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**OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**  
**Update for oPt (3 – 9 November 2004)**

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## 1. **Casualties**

Palestinians: Deaths: 19  
 Injured: 40 (approximate)  
 Israelis: Deaths: 1  
 Injured: 11 (approximate)

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): 3

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- **3 November:** Despite coordination with the IDF, a medical team from the Ministry of Health was denied access to Azzun Atma in Qalqiliya Governorate.

### **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
3 to 9 November	Jenin Refugee Camp	7 days
3 November	Al Khadr old town, Bethlehem	3 hours

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

## 4. **House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced**

### **West Bank:**

- **7 November:** Two houses were demolished in Jenin refugee camp. The houses were shelter for at least two families. One of the houses was build by the UNRWA Jenin refugee camp rehabilitation project.
- **9 November:** A two-storey building, residence for two families, was demolished in Nablus.
- **9 November:** A veterinarian business was destroyed in Jenin city.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
7 November	Jenin Refugee camp	2 houses		
9 November	Nablus city	1 two-storey building		
9 November	Jenin city	1 veterinarian business		
<b>Total</b>		<b>2 houses, 1 two-storey building and</b>		

		<b>1 veterinarian business</b>		
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#### Gaza:

- **3 November:** Twenty-four houses were demolished in Block O and west of the Brazil quarter in Rafah.
- **6 November:** One shelter and one animal farm were partially destroyed in the Bedouin village in northern Beit Lahia.
- **5 November:** Five houses were demolished and another house was damaged in Block J and al Barahma area in Rafah.
- **8 November:** Two houses, a water well and 10 greenhouses were demolished in Orayba in Rafah.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
3 November	Block O and Brazil, Rafah district	24 houses		
3 November	Beit Lahia		2 chicken farms	
5 November	Block J and Barahma, Rafah district	5 houses		1 house
6 November	Beit Lahia		1 Bedouin shelter, 1 animal farm	
8 November	Qrayba, Rafah district	2 houses, 1 water well and 10 greenhouses		
<b>Total</b>		<b>31 houses, 10 greenhouses and 1 water well</b>	<b>2 chicken farms, 1 Bedouin shelter and 1 animal farm</b>	

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

## **5. Land levelling/Requisitions<sup>1</sup>**

#### West Bank:

- **3 November to date:** Contractors guarded by private security forces resumed levelling land for the construction of the Barrier in the western villages of Hebron district: Beit 'Awwa, Sikka and Deir al 'Asal at Tahta.
- **4 November:** Two new Barrier requisition orders (T/75/04 and T/76/04) for 600 dunums (60 hectares) were issued by the IDF for land in the eastern and western part of Bet Surik village, northwest Jerusalem Governorate.
- **4 November:** The IDF issued military orders that prohibit new construction within a distance of 100 to 200 meters on both sides of the Barrier in both Qalqiliya and Tulkarm governorates.
- **4 November:** The IDF handed over two land requisition orders for Rantis and Beit Sira villages, Ramallah district, to the Palestinian DCL. There is no information about the number of dunums involved.

#### Gaza:

- **3 November:** Seventeen dunums (1.7 hectares) of land were levelled and two chicken farms were destroyed in an area south of the Israeli settlement of Dugit, northwest of Beit Lahia.

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

## **6. Closure<sup>2</sup>/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 and by only allowing pedestrians through. However, the Anabta gate has been open during the day allowing vehicles to travel on Road 57 toward Nablus and Qalqiliya.
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, no restrictions were imposed on the local populations apart from flying checkpoints occasionally established at Jit junction (to control movement between the three governorates of Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) and in front of the main entrance to Qalqiliya town. The tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla has been open the entire week.
- In Salfit District, 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. However, the roadblock in the outskirt of Yasuf

<sup>1</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

<sup>2</sup> For a reference West Bank checkpoint map please check the following link: [http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints\\_july04.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints_july04.pdf)

toward Tapphua junction is still removed despite information from the IDF stating that it would be back in place 23 October.

#### **Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:**

- **Since 28 October:** the IDF has occupied a total of 15 houses in Jenin city and refugee camp. The Palestinian residents of the houses have been forced to leave.
- **3 to 9 November:** The strict closure imposed on Jenin city 28 October and Jenin refugee camp continued as all major entrances were closed.
- **3 November:** All the checkpoints at the entrances of Nablus city were closed to Palestinians.
- **3 November:** Hamra checkpoint was closed for Palestinians.
- **4 November:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Road 60 near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya.
- **7 November:** A flying checkpoint was erected at the northern entrance of Tubas.
- **7 November:** Palestinians pushed open the gate at Tayasir (Tubas) as they were delayed while trying to reach their homes in time for the Iftar, the breaking of the fast.

#### **Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:**

- Several tight checkpoints were established around the Ramallah area throughout the week. On 3 November, a flying checkpoint was set up on the 'Ein Arik Road between 1.30pm and 1am. Long delays were experienced.
- **4 November:** Atara checkpoint was in operation throughout the day.
- **5 November:** at around 8pm, a flying checkpoint was set up for two hours between Surda and Abu Qash. One Palestinian was arrested at the checkpoint.
- **7 November:** a flying checkpoint was also set up between Beit 'Ur at Tahta and Kharbatha al Misbah during the morning rush hours.
- **7 November:** The IDF replaced the earth mound blocking the road between Bir Zeit and bypass Road 465 with a gate.

#### **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.
- **5 November:** Palestinian West Bank ID card holders were not allowed access to Al Aqsa unless they had a permit or were older than 60 years of age. Thousands of Palestinians were denied access at different checkpoints on the way to Jerusalem.
- **8 November:** The IDF closed the area known as the Gate near Al 'Eizariya/Ras Al Amoud by putting in place 9-metre-high concrete slabs. Palestinians are currently using the Monastery gate where only Jerusalem ID holders or Palestinian West Bankers with permits are allowed entrance after being checked by the Israeli Border Police.
- **9 November:** Security in East Jerusalem was tight; roads leading to the Old City were closed and there were numerous Israeli Border Police/Police checkpoints.

#### **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 the 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. New military requisition orders, covering the eastern and western sections for Bet Surik, were handed to Bet Surik village council on 4 November.

#### **Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:**

- Flying checkpoints were set up at the Sa'ir-Halhul junction and on the road through the tunnel under bypass Road 35 to Beit Kahil. Because of the flying checkpoints, delays were experienced especially before Iftar. Restrictions were tightened on the area of Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron - earth mounds were re-established on the sides of bypass Road 317 where access was possible.
- **3 November:** Palestinian pedestrians at the Al Khadr-Husan junction were prevented from crossing into Al Khadr to reach Bethlehem while the IDF imposed curfew on the village.
- **4 November:** The IDF closed the main internal road in Al Khadr, Bethlehem district, with an earth mound, tightening the closure on the old town and preventing Palestinians from crossing into or out of Bethlehem at Al Khadr - Husan junction during a search campaign. Palestinians opened part of the earth mound after a few hours.
- **5 November:** No Palestinians with West Bank IDs were allowed access to reach the Al Aqsa Mosque on the fourth Friday of Ramadan at Tunnels checkpoint, even if they had permits. At Gilo checkpoint, Palestinians older than 40 years of age with Jerusalem permits and Palestinians older than 60 without permits were allowed to pass into Jerusalem.
- **7 November:** The IDF closed Bab Az Zawaiya area and Be'er Sheva Road, Hebron city, to allow settlers to reach a Jewish holy shrine to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Sarah.

### **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.
- The gate was open twice a day during the reporting period.
- **8 November:** The IDF did not allow 8 tons of citrus products out of As-Seafa.
- **Al Mawassi:** IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally opening twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders from approximately 8am to 1pm and from approximately 2.30pm to 5pm. Since 10 May 2004, males aged below 30 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders have been required to have prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. Since 6 June 2004, prior coordination has been required for unmarried females with Al Mawassi 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 into 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. Olive Harvest incidents**

### **Hebron/Bethlehem:**

- **3 November:** The IDF prevented Palestinians from Susiya village, Hebron district, from collecting olives near the military base. The IDF arrested two Palestinians. After Palestinian DCL intervention, the arrested persons were released after four hours. The Palestinians were not able to collect the olives.
- **8 November:** The IDF and the Israeli Police prevented Palestinian from Susiya village, Hebron district, and international supporters from collecting olives near the archaeological site of Susiya. After a while, the IDF allowed Palestinian farmers to pick the olives but requested that the internationals leave the area.

*Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL*

## **8. Access to schools:**

### **West Bank:**

- Due to the current UNRWA national 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 reaching schools within Jerusalem Governorate. The gate near Ras al 'Amud has been closed since 1 November. Schools in several Palestinian Jerusalem neighbourhoods are becoming overcrowded because many students have been forced to change schools due to Barrier construction.
- Teachers working in schools in Jericho continue to experience delays at Hamra checkpoint.

*Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL*

### **Gaza:**

- During the reporting period, 24 pupils living in As-Seafa were not able to reach their schools on time. They were delayed leaving through the As Seafa gate until late morning. Upon return, the pupils were delayed for four hours before being permitted to re-enter through the gate at 3.30pm.

*Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF*

## **9. Labour/trade movement to Israel**

### **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 in Israel. However, only a small number of traders are now permitted to enter.

*Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL*

## 10. Other:

### Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **3 November:** An IDF unit killed one Palestinian male in Dahiat Sabah Al Khair in Jenin city.
- **6 November:** A 14-year-old boy was killed during clashes with the IDF in Jenin refugee camp.
- **7 November:** Four Palestinians were shot dead inside their car in Jenin city by the IDF.
- **8 November:** Two Palestinian were injured in Nablus during clashes with the IDF.
- **9 November:** One Palestinian was killed and three injured during an IDF incursion in the old city of Nablus.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in following locations: Nablus city, Camp Number One (Nablus), Al Yamun (Jenin), Jenin refugee camp, Jenin city and Huwwara village (Nablus). In total, 32 Palestinians were reported arrested.

### Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- **6 November:** A car exploded in Qalqiliya town killing two people and injuring two.
- **7 November:** One Palestinian and one IDF soldier were reported killed during an Israeli military operation in the village of Illar north of Tulkarm town.
- **7 November:** One IDF soldier and two settlers were reported lightly wounded in a shooting attack on a bus near Baqa Ash Sharqiya in Tulkarm Governorate.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in Tulkarm city, Salfit city and Marda. Six Palestinians were arrested.

### Ramallah /Al Bireh

- The IDF carried out a number of search-and-arrest campaigns throughout the week and arrested 19 Palestinians from 'Ein Arik, Deir Ghassana, Beituniya, Bir Zeit, Al Jalazun camp, and Ramallah. Some of the arrests were in response to the PFLP's bombing operation in Tel Aviv on 1 November.

### Jerusalem/Jericho

- **6 November:** Nine Jericho residents, who had not been allowed to leave Gaza after visiting family some three months ago, were allowed back into Jericho after coordination between the Palestinian and Israeli DCLs.
- **9 November:** Palestinian youths demonstrated in support of Arafat and clashed with Israeli security forces in Salahedin Street, East Jerusalem. No injuries or arrests were reported.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns were conducted in Jericho. One Palestinian was arrested.

### Hebron/Bethlehem

- **3 November:** Settlers from the outpost of Havat Ma'on, south Hebron district, prevented schoolchildren from Tuba (in the area known as Masafer Yatta) from reaching their school in At Tuwani village. A Knesset Children's Rights Committee meeting on 2 November criticised the IDF for not acting to enable the Palestinian children to reach their school and to prevent settler violence in the area.
- **3 November:** One Palestinian was injured and hospitalised when settlers from Tel Rumeida, Hebron city, attacked him.
- **5 November:** Settlers from the outpost of Mitzpe Yair, south Hebron, held two Palestinian minors from the village of Jinba (in the area known as Masafer Yatta) while they were grazing their sheep near the village of Bir al 'Idd. After being detaining for a few hours, the two Palestinian minors were handed to the Israeli Police in Kiryat Arba, who released them in the late afternoon.
- **7 November:** Settlers attacked Palestinian residents in Hebron old town and Tel Rumeida with stones.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Hebron city, Yatta, Idhna, Kharas, Al Arroub camp, Khursa, Dura, Taffuh, Beit 'Awwa, Bethlehem, Al 'Aza camp, Al Khadr , Artas, Ad Duheisha camp, Husan, Ad Doha, 'Ayda camp and Beit Fajjar. A total of 63 Palestinians were arrested.

### Gaza:

- **3 November:** Two IDF soldiers were injured, one of them seriously, when two mortar shells were fired toward the Israeli settlement of Rafiah Yam, southwest of Rafah.
- **3 November:** Three IDF soldiers were wounded in a mortar shell attack against the Israeli settlement of Neveh Dekalim, located in Gush Katif settlement block.
- **5 November:** Two Palestinian boys were killed when an explosive device exploded when they were playing with it in the Abu El Ajeen area in Deir Al Balah.

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 3 – 9 November 2004

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The checkpoint was closed in the beginning of the week and became operational again 7 November. The checkpoint is only for Palestinian workers, international organisations and commercial traffic through the back-to-back system 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 this side. The checkpoint remains closed every Saturday.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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 and only pedestrians were allowed to cross. However, Anabta gate is open.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The checkpoint was manned until Friday, 29 October and has since been unmanned. The gate and observation tower have been dismantled, but the rest of the checkpoint structure is still in place. Flying checkpoints were frequently established during the week.
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	The checkpoint has been operational during the week. However, access was 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 travelling to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank were subject to security checks.
<b>Deir Ballout</b>	The checkpoint saw no unusual restrictions imposed during the week. In general, the checkpoint restricts movement for Palestinians on the road that leads to Highway 5. The checkpoint is now only open between 6am and 9am, and 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.
<b>Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards older than 30 years of age, students, teachers and medical doctors. The checkpoint was closed 3 November.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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 occurred. The checkpoint was closed 3 November.
<b>Sarra</b> South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through. The checkpoint was closed 3 November.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles. The checkpoint was closed 3 November.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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. The checkpoint was closed 3 November.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> South east connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Hamra</b> 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). The checkpoint was closed 3 November.
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
<b>Salem</b> Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Closed by earth wall since March 2004.
<b>Al Badhan</b> North entrance to Jordan	Closed since 17 July. According to Nablus DCL, the closure is indefinite.

Valley.	
<b>‘17’</b> (‘Asira) North entrance for the villages of ‘Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighbouring villages.	Closed by road blocks.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	The checkpoint has been closed since 28 October.
<b>Dahiat Sabah al Khayr</b> “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	The checkpoint has been closed since 28 October.
<b>Salem</b> North western entrance/ “Green Line”	Closed for Palestinians. “Military closed area”.
<b>Qaddim</b> (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Partially manned.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open for permit holders.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians, except permit holders. Major delays occurred at the checkpoint.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open daily from 4.30am to 12 midnight for vehicles, and 24 hours for pedestrians. Often long delays occur 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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open. Delays sometimes experienced during rush hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Long delays experienced during rush hours.
<b>At Tayba</b>	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni’lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and oPt Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za’ayem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip

North western entrance on Road 436	Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open for Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Container (“Wadi nar”)</b> 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.
<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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.
<b>‘Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa</b> 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	
<b>Gilo</b> 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 5 November, Palestinian worshipers older than 40 years of age with permits allowed to pass through the checkpoint to reach Al Aqsa Mosque on the fourth Friday of Ramadan.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> 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. Delays were experienced this week especially in the afternoon.
<b>Noqedim</b> Southeast of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles. Vehicles on both sides are subject to checks and searches. Delays were experienced during this week especially in the afternoon.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. On 5 November, access by Palestinians holding West Bank IDs even with permits was not allowed. Delays experienced.
<b>Settlers’ Checkpoint - Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers.
<b>Efrata</b> 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.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 Hours. Palestinian vehicles coming from Hebron and toward Bethlehem district are subject to checks and searches. Delays were experienced during this week.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> 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.
<b>Al Jaba</b> 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
<b>Avnot</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	On bypass Road 90. Palestinian plated vehicles not allowed.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Closed to all Palestinian traffic. Families living close to the settlement of Negohot unable to drive on the road. Coordination with the DCL required for access of service providers.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> 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.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both	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.



Hebron and Bethlehem districts	
<b>Shima</b> On Road 60, east of Samoa	Not manned after 31 August.
<b>Ar Rifa'iyya</b> On Road 317, east of Yatta	Not manned after 31 August.
<b>Meitar</b> On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 Hours
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317	Manned by the IDF.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned the by IDF. Open 24 hours.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> 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 - allowed access to one party during its feasts.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> (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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada street	Closed to Palestinians
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shuhada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
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. Since 1 November, a small number of traders (approximately 20 per day) have been allowed to enter Israel.
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"> <li>○ 3 November 6.30am to 5pm</li> <li>○ 4 November 6.30am to 5pm</li> <li>○ 5 November 6am to 5pm</li> <li>○ 6 November 6.20am to 5pm</li> <li>○ 7 November 8.30am to 6.30pm with several short closures</li> <li>○ 8 November 6.30am to 5pm</li> <li>○ 9 November 6am to 5pm</li> </ul> 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	Open all week.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed

#### Commercial checkpoints:

**Tulkarm/Qalqiliya**

<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has been operational from 6.30 am 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.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	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 during times where flying checkpoints were established.
<b>Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open for incoming and outgoing goods. The checkpoint was closed 3 November.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial checkpoint.	Open only for food products
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> New back-to-back terminal is being built near Barrier 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.
<b>Jericho</b>	
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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
Karni	Partially open.
Sufa	Sufa terminal was open for construction materials only.

#### Road Gates

Gate	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
Anabta	The gate has been open throughout the week allowing all vehicles and public transportations through during daytime. Flying checkpoints have occasionally been established.
Azzun	The gate has been open during most of the reporting period. The gate was reported closed for several hours on 6 November.

#### Separation Barrier Gates

<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main terminal to the Barta'a ash Sharqiya/ Um Al Rihan closed area.	Open for Palestinians with green permit 6am to 10pm.
<b>Um ar Rihan</b> Western gate to the Barta'a ash Sharqiya/ Um Al Rihan closed area.	Open only for school students from Um Al Rihan two times a day.
<b>Barta'a (Daher al 'Ábed)</b> Southern gate to the Barta'a ash Sharqiya/ Um Al Rihan closed area.	Open only for school students from Um Al Rihan two times a day.