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1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 13
 Injured: 39 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths: 5
 Injured: 13 (approximate)
 Internationals: Deaths: 1
 Injured: 2

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

2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams**West Bank:**

Denial of access: 3
 Delay (30 minutes): 4
 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

Gaza:

Denial of access: 0
 Delay (30 minutes): 0
 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- Both MoH and PRCS were not able to transport patients and medical teams to and from the Gaza middle areas and the Gaza southern areas because of the closure of the Beach Road and Abu Holi checkpoint.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
10 December	Talluza, Nablus District	4 days (ongoing)

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

4. House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced**West Bank:**

- 8 December:** The IDF demolished five houses (housing for 20 people) and several shacks at the entrance of Bir Nabala, Jerusalem District, under the pretext that they were built without proper permits.
- 9 December:** A demolition order for an agricultural house near Efrata settlement was handed to a Palestinian from Al Khadr village, Bethlehem District.
- 11 December:** The IDF demolished an apartment in Al Jib, under the pretext that it was built without a proper permit.
- 13 December:** An IDF tank fired shells at a four-storey building in Nablus partially destroying one apartment and damaging two other apartments. One neighbouring house was moderately damaged and another 31 houses were slightly damaged. The damages were caused by the tank shelling and an exchange of fire between the IDF and an armed Palestinian in the area.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
8 December	BirNabala, Jerusalem	5 houses, several shacks		
11 December	Al Jib, Jerusalem	1 apartment		

13 December	Nablus City		1 apartment,	32 houses, 2 apartments
Total		5 houses, 1 apartment, several shacks	1 apartment	32 houses, 2 apartments

Gaza:

- **9 December:** One shop was demolished in Beit Lahia when it was struck by an IAF missile.
- **13 December:** One workshop and one house were partially destroyed when they were hit by missiles in an IAF air strike on Gaza City.
- **14 December:** Sixteen houses were demolished in the area west of the Austrian housing project in Khan Younis.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
9 December	Bet Lahia	1 shop		
13 December	Gaza City		1 workshop and 1 house	
14 December	Khan Younis	16 houses		
Total		16 houses and 1 shop	1 house and 1 workshop	

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Requisitions¹

West Bank:

- **9 December:** The IDF met with local farmers from Tulkarm at a plot of land that was requisitioned in early May 2004 near Kafriat checkpoint as part of preparation for construction of a tunnel under Road 57. The meeting was arranged with the farmers to discuss where to move the olive trees that are an obstruction for the planned tunnel project.
- **9 December:** A total of 117 olive trees planted behind the Barrier near the village of Jayyous in Qalqiliya Governorate were uprooted by Israeli settlers. The uprooting stopped in the afternoon after IDF intervention. In conjunction with the ongoing levelling of the adjoining land that started 28 November, the uprooting was reportedly part of preparation for an expansion of Zufin settlement.
- **9 December:** A new military order (T/74/04) calls for the requisition of 270 dunums (27 hectares) of land belonging to Palestinians from Surif and Al Jab'a villages, Hebron District, for the construction of the Barrier.
- **12 December:** Israeli contractors started levelling land west of Husan village, Bethlehem District, in preparation for the construction of the Barrier.
- **13 December:** Land levelling began on the west side of Bil'in village.

Gaza:

- No incidents reported.

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 procedures for crossing Kafriat checkpoint in vehicles fluctuated. At times, vehicles were allowed in, but not out. Other times the restriction applied both ways regardless of valid permits. No extraordinary restrictions were imposed on Arab-Israelis travelling to Tulkarm town.
- **1 December:** A new terminal checkpoint Efrayim adjacent to Taybeh checkpoint has been constructed and is being used. This new checkpoint will only serve Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit to enter Israel. The checkpoint will be open daily between 5am and 5pm. Taybeh checkpoint will remain open for commercial trucks using the back-to-back system, diplomatic and international organisations only between 7.30am and 5pm.
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, no restrictions were imposed on the local population. The tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla remained open during week. No extraordinary restrictions were imposed on Arab-Israelis travelling to Qalqiliya town.
- 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.

Barrier gates

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

- The Qalqiliya south gate opposite Habla has now been closed since September following a suicide attack. Consequently, farmers who need to access their land located beyond the Barrier have had to travel through the tunnel and then access their land from Habla.
- The IDF soldiers guarding the Barrier gate into Azzun Atma in Qalqiliya Governorate continue to confront UN agencies and international organisations with the requirement to undertake prior coordination before being allowed to enter. Usually, this requirement is more prevalent in the beginning of a new month when new soldiers are assigned to the gate.
- Upon request from the ICRC, the IDF agreed to open the Zeita south gate in Tulkarm Governorate temporarily - 8 to 15 December - to enable the local farmers to complete the harvest. The farmers from Zeita (some 24 families) have, until now, had to access their olive groves through the gate in Attil. Also the gates in Faroun and Jbara are temporarily open to facilitate access for the local farmers.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **8 December:** The earth mound at the entrance of the three villages of 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salim (Nablus) reopened (it was closed 17 March 2004). The IDF checked those passing through.
- **8 to 14 December:** Palestinians were not allowed to travel or carry any food products through Imreiha (Reikhan) checkpoint.
- **9 December:** According to the IDF, the age group requiring permits to access Nablus city was lowered from 30 to 25 years. Najah University students residing within the Governorate of Nablus were to be given free access to Nablus city every day, while students from other governorates were to be given access on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- **9 and 13 December:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Road 60 near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village (Nablus).
- **10 December:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Road 60 near Burqa village (Nablus).
- **10 to 11 December:** A flying checkpoint was erected at the entrance of Tummun village (Tubas).
- **11 December:** Flying checkpoints were erected east and south of Tubas city near El Far'a refugee camp and An Nassariya village (Nablus).
- **11 to 14 December:** Flying checkpoints were erected between the villages of Talluza, Al Badhan, 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Nablus) and El Far'a refugee camp (Tubas).
- **14 December:** The earth mound at the entrance of 'Aba village (Jenin) was manned by IDF preventing all Palestinians from crossing it.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- The checkpoint at Atara bridge was in operation every day during the week.
- **12 December:** At about 3pm, the IDF established a checkpoint at An Nabi Salih gate.
- **13 December:** The IDF closed Atara, 'Ein 'Arik and An Nabi Salih gate between 2pm and 5pm causing long delays. Several flying checkpoints operated along bypass Road 465 throughout the day.

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.

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 Duquq, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim. In Biddu, Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik, construction is halted.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **12 December:** The IDF closed all the entrances of Tuqu' village, Bethlehem District, with earth mounds during an IDF search campaign.

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 all the week except 13 December.
- **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.

- Tel As-Sultan checkpoint remained closed during the week.
- Since 8 December, Al Tuffah checkpoint was open only for persons leaving Al Mawasi. No entry was permitted.
- **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

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **8 to 14 December:** Farmers from Zabda village (Jenin) were not allowed access to reach their olive groves west of the Barrier. Their permits had expired before being they were able to collect all their olives.

8. Access to schools:

West Bank:

- **8 to 14 December:** The IDF and the Israel Police continue to provide twice-daily armed escorts to five children from Tuba village, in the area of Masafer Yatta (south Hebron) to ensure their protection from attacks from nearby Israeli settlers and allow them to reach their school in At Tuwani village.
- **10 to 14 December:** Students from Taluza village (Nablus) were unable to reach their schools because of curfew imposed on the village.

Gaza:

- During the reporting period, the 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. On 13 December, no pupil was permitted exit from As-Seafa.
- **11 December:** Two windows of an UNRWA school were broken as several bullets fired by the IDF hit the school.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

9. Labour/trade movement to Israel

Gaza:

- **13 December:** Israeli authorities issued 1,075 permits for Palestinian merchants and agricultural workers aged 35 years and older.

Date	Israel		Erez Industrial Estate
	Workers	Traders	
8 December	237	64	0
9 December	260	55	48
10 December	47	2	0
11 December	84	15	0
12 December	432	68	0
13 December	328	64	0
14 December	0	75	15

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

10. Other:

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **11 December:** One Palestinian was injured during clashes with the IDF in El Far'a refugee camp (Tubas).
- **13 December:** The IDF forced a nurse in Talluza village (Nablus) to leave the village clinic saying she was violating curfew.
- **12 to 13 December:** At 11pm, the IDF entered Jabal Al Shamali District in Nablus and surrounded Haddada building. At 4am (13 December), an exchange of fire between the IDF and an armed Palestinian was heard in the area. At 5am, an IDF tank arrived at the site and fired on the building. During the operation, one Palestinian was killed and three IDF soldiers were injured. During the operation several houses in the area were damaged.
- **8 to 14 December:** IDF search-and-arrest operations took place during the week in the following locations: Nablus city, 'Askar camp (Nablus), Burqin village (Jenin) and Tubas. Eleven Palestinians were reported arrested in these operations.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- **11 December:** The French NGO Premier Urgence reported coming under gunfire while visiting the Barrier in Qalqiliya with two French journalists, who taking pictures of the Barrier.
- **11 December:** Israel settlers from Ariel threw stones at local farmers from Iskaka in Salfit District and prevented them from accessing their olive groves.
- In Tulkarm Governorate, IDF search campaigns and military operations were conducted in Faroun, Deir al Ghusun, Attil, Qaffin, Tulkarm town and the refugee camp. All entrances were closed during the operations in Tulkarm town and camp on 12 December. A total of two persons were reported arrested and one person injured.
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, IDF search campaigns and military operations were conducted in Qalqiliya town, Kfur Thulth and Jayyous. A total of 24 persons have been reported arrested (19 in Kfur Thulth and five in Qalqiliya town).
- In Salfit District, IDF search campaigns and military operations were conducted in Bruqin, Haris and Ar Zawiya. Two persons were reported arrested in Bruqin.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- **7 December:** (Not reported last week). At about 5pm, people from Budrus village and a group of international and Israeli peace activists demonstrated against Barrier construction. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and shock grenades at the demonstrators. No injuries were reported. Thirty-six people were detained for several hours and four Palestinians were arrested.
- **14 December:** Clashes occurred between residents from Bil'in, Ramallah District, and the IDF. Nine Palestinians were reported injured.
- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Qarawat Bani Zeid, Beituniya, Al Bireh, Ramallah, Budrus and Beit Rima. A total of 13 Palestinian males and one female were reported arrested.

Jerusalem/Jericho

- **12 December:** The Israeli Intelligence Office arrested five Palestinians in East Jerusalem, allegedly from a Hamas cell, suspected of planning the suicide bombing at Café Hillel in West Jerusalem in September last year.

Hebron/Bethlehem

- **10 December:** The IDF occupied a house in Husan village, Bethlehem District, forcing the six members of the Palestinian family to leave the house until further notice. The IDF converted the house into an observation post. The house was evacuated by the IDF after three hours.
- **10 December:** Palestinians and international activists held a demonstration to protest against the building of the Barrier in Idhna village, Hebron District. The IDF intervened by using tear gas and sound bombs to disperse the protesters.
- **11 December:** Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian residents and attempted to break into their houses located near the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the Jaber, As Salayma and Wad an Nasara neighbourhoods, in the old town of Hebron.
- **8 to 14 December:** Search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Bethlehem city, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr, Tuqu' and Ad Doha in Bethlehem with six Palestinians arrested. In Hebron, search-and-arrest campaigns took place in the city of Hebron, Beit Kahil, Beit 'Awwa and Adh Dhahiriya with a total of 20 Palestinians arrested.

Gaza:

- **9 December:** An IAF aircraft fired at a car travelling on Salah Al Din road between Khan Younis and Rafah. Three people were injured.
- **11 December:** Five Palestinian fishermen were arrested.
- **12 December:** Five IDF soldiers were killed and another six were injured in an attack against an IDF base close to Rafah Terminal. A booby-trapped tunnel exploded underneath the base. After the explosion, two Palestinian gunmen, reportedly from Hamas and Fatah Hawks, opened fire toward the soldiers. One of the attackers was killed when the IDF returned fire.
- **13 December:** The IDF trisected the Gaza Strip by closing the coastal road and Abu Houli checkpoint separating the northern area from the middle and the south.
- **13 December:** IAF helicopters fired missiles toward two targets in Gaza City. As a result, a metal workshop and an empty house were damaged.
- **14 December:** Palestinians fired mortars toward the Gani Tall settlement in the Gush Katif settlement block. As a result, one female worker was killed and two male workers were injured. The casualties were workers from Thailand.
- **14 December:** One IDF soldier was injured in an IDF base in northern Gaza after a Qassam rocket attack against the base.

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 8 – 14 December 2004

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit	
Taybeh	The checkpoint has been open for international organisations and diplomatic vehicles the entire week as well as for commercial trucks using the back-to-back system between 7.30 am and 5pm. Due to construction work in front of the Barrier gate (in preparation for the new industrial zone), all traffic is now forced to take a diversion to enter Tulkarm from this side. The checkpoint remains closed every Saturday.
Efrayim	The checkpoint constitutes a terminal into Israel and is only open for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. The checkpoint can only be crossed by foot and is open daily between 5am to 5pm. The checkpoint has been operational during the week.
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. The access and exit procedures have been unpredictable during week, occasionally Palestinian plated vehicles were allowed to cross one way, both ways, or not at all depending on the IDF instructions.
Qalqiliya DCO	The checkpoint has been un-manned throughout the whole. 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 during 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. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Deir Ballout	The checkpoint saw no unusual restrictions imposed during the week. In general, the checkpoint restricts movement for Palestinians travelling on the road that leads to Highway 5. The checkpoint is now only open between 6am and 9am, and from 4pm to 7pm. The checkpoint is used by commuters from Deir Ballout, Rafat, Masha, Ar Zawiya and surrounding villages who travel daily to and from Ramallah.
Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 25 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 25 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors. Delays involving students and a number of young people occurred.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway Between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem over 25 years of age. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
Shavei Shomron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	According to IDF, the checkpoint was removed 4 December. Soldiers have occasionally been observed in the checkpoint during the week.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, 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	
Salim Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Open for Palestinians from the three villages. Partially manned after earth mound was removed 8 December.
Al Badhan North entrance to Jordan Valley.	Closed since 17 July. According to IDF, 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.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main terminal to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits between 6am and 10pm.
Tubas	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open for permit holders.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians, except permit holders.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Qalandiya	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.
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. Long delays were experienced
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Long delays were experienced
At Tayba	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Secondary checkpoint at the entrance to Ni'lin village: usually only residents of Ni'lin and Al Midya, humanitarian organisations and people with special permits can access the western villages through this checkpoint. Restrictions have recently relaxed and other villagers are able to enter.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and oPt Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 North.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on 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, Jerusalem ID holders, and 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. 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 for 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. Palestinians with valid permits issued on 1 December are allowed.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Open from 7am to 7pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass.
Noqedim Southeast of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with valid Jerusalem permits.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians
Efrata Connecting Road 60 to 356	Open 24 hours.
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.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits issued since 1 December are allowed.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits issued since 1 December are allowed.
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 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	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with valid permits issued after the 11

Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	November. Commercial trucks from Israel have entered to the back-to-back area without restrictions. Families of prisoners are allowed to pass to visit their relatives this week.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 Hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to pass.
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. Residents of Imneizeil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits. Teachers from other areas are allowed to pass in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint.
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	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading 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 heading 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 by foot living between it and the settlement.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Since 31 August, Erez Terminal has been closed to 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: 8 December 6am to 2.10pm, 3.30pm to 8:00pm 9 December 6am to 8pm with several long closures during the day 10 December 6am to 8pm 11 December 6am to 8pm 12 December 6am to 6.30pm 13 December Closed 14 December Closed 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	Completely closed since 13 December 2004
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Partially open. On 12 December, the terminal was announced completely closed.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 7.30am to 5pm. 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 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.
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 checkpoint.	Open for incoming and outgoing goods.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya New back-to-back terminal is being built near the Barrier construction beside Beituniya.	Officially open 6am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. However, checkpoint often opens late in the mornings between 6.30am to 7am depending on the IDF. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system in operation), ICRC and UN vehicles only.
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, 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	Reopened on 8 December.
Sufa	Sufa Terminal was open for construction materials only.

Road Gates

Gate	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Anabta	The gate was reported closed the entire week; commuters have to use back-to-back system at the gate.
Azzun	The gate has been open the entire week.