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1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 11
 Injured: 35 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths: 4
 Injured: 45 (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): 4

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- **31 October:** According to the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees (UPMRC), the IDF arrested a 17-year-old male from an UPMRC ambulance in Jenin. He was injured but in stable condition at the time of arrest. According to the UPMRC, the IDF handed him over to the governmental hospital in Jenin the same day - at which time he was dead.

Gaza:

Denial of access: 0

Delay (30 minutes): 0

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
27 October	Camp Number One, Nablus district	3 hours
27 October	Marda, Salfit district	1 day
1 November	Jabal Jouher, Hebron district	6 hours
28 October to 2 November	Jenin refugee camp	5 days

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

4. House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced

West Bank:

- **27 October:** The OCHA office in Hebron received copies of three stop-building orders for water cisterns in Wadi Fukin, Bethlehem district, issued by the Israeli Civil Administration on 24 October. The cisterns were built as part of a project funded by the non-governmental organisation (NGO) World Vision.
- **28 October:** Three demolition orders were issued for structures in Jabal Ad Diek, Beit Sahur (Bethlehem). The buildings are the ninth apartment block, the kindergarten playground of the Greek Orthodox housing complex and a nearby house belonging to a Palestinian family. Thirty-five structures, housing about 80 families are currently under threat of demolition in the same area.

- **28 October:** A second stop-building order for At Tuwani health clinic was found at the construction site in At Tuwani village (Hebron). The clinic is funded by Environmental Resources Management (ERM) and supported by UNICEF and the Ministry of Health.
- **28 October:** Five demolition orders were handed to Palestinians in Saadet Tha'alah, in the area of Masafer Yatta (Hebron). The orders are for one water cistern built with funding by ERM, three animal pens and one structure.
- **28 October:** The appeal against the demolition of 19 sanitation facilities in the area of Masafer Yatta funded by ERM was rejected by the Israeli Civil Administration in Bet El.
- **2 November:** One house was demolished in Askar camp (Nablus). The house was the family house of the 16-year-old suicide bomber at the Karmel Market in Tel Aviv on 1 November.
- **2 November:** A two-storey building (residence for three families) was demolished in Beit Furik (Nablus). The house belonged to a Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) activist.
- **2 November:** One house was demolished in Rujeib (Nablus). The house belonged to a PFLP activist.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
2 November	Askar camp, Nablus	1 house		
2 November	Bet Furik, Nablus	1 two-storey building		
2 November	Rujeib, Nablus	1 house		
Total		2 houses, 1 two-storey building		

Gaza:

- **28 October:** Six houses were demolished in the Al Attatra area, north Rafah and to the south of the Israeli settlement of Morag.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
28 October	Al Attatra, Rafah	6 houses, 2 water wells		
Total		6 houses, 2 water wells		

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Requisitions¹

West Bank:

- **27 October:** The IDF uprooted olive trees near Road 505 belonging to Marda village, Salbit district, stating that children used this place to throw stones at military jeeps and settlers.
- **31 October:** The Palestinian DCL received a requisition order covering 3.5 dunums (.35 hectares) of land located atop a hill near Road 57 across Enav settlement in Tulkarm Governorate. According to the Palestinian DCL, a new Israeli military observation post will be placed on the land.

Gaza:

- **28 October:** Five dunums (.5 hectares) of land planted with olive trees were levelled in the Al Attatra area, north Rafah and to the south of the Israeli settlement of Morag.

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 of the local populations by manning all parts of the Kafriat checkpoint. Following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 1 November, further restrictions were imposed. No vehicular movement since Monday, 1 November has been allowed through Kafriat checkpoint, even traders with a valid permit and residents from Shufa and Jbara are prohibited. Since 1 November, the IDF has suspended all commercial traffic from Anabta gate and closed the checkpoint at Taybeh. Consequently, all movement has been diverted through the Kafriat checkpoint, which, as noted, is closed to vehicular traffic.
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, the IDF lifted the restriction on the movement of the local population in Qalqiliya town following the assassination of a senior member of al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade on 28 October. The DCO checkpoint has been unmanned since 29 October and the tunnel between Habla and Qalqiliya town was reported open from 30 October. A flying checkpoint has frequently been established at the Jit junction to control movement between the three governorates of Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya. Following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 1 November, the IDF intensified the checking of vehicles that were leaving as well as coming into the West Bank. A flying checkpoint to control movement through the tunnel was established on 2 November.

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

- In Salfit district, the movement between the villages continues to be hampered by the existence of roadblocks and earth mounds, and the restrictions to travel on the main roads. Flying checkpoints were established between Masha and Biddya on 1 November, and between Masha and Ar Zawiya throughout the week.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **27 October:** A flying checkpoint was erected near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya on Road 60.
- **28 October to 2 November:** A strict closure was imposed on Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp as all major entrances were closed by IDF armed personnel carriers.
- **29 October:** Major delays occurred at Hamra checkpoint.
- **29 October:** A flying checkpoint was erected northeast of Tubas, delaying Palestinians coming from Jenin and the northern part of the West Bank.
- **30 October:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Road 60, near Jit junction.
- **1 November:** Huwwara checkpoint was closed for 90 minutes beginning at 8.30am.
- **1 November:** Major delays occurred at Za'atara checkpoint.
- **2 November:** The IDF announced Nablus a closed military area closing all the checkpoints around the city.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- **28 October:** At about 3pm, the IDF searched cars and examined IDs at An Nabi Salih gate for two hours. Long delays were reported as Palestinians were trying to return home for the Ramadan "Iftar", breaking of the fast.
- **29 October:** At about 4.50pm, just before the "Iftar", the IDF established a flying checkpoint between Surda and Abu Qash, and searched cars. According to Palestinian commuters, the IDF stopped two taxis and detained the drivers and passengers for 15 minutes before releasing them.
- **1 November:** During the evening, the IDF erected an earth mound on the dirt track between Deir Ammar and Ras Karkar villages. Palestinians from Deir Ammar, Beitillu and Jammala villages and Deir Ammar refugee camp, now have only one access road to Ramallah via bypass Road 465 – which doubles travel time.
- **1 November:** At about 1.30pm, the IDF set up flying checkpoints around the Ramallah district after the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv.

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 Shabath.
- **29 October:** Palestinians West Bank ID card holders older than 60 years of age (male) and 40 years of age (female) were allowed access to Al Aqsa Mosque.
- **1 November:** The IDF tightened the closure around Jerusalem and prevented Palestinians from crossing checkpoints leading to Jerusalem following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv. Flying checkpoints were also established checking Palestinians on their way to Ramallah.

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 Mount 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:

Many flying checkpoints were set up in both Hebron and Bethlehem districts. At the Al Khadr-Husan junction, flying checkpoints were set up on several occasions by the Israeli Border Police, creating long delays especially before "Iftar".

- **29 October:** Muslim worshippers older than 60 years of age were allowed access to travel to the Al Aqsa Mosque on the third Friday of Ramadan through Gilo and Tunnels checkpoints without permits. Palestinian men and women older than 40 years of age with Jerusalem permits also were allowed to pass.
- **31 October:** More than 100 Palestinians were held at Gush 'Etzion checkpoint for about an hour and released a few minutes before "Iftar", and after liaison between the Palestinian DCL and Israeli DCL.

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.
- **29 October:** The gate was closed; no entry or exit was permitted to anyone.

- **31 October:** The gate was opened one time and only for 45 minutes. As a result, students were not able to reach their schools on time.
- **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 IDs 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 and continuing through this reporting period, 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/Qalqiliva/Salfit:

- **26 October:** An agreement between the Israeli DCL and their Palestinian counterpart was reached allowing the farmers from Kfar Qaddum to pick their olives near the Quedumin settlement. The agreement covers the period 27 October to 4 November and allows the farmers to harvest between 6am and 4 pm.
- Farmers from Kfar Dik village are still not able to reach their land opposite the road in the absence of a coordinated agreement. Meanwhile, farmers have reported that settlers from Pdu'el on 28 October were seen picking olives from the trees. Also farmers from Jit village are awaiting a final agreement allowing them to harvest their olive trees near a settlement outpost. An agreement is expected to be reached after the month of Ramadan.
- **Barrier gates**
No gates have been reported closed, however the opening hours of the gates remained erratic over the week, which is somewhat due to the fact that the same military jeep is responsible for the opening of more than one gate with same opening hours. Despite three announced opening hours, the IDF rarely opens the gate at the announced mid-day hours unless farmers are waiting in front.
Farmers with a valid permit to the Nazlat Isa gate have, according to the Palestinian DCL, on numerous occasions over the week been delayed for two to three hours upon return from the olive groves in the afternoon.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas:

- Farmers from 'Asira ash Shamaliya were prevented from reaching their olive groves by the IDF throughout the week.

Hebron/Bethlehem:

- **28 October:** A group of settlers from an outpost next to the settlement of Tko'a tried to prevent Palestinian farmers from Tuqu' village from collecting olives near the settlement, Bethlehem district. The IDF intervened and allowed Palestinians to collect olives.
- **28 October:** Settlers from Otni'el settlement broke branches of dozens of olive trees and stole about two tons of olives from land near the settlement belonging to Palestinians from Yatta.
- **28 October:** Settlers from Avi Gayel outpost attacked Palestinians from Mantiqat Shi'b al Batin, in Masafer Yatta, while they were collecting olives near Qawawis.
- **1 November:** The IDF tried to prevent Palestinians from Dura and international volunteers from collecting olives near the settlement of Otni'el, Hebron district. The Israeli Police arrested two Palestinians, but after the intervention of the Palestinian DCL the arrested persons were released and the Palestinians continued collecting olives.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- **29 October:** At about noon, five settlers from an outpost near Shvut Rakhel settlement threatened to shoot Palestinian farmers from Al Mughayyir if they did not leave the olive groves. The Palestinian DCL reported the incident to the Israeli DCL who ordered the settlers to stay away from the area. After two hours, the farmers were able to return to their groves.

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, (East Jerusalem), are experiencing difficulties in crossing the gate in the Barrier near Ras al 'Amud , and reaching 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.
- Teachers from north Jericho find it difficult to get to their schools in the Jericho area on time every morning because of delay at Al Hamrah checkpoint
- **28 October:** Students from Tuba (Hebron) could not attend their school in At Tuwani village (Hebron) due to the settler harassment from the outpost of Havat Ma'on.
- **30 October:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy was killed in front of his school (Ezzedine elementary school) in Jenin.
- **1 November:** The Ministry of Education in Jenin was forced to close Azzahra secondary girls school in Jenin and to move the students to another school in Jenin – and operate a double shift - because the IDF positioned itself near the school.
- **1 November:** Settlers from Havat Ma'on attacked with stones the schoolchildren from Tuba (Hebron) who were trying to use the short road heading to school in At Tuwani, (Hebron) forcing them instead to use a long detour of farther than 8 kilometres.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

Gaza:

- During the reporting period, the 24 students living in As-Seafa were not able to arrive to their schools on time. They were allowed to leave late in the morning and were not permitted to re-enter again before 3.30pm. They were left waiting at the gate for at least four hours.
- **28 October:** A nine-year-old schoolgirl was killed after being shot while on her way to an UNRWA school in Khan Younis.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF

9. Labour/trade movement to Israel

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- Last week, OCHA reported that Palestinian workers on a number of occasions have been denied access to enter Israel proper through Jaljoulia checkpoint in spite of having a valid permit. The Israeli DCL on 28 October confirmed this, and advised that only workers with a permit issued after 17 October would be allowed to cross the checkpoint.
- No suspension of permits has been imposed following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 1 November. However, the Palestinian DCL has reported a more selective and careful search of the Palestinian workers at checkpoints crossings in the mornings.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- The Israeli DCL has issued only 270 permits for traders working in the food sector. Originally, the DCL had agreed to issue 1,000 permits for traders through the Palestinian DCL.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- In Hebron district, 207 workers' permits were issued. No permits were issued for traders.
- In Bethlehem district, 401 workers' permits were issued and 110 permits were issued for traders.

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 Israel.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

10. Other:

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

A total of eight Palestinians were injured in clashes with the IDF in separate incidents in Al Yamun (Jenin), Jenin refugee camp, and El Far'a refugee camp (Tubas). In addition, a total of four children all between the ages of 11 and 15 years were reported injured in clashes with the IDF in two separate incidents.

- **28 October:** At 10pm, the IDF entered Jenin refugee camp, announced curfew and started a search campaign. The operation is ongoing.
- **31 October:** A 22-year-old Palestinian male was killed in the eastern side of Jenin city and another Palestinian was injured during clashes with IDF.
- **1 November:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed in 'Askar refugee camp (Nablus).
- **1 November:** At 9pm, the IDF entered the old city of Nablus and killed three Palestinian men.
- **2 November:** In the early morning hours, the IDF entered and searched the PRCS headquarter in Nablus, interrogating ambulance drivers about the locations of injured Palestinians evacuated by PRCS.
- IDF search-and-arrest operations took place during the week in following locations: Nablus city, camp number one (Nablus), Al Yamun (Jenin), Jenin refugee camp, Jenin city and 'Anza village (Jenin). Twenty Palestinians were reported arrested in these operations.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- **27 October:** IDF forces entered Tulkarm town and surrounded the Old Mosque in search for wanted persons. Several vegetable shops in the centre were destroyed as a consequence of the operation.
- **28 October:** A senior member of Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade was killed in Qalqiliya town by the IDF.
- Search-and-arrest campaigns were conducted in Rafat, Deir Istiya and Ar Zawiya. A total of nine people were arrested in these campaigns. The IDF also conducted military operations in Tulkarm town on more than one occasion as well as in Nur Shams refugee camp. A total of three people have been reported arrested.
- **1 November:** A military operation took place in Jayyous and one Palestinian was reported wounded by gunfire.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- **31 October:** A Palestinian who lives in Al Bireh near Bet El settlement filed a complaint with the help of the Palestinian DCL against some settlers from Bet El who had been throwing stones at his home causing damages to the house.
- **1 November:** At about 1pm, villagers from Budrus together with international peace activists demonstrated in the village against the Barrier construction. The IDF responded by firing tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets. Six elderly people suffered from tear gas inhalation as they were leaving the mosque at about 2.30pm. One van parked near the mosque was damaged.
- **1 November:** The IDF opened an earth mound between Deir As Sudan and Umm Safa villages at about 1.30pm. At about 7pm, the IDF entered Umm Safa and fired tear gas and sound bombs. At about 3am, an IDF patrol closed the earth mound claiming that stones had been thrown from the village at the IDF.
- Search-and-arrest campaigns were conducted in Al Bireh, Al Mughayyir and Bir Zeit. A total of nine Palestinian males were arrested.

Jerusalem/Jericho

- Search-and-arrest campaigns were conducted in Hizma. Six Palestinians were arrested.

Hebron/Bethlehem

- **31 October:** Two Palestinians were injured in Al Fahs area, Hebron city, after a suspicious object exploded.
- Search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Hebron city, 'A Samu, Tarqumiya, Dura, Taffuh, Beit Ummar, Bethlehem, Al 'Aza camp, Al Khadr and Ad Duheisha camp. A total of 37 Palestinians were arrested.

Gaza:

- **28 October:** One IDF soldier was killed and another five were injured in a mortar attack on their base in the southern Gaza settlement of Morag.

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 27 October – 2 November 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 6pm. Due to construction work in front of the Barrier gate, all traffic is now forced to take a diversion to enter Tulkarm from the Taybeh side. The checkpoint remains closed every Saturday. Following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 1 November, the IDF closed the checkpoint and Palestinian workers and traders have since been forced to travel through the Kafriat checkpoint.
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. Following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 1 November, further restrictions were imposed as no vehicles since Monday have been allowed to cross - not even traders with a valid permit, nor residents from Shufa and Jbara.
Qalqiliya DCO	The checkpoint was been manned until Friday, 29 October and has since been un-manned. 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 to 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 DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks. The IDF intensified the checks following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 1 November, by also checking vehicles coming into the West Bank from Israel proper.
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 now only open between 6am and 9 am and between 4pm and 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. On 2 November, the checkpoint was closed.
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. On 2 November, the checkpoint was closed.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through. On 2 November, the checkpoint was closed.
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 the Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through. On 2 November, the checkpoint was closed.
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)	Permanently manned.

South, main road to Ramallah	
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. From 28 October to 2 November, the checkpoint was closed.
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr "al Amn al Watani" Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm. From 28 October to 2 November, the checkpoint was closed.
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 this 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'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	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

North.	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 permissible 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 are 6am to 6pm.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the 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’s Tomb continue to cause significant delays for inbound and outbound traffic. On 29 October, Palestinians worshipers between the ages of 45 and 60 with permits were allowed to pass through the checkpoint to reach Al Aqsa Mosque on the third Friday of Ramadan.
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 to 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. Delays were experienced this week especially in the afternoon.
Noqedim Southeast of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles. Vehicles on both sides are subject to checks and searches. No delays were experienced during this week.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Access of Palestinians with permits is allowed. 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. On 31 October, about 100 Palestinians were held before the breakfast time and were released after liaison between the Palestinian DCL and the Israeli DCL. Some delays were experienced before the time of breakfast.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 Hours. Palestinians with permits allowed access since permits have been issued in both districts on 25 October.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 Hours. Palestinians with permits allowed access since permits have been issued in both districts on 25 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 are unable to drive on the road. Coordination with the DCL is required for access of service providers.
Ras Al Joura	The checkpoint is not manned and the gate into Hebron is closed as the alternative route on

At crossing Between Roads 35 and 60, north of Hebron	Halhul bridge is open.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Closed for all Palestinian traffic. Transit is allowed for humanitarian cases with permits, commercial trucks, families of prisoners from Hebron and Bethlehem districts and workers with permits.
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 the 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 which allowed access to one party during its 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 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 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	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 IDF coordination.
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"> ○ 27 October 6am to 7.30am, 9am to 2pm, 2.45pm to 5pm ○ 28 October 6am to 2pm, 4pm to 5.30pm ○ 29 October 6am to 6pm ○ 30 October 6am to 5pm ○ 31 October 6am to 6.55am, 9am to 5pm, with several short closures and search operations. ○ 1 November 6.30am to 5.30pm, with many frequent short closures ○ 2 November 6am to 5pm Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli junction.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Gaza Int'l Airport	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed

Beach road	The Beach Road was open all week.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed

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. Following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 1 November, the IDF only allowed essential commodities (fuel, food, gas, etc.) into the yard. The back-to-back system remains closed 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 delays over the week due to the restricted movement imposed on Qalqiliya town until 29 October.
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. On 2 November, the checkpoint was closed.
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. Following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 1 November, the IDF suspended all commercial traffic from this gate and through this measure diverted all movement through Kafriat checkpoint.
Azzun	The gate has been open during most of the reporting period. The gate was reported closed for several hours on 30 October.

Separation Barrier Gates

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

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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.