harvest inside Quedumin settlement in Qalqiliya Governorate. Also farmers from Jit are still not able to reach their land near a settlement outpost in the absence of a coordinated agreement.
- Farmers from An Nabi Elyas in Qalqiliya Governorate continue to encounter difficulties in reaching their land behind the Barrier despite having valid green permits for the Zufin gate. In order to reach their land, farmers have requested permission to travel on the military road along the Barrier. This has been rejected by the IDF.
- In Isla and Kfur Thulth, farmers are still not allowed to bring tractors through the Barrier gates, according to the Palestinian DCL.

Hebron/Bethlehem:

- **25 October:** The IDF prevented farmers, supported by 50 internationals and 70 persons from governmental and national organisations, from collecting olives from Beer Oneh, next to Beit Jala city, Bethlehem district, claiming the land belongs to the Jerusalem Municipality and therefore requires a special permit to access it.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas:

- **26 October:** An 18-year-old Palestinian was shot dead by an Israeli settler. The circumstances around the incident are not clear. According to the IDF DCL office in Nablus, the Palestinian tried to enter an Israeli outpost linked to Yits'har settlement and was shot dead by a settler as the Palestinian was running away. According to the office of the governor of Nablus and the head of the village council of 'Urif, the Palestinian was shot in the abdomen while picking olives near his village of 'Urif, Nablus district, by an Israeli settler from nearby Yits'har settlement. His body was found in the outskirts of the village of 'Urif.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL

8. Access to schools:

West Bank:

- Due to the current UNRWA staff strike, all classes in UNRWA West Bank schools are suspended.
- Hundreds of students 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 Israeli 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.

- **23 October:** The IDF prevented the students of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Nablus district, from reaching their schools (three) while search campaigns were carried out in the village.
- **25 October:** The IDF forced the students of two schools in Silat adh Daher, Nablus district, to leave their schools at the beginning of the school day.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

Gaza:

- **22 to 25 October:** The 24 students living in As-Seafa were not able to reach their schools since the gate was closed.
- **25 October:** As a result of IDF shooting towards Rafah refugee camp, a window was broken at UNRWA's Rafah Preparatory "A" Boys' School.
- **25 October:** As a result of the IDF incursion into Khan Younis, schooling in most UNRWA and governmental schools in the town and refugee camp was severely disrupted.
- **24 October:** As a result of IDF shooting at Tel Es-Sultan quarter in Rafah, a bullet hit a window at UNRWA's Tel Es-Sultan Elementary "D" Girls' school in Rafah. Six students and a teacher sustained minor injuries from the flying glass.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF

9. Labour movement to Israel

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- Over the week, the IDF lifted the movement restrictions into Israel proper allowing Palestinian workers and traders to cross the Green Line and resume their work. However, Palestinian DCL in Qalqiliya reports that on a number of occasions during the week Palestinian workers have been denied access to enter Israel proper through Jaljoulia checkpoint in spite of having a valid permit.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- According to Nablus chamber of commerce, industry and agriculture, no permits have been issued to the merchants of Nablus since 9 September 2004.

Jericho governorate:

- The IDF has decreased the limit of trading permits, valid for three months, from 600 to 70.

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, no workers and/or traders were allowed to enter.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

10. Other:

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **21 October:** Two Palestinians were injured in Nablus city during clashes with IDF.
- **26 October:** One Palestinian was injured in Al Yamun village west of Jenin during clashes with the IDF.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in Nablus city and Askar Camp (Nablus). Four Palestinians were reported arrested.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- **25 October:** One member of Hamas was reported arrested by the IDF in Tulkarm town.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in Qarawat Bani Zeid, Al Bireh, Kafr Ni'ma, Deir Ghassana, Beituniya, Qalandiya and At Tira. Fifty-one Palestinians were arrested.
- **22 October:** At about 7pm, the Ramadan evening prayers were disrupted when an IDF patrol fired sound and light bombs while searching one house in Deir Ghassana. Throughout the week, almost on daily basis, the IDF carried out military activities, including house searches and arrest campaigns, in the village.
- **23 to 24 October:** The IDF detonated explosives in a cave in the centre of the village near the olive press claiming that "wanted" Palestinians used it to hide in.
- **25 October:** Four Palestinians were arrested at about 3am.
- **25 October:** In Qarawat Bani Zeid, an IDF patrol fired sound bombs around the mosque at about 7pm, thus disrupting the Ramadan evening prayers. The patrol had surrounded a house in the village, and arrested one Palestinian.

Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in Abu Dis, Jerusalem district, and in Aqbat Jaber camp, Jericho. Four Palestinians were arrested.
- **24 October:** Palestinians threw stones at a passing Israeli plated vehicle on Road 60 south, between Jerusalem and Hebron. One Israeli was lightly injured.

Hebron/Bethlehem

- **20 October:** Sixteen shops were allowed to reopen on the new Shalala street, Hebron city. The shops were closed by military order three years ago. The shops were reopened after negotiations between the Hebron Chamber of Commerce and the IDF because of the improvement in area security.
- **20 October:** The IDF imposed curfew on Husan village, Bethlehem district, after some Palestinians stoned settlers' vehicles passing on the bypass Road 375.
- **22 October:** Thirteen thousand Muslim were allowed access to the Al Ibrahimi Mosque, Hebron city, for Friday prayers. Following an agreement between the IDF and the Palestinian Authority, the site (including the Jewish side) was opened to worshippers, as was the external garden. The arrangement also allows for Muslims to visit the holy site for evening prayers during Ramadan: a daily average of 2,000 entries has been recorded so far.
- **24 October:** Palestinians hurled a burning tire with six explosive devices at an Israeli bus passing on bypass Road 60 near Al 'Arrub camp, Hebron district. Three explosives exploded and the IDF detonated the others, no injuries were reported.
- **24 October:** A group of settlers from the outpost of Havat Ma'on stoned students from Tuba, while they were on their way to school - on the only access road available- in At Tuwani village, Hebron district. No injuries were reported.
- **20 October to date:** Search and arrest campaigns took place in Hebron city, Yatta, Dura, Ad Dhahiriya, Al Burj, Al 'Arrub camp, Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Al Khadr and Al Ma'asra with 26 Palestinians arrested in total.
- Since the beginning of the UNRWA local employee strike in the West Bank on 11 October, all service provision to refugees in education, health and relief and social services has been stopped. In Hebron and Bethlehem, at least 100,000 refugees are affected by the strike with 30,000 students in 21 UNRWA school losing already 14 school days. In the health sector, clinics servicing about 2,000 refugees per day have not been opened; outpatients have instead been accessing governmental facilities. Inside the camps, where UNRWA provides sanitation services, no garbage collection has been carried out since the beginning of the strike. About 80% of the refugees have not been able to claim food rations, cash assistance and many other relief services provided. Similar situations have been reported in other West Bank areas.

Gaza:

- **21 October:** A senior leader in the military wing of Hamas and his assistant were killed in an IAF air missile attack on Gaza City.
- **21 October:** One IDF soldier was killed when a roadside bomb went off under an IDF tank patrolling the border fence on the Philadelphia corridor.

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

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Appendix: Checkpoints Status 20 - 26 October 2004

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit	
Taybeh	The checkpoint has only been open for international organisations and commercial traffic through the back-to-back system (since movement to Israel is suspended) from 6.30am to 6 pm. Due to construction work in front of the Barrier gate, all traffic is now forced to take a diversion to enter Tulkarm from this side. The checkpoint remains closed every Saturday.
Kafriat	The checkpoint is physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town, one that controls movement to Israel proper and one that controls movement to and from Jbara. All parts of the checkpoint have been manned during the week.
Qalqiliya DCO	The checkpoint has been manned the entire week and the IDF has carefully checked everyone leaving Qalqiliya town. 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 permits 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 coordination with the DCL. Still, only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks.
Deir Ballout	There were no unusual restrictions imposed during 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 older than 30 years of age, students, teachers and medical doctors.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards older than 30 years of age, 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 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 23 and 25 October .
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. Since October 22, the IDF has been closing the gate to all Palestinians between 8am and 3pm. The gate is the only access to Tubas for inhabitants from the northern Jordan valley.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Qalandiya	Open from 4.30am to 12 midnight. Often long delays caused by slow checking procedures on Saturdays are reported. 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. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open. Delays sometimes experienced during rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Long delays 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. There is a 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 the secondary checkpoint. Restrictions have recently relaxed and other villagers are able to enter.
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’ayyem 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 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 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. Construction work for the enlargement of the checkpoint has started.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Vehicular traffic is open for Jericho residents, Jerusalemites, humanitarian reasons as well as for internationals. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to enter unless they have a permit or a visa for travel to Jordan. Opening hours have been extended by two hours (until midnight) due to Ramadan. Construction work for the enlargement of the checkpoint has started.
‘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. Buses queuing to drop off Jewish visitors at Rachel Tombs continue to cause significant delays for inbound and outbound traffic. On 22 October, Palestinian worshipers between the ages of 45 and 60 with permits were allowed to pass through the checkpoint to reach Al Aqsa Mosque on the second Friday of the holy month of Ramadan. On 25 and 26, the checkpoint was closed to allow settlers to reach Rachel's Tomb.
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 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 and commercial trucks are not allowed to cross: the buses drop off passengers at the Al Khadr - Husan junction. On 25 and 26 October, it was open for 24 hours due to the closure of Gilo checkpoint. Delays were experienced for vehicles going out of Bethlehem.
Noqedim South-east of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles. Vehicles on both sides are subject to checks and searches. Long queues and delays were experienced during this week especially in the afternoon.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Access to 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 356	Open 24 hours. Palestinian vehicles are subject to checks and searches but there is no need for permits. Long delays were experienced this week.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 Hours. Palestinian vehicles coming from Hebron and toward Bethlehem district are subject to checks and searches. No delays were reported.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 Hours. Palestinians continue to be denied access as no permits have been issued in both districts since the Israeli holidays started on 15 September.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 Hours. Palestinians continue to be denied access as no permits have been issued in both districts since the Israeli holidays started on 15 September.
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 are unable to drive on the road. Coordination with DCL is 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 open.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both	Closed for all Palestinian traffic, no movement of Palestinians allowed into Israel. Transit is allowed for humanitarian cases with permits and commercial trucks. On 25 and 26 October, families of prisoners from Hebron and Bethlehem districts were allowed to cross the checkpoint to visit their relatives in Israeli prisons for the first time since the suicide

Hebron and Bethlehem districts	bombing in Be'er Sheva on 31 August.
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 On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 Hours
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit 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 allowed for Palestinians going to pray on Fridays and during the nights of Ramadan due to an agreement between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority - access allowed to one party during feasts.
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 are conducted by the IDF on Palestinians walking toward or coming from the market.
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 toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot who live between it and the settlement
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Since 31 August, Erez terminal has been closed for Palestinians. Only diplomats or service visa holders travelling with diplomats can cross by car. A number of UN internationals holding service visas have, since 21 October, been able to cross without diplomats, following coordination with the IDF.
Erez Industrial zone	Since 31 August, Erez Industrial Zone has been closed
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 8 October 2003.
Abu Houli junction	Checkpoint was open as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 October 8.45am to 8pm - 21 October 6.30am to 9.30am, 10.30am to 2pm, 3pm to 8pm - 22 October 6am to 8pm - 23 October 6am to 8pm - 24 October 6am to 8pm - 25 October 6am to 8pm - 26 October 6am to 8pm Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli junction.
Abu Al Ajin road	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed
Beach road	The Beach road was open all week.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	On 21 October, a small number of male Palestinians aged 16 to 35 started to be allowed to exit the Gaza Strip with prior coordination.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya

Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 6.30am. to 6pm. However, due to ongoing construction work in front of the Barrier gate, all trucks must now take a diversion to reach the back-to-back yard. The back-to-back system is not operational every Saturday.
Qalqiliya DCO	The back-to-back system has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya town. However, the trucks have been subjected to many delays over the week due to the restricted movement imposed on Qalqiliya town.
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.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open only for food products
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, the 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, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	Partially open.
Sufa	Sufa terminal was open 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 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 school 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 school 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	Military gate. Closed for Palestinians.

Eastern gate	
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