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1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 17
 Injured: 88 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths:
 Injured: 21 (approximate)
 Internationals: Deaths:
 Injured:

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): 1
 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

Gaza:

Denial of access: 3
 Delay (30 minutes): 2
 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 3

- As a result of the closure of the beach road and Abu Holi checkpoint, both MoH and PRCS were not able to transport patients and medical teams to and from the Gaza middle and the Gaza southern areas.
- 16 December:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for 60 minutes on Abu Holi checkpoint when it was transporting patients from Gaza south to Gaza City hospital of Al Shifa. Despite of the approved prior coordination the ambulance was denied access at the coastal road.
- 17 December:** A PRCS ambulance was denied access when warring shots were fired towards it while attempting to evacuate wounded people from the area of fighting in Khan Younis.
- 17 December:** A coordination request was denied for PRCS ambulance to evacuate some Palestinian civilians confined in the crossfire in their houses in Al Namsawi area in Khan Younis.
- 17 December:** A MoH ambulance came under IDF gunfire while attempting to evacuate a wounded man in Khan Younis. As a result one medic was injured and the ambulance hit by five bullets.
- 17 December:** A MOH ambulance was denied access to evacuate a man who was previously killed in the fighting in Al Namsawi area in Khan Younis.
- 17 December:** A MoH ambulance came under IDF gunfire while attempting to evacuate a wounded man in Khan Younis; the bullets hit the ambulance wheels.
- 17 December:** Due to excessive firing towards Naser hospital in Khan Younis, some patients were evacuated. The surrounding wall of the hospital was destructed.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
15 – 16 December	Talluza, Nablus	2 days

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

4. House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced

West Bank:

- **14 December:** (Not reported last week) The IDF demolished the second floor apartment of a three-storey building in Abu Suneina Hill, Hebron city. The apartment belonged to a father of three detainees. Two other apartments were damaged in the operation 15 persons lost accommodation. The ICRC delivered tent and emergency supplies.
- **14 December:** (Not reported last week) The IDF demolished the first floor apartment of a two storey-building in Wadi Al Hariya, Hebron city. The apartment belonged to a father of two detainees. Another apartment was damaged in the operation. 20 persons lost accommodation. The ICRC delivered tent and emergency supplies.
- **15 December:** The IDF demolished the first floor apartment of a two-storey building in Abu Keteila, Hebron city. The house belonged to a detainee. Another apartment was damaged in the operation. Five persons lost accommodation. The ICRC delivered tent and emergency supplies.
- **18 December:** During a military operation, the IDF destroyed the interior of an empty house in Qalqiliya town.
- **20 December:** Jerusalem Municipality and Border Police forces demolished a house that hosted three Palestinian families in Shufat as well as a gas station.
- **20 December:** IDF demolished two houses in Arraba village (Jenin). The houses belonged to two prisoners arrested in August this year. 17 persons were made homeless by the demolishing of one of the houses and two females in the other house. A neighbouring house was partially destroyed.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
14 December	Abu Suneina, Hebron	1 apartment		2 apartments
14 December	Wadi al Hariya, Hebron	1 apartment		1 apartment
15 December	Abu Keteila, Hebron	1 apartment		1 apartment
20 December	Shu' fat, Jerusalem	1 house, 1 gas station		
20 December	Arraba, Jenin	2 houses	1 house	
Total		3 houses, 3 apartments and 1 gas station	1 house	4 apartments

Gaza:

- **17-19 December:** 44 houses were demolished and another three houses damaged in Al Namsawi area west south Khan Younis.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
17 – 19 December	Al Namsawi, Khan Younis	44 houses		3 houses
Total		44 houses		3 houses

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Requisitions¹

West Bank:

- **15 December:** The Israeli High Court ruled in favour of the Palestinian petition (submitted by The Association for Civil Rights in Israel and The Jerusalem Centre for Human Rights in July 2004) against the planned construction of the Barrier in Az Zawiya in Salfit district
- **15 December:** Israeli settlers seized land belonging to a Palestinian family in Bet Iksha, northwest of Jerusalem, and prevented the Palestinians access to their land.
- **16 December:** After the High Court ruling for Az Zawiya, Salfit district, the IDF issued two new requisition orders covering 78.1 dunums near Masha and 389 dunums near Az Zawiya as part of an alternative route of the Barrier. Immediately after, the IDF moved in with bulldozers and started to level the land near Az Zawiya.
- **16 December:** The IDF bulldozed about 20 dunums of land near Shani settlement belonging to Palestinians from 'As Samu, Hebron district, and put some caravans in the area.
- **17 December:** The OCHA office in Hebron city received a copy of an amendment for the military order (T/64/04) for the requisition of 55 dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Nuba village, Hebron district, for the construction of the Barrier.
- **19 December:** Israeli bulldozers continued the uprooting of olive trees behind the Barrier near the village of Jayyous in Qalqiliya governorate. The uprooting began on 9 December, but was put on halt after intervention of the IDF. More than 150 olive trees have been further uprooted according to activist groups present on the ground. According to the Israeli DCL, dispute remains as to the ownership of the land. This dispute was planned to be resolved in a meeting on 19 December between the alleged Palestinian owner, his lawyer and the Israeli Civil Administration. However, the planned meeting has been postponed and despite the fact that the dispute remains unresolved the uprooting of olive trees continues.

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

- **20 December:** In conjunction with the ongoing reconstruction of the whole area close to Taybeh checkpoint in Tulkarm governorate, the IDF levelled tens of dunums of agricultural land belonging to Faroun village for the construction of a bypass road.

Gaza:

- **15 December:** 30 dunums of olive tree and wheat fields were levelled in Al Shuja'ia area east of Gaza City

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

6. Closure²/Restrictions on movement

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- In Tulkarm governorate, the IDF maintained an ease in the movement restrictions. Although frequent movement restrictions were imposed on the Kafriat checkpoint on 19-20 December, and during this periods only ambulances and international organisations were let through.
- Also in Qalqiliya governorate, no restrictions were imposed on the local populations. The tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla remained open most of the week, but was closed 17-18 December in conjunction with a military operation in Qalqiliya town. In the same two-day period, a flying checkpoint was established at the entrance to Qalqiliya town.
- The IDF has removed the road gate at Azzun in Qalqiliya governorate thereby signifying free vehicular access to road 55. Currently, no permits are required for Palestinian plated vehicles to travel on road 55 from Qalqiliya town to Jit junction and consequently, the gate has virtually been open since end of 2003, and only been closed in times of IDF operations or security alerts.
- In Salfit district, the movement between the villages continues to be hampered by the existence of road blocks and earth mounds and the restrictions to travel on the main roads. Three road blocks/earth mounds in particular near Kafr Dik, Qarawat Bani Hassan and Yasuf severely hamper the movement.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **11 December - present:** Two checkpoints were erected on the two entrances to Talluza village (Nablus).
- **16 December:** Huwwara checkpoint was closed for one hour after IDF arrested three Palestinian children aged between 15 and 16 years old, allegedly because their attempts to smuggle ammunition out of Nablus.
- **20 December:** A flying checkpoint was erected on the road connecting Tammun village with Tubas city.
- **21 December:** Two flying checkpoints were erected in Jenin: One at the eastern entrance of Ya'bad, the other at the Arraba junction.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- **15 December:** The checkpoint at An Nabi Saleh gate was in operation throughout the day. Long delays were reported at the checkpoint.
- **18 December:** The IDF closed Qalandiya checkpoint from 2.15pm to 4pm prohibiting both vehicular and pedestrian access.
- **18 December:** The IDF searched Palestinian cars and IDs at Atara checkpoint during the evening rush hours and deployed several flying checkpoints along road 465.

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 Duqqu, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim. In Biddu, Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik, construction is halted. New military requisition orders, for eastern and western sections of Bet Surik, were handed to Bet Surik village council on 4 November.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **15 December:** The IDF opened Zif gate, the main entrance into Yatta village, Hebron district.
- **20 December:** 600 Jerusalem permits have been issued for the Christmas holidays for Palestinian Christians from Bethlehem district. The permits are valid for one week started from the date of issue.

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

- **21 December:** The IDF closed the gate at the main entrance of Beit Ummar, Hebron district, preventing the movement of vehicles in and out of the village.

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 twice per day except on 19 December, when it was opened for one time only.
- **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.
- Since 17 December, only people aged 50 years and above are permitted to enter Al-Mawassi area while people aged 30 and above are permitted to leave.
- **19 December:** Nobody was permitted to enter into Al-Mawass.
- **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. Access to schools:

West Bank:

- **11 December – present:** Students from Al Badhan village studying in Talluza secondary school were facing major delays in reaching the school because of the checkpoints at the entrance of Talluza village, Nablus district..
- **15 December:** Students of Talluza village (Nablus) were unable to reach their schools because of a curfew imposed on the village.
- **15 December:** The IDF broke into the premises of As Siddiq private basic school in Dura, Hebron district and confiscated five computers, some files and documents and some syllabus books. The school belongs to the Islamic Charity Association (Ad Dawa). The association offices were sealed off but the school remains open.
- **19 December:** At around 1pm, three IDF jeeps surrounded the boys' secondary school in Beituniya, Ramallah district. Shock grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets were fired. One student suffered injuries in his leg.

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.
- **13 - 17 December:** As a result of the internal closures of the Gaza strip, schooling was severely disturbed for university students not being able to reach their universities in Gaza City.
- **15 December:** An 11 year old female pupil was shot and injured in her shoulder whilst in her near-by PA school in Al Shuja'ia area in Gaza City.
- **17 - 18 December:** Schooling in Khan Younis was severely disturbed due to the IDF intensive military operation.
- **20 December:** A 13 years old pupil was wounded in the head by gunfire while in the schoolyard of Rafah UNRWA Preparatory School.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

8. Labour/trade movement to Israel

West Bank:

- According to Nablus chamber of commerce the monthly quota for Nablus governorate for merchant's permits to Israel are 200 permits.

Gaza:

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

Date	Israel		Erez Industrial Estate
	Workers	Traders	
15/12/2004	0	25	0
16/12/2004	0	54	69 Factories Owners
17/12/2004	0	38	0
18/12/2004	0	0	0
19/12/2004	0	59	0
20/12/2004	0	0	65
21/12/2004	0	40	65

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

9. Other:

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **8-14 December:** IDF search and arrest operations took place during the week in the following locations: Nablus city, Bizzariya village (Nablus), Talluza village (Nablus), Tammun village (Tubas) and Jenin. Eleven Palestinians were reported arrested in these operations.
- **15 December:** IDF soldiers injured a 15 year old Palestinian in Talluza village (Nablus) who was evacuated to a Nablus hospital where he was treated for a broken pelvis.
- **16 December:** WFP and OCHA organised an emergency food distribution of more than 6,000 pieces of bread to 350 families in Talluza (Nablus), which was under curfew since 11 December.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- **17-18 December:** The IDF entered Qalqiliya town and conducted a search and arrest campaign. The campaign resulted in discovery of explosives. A total of 19 persons were reported arrested, of which 11 were released soon after. In addition, other military operations and search campaigns were conducted in the all three districts over the week and included the following villages/towns: Qaffin, Illar, Tulkarm town and the refugee camp, Schweika, Salfit town, Azzun, Kfar Dik, Deir Istiya, Rafat and Zeita. Twelve Palestinians in total were reported arrested during these operations (excluding Qalqiliya town) and two Palestinians reported injured (Tulkarm refugee camp).
- **20 December:** During early classes, the IDF entered a secondary school for boys in Baqa Ash Sharqiya in Tulkarm governorate and ordered the pupils to remove all posters on the walls depicting Palestinian martyrs. According to UNICEF, these forced entries by the IDF have taken place on several occasions over the past month

Comments to previous reported briefing notes:

- **19 November:** OCHA reported that the IDF entered the local prison in Salfit town and confiscated all files of local detainees. According to the Israeli DCL, the IDF operation was conducted on **22 November** and it was files from a local charity committee that were confiscated.
- **24 November:** OCHA reported that the IDF handed over a number of stop construction orders and demolitions orders to the Bedouin community of Wadi Qana in Qalqiliya governorate. These orders were not issued for Wadi Qana but for Wadi Rasha and OCHA has earlier reported on this.
- **29 November:** OCHA reported that the IDF put back the road block in Yassuf. According to the Israeli DCL, the road block was not only removed to facilitate access of heavy trucks, but also to facilitate the harvest, which was the original reason.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- **15 December:** One Palestinian from An Nabi Saleh was injured with a live bullet during clashes between the IDF and a group of youths from the village.
- **19 December:** At around 11am the IDF carried out a house search in Qarawat Bani Zeid and arrested three Palestinians. A group of youths stoned the IDF jeeps and the soldiers responded with firing rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters. Two Palestinian youths were reported injured.
- **20 December:** At around 9pm, clashes erupted between an IDF patrol and a group of youths in Qalandiya refugee camp. Two Palestinian males were reported injured.
- **20 December:** At around midnight four IDF Jeeps surrounded a house at Al Ersal /Al Bireh neighbourhood and arrested three males from one family and confiscated two cars owned by the family.
- Throughout the week, the IDF search and arrest campaigns took place in Beituniya, Ramallah , Qarawat Bani Zeid, Qalandiya and Deir Nidham, 12 Palestinian males were reported arrested.

Jerusalem/Jericho

- **20 December:** Two Israeli right-wing activists were arrested after distributing leaflets in an army post, calling for Israeli troops to refuse military orders.
- **20 December:** One Palestinian carrying a knife was arrested at Qalandiya checkpoint.
- IDF search and arrest campaigns took place in ' Ein As Sultan Camp in Jericho. One Palestinian was reported detained.

Hebron/Bethlehem

- **16 December:** The Border Police held 10 Palestinian public taxis near the Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem city. The Border Police tried to force the drivers to sign a document confiscating their cars for a month as they

were accused of entering Israel with Palestinian plated cars. After a liaison between the Israeli and Palestinian DCLs the drivers and the cars were released without signing any documents.

- **16 December:** The IDF broke into the offices of Khalil Ar Rahman Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron city, confiscated some computers and documents and caused considerable damage to the premises.
- **17 December:** Israeli settlers burnt down three Palestinian shops near Avraham Avino settlement in the old city of Hebron. The shops were closed by a military order in 1994.
- **18 - 21 December:** The IDF occupied a house in Yatta city, Hebron district, restricting the nine members of the Palestinian family into one room and converted the rest of the house into an observation post. The Palestinian DCL managed after liaison with the Israeli DCL to bring food to the family.
- **20 December:** One Palestinian minor was injured in Halhul, Hebron district, during confrontations that took place between the IDF and Palestinian youths.
- **15 - 21 December:** Search and arrest campaigns took place in Bethlehem city with two Palestinians arrested. In Hebron search and arrest campaigns took place in the city of Hebron, Beit Ummar, Al Burj and Al Beirh with a total of 20 Palestinians arrested.

Gaza:

- No incidents to report.

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 15 – 21 December 2004

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit	
Taybeh	The checkpoint has been open for international organisations and diplomatic vehicles the whole week as well as for commercial trucks using the back-to-back system between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Due to construction works 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 proper 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 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. The checkpoint has been operational during the week, however there have been several reports from users on significant delays in the opening hours causing problems for the workers to reach their work in Israel in due time.
Kafriat	The checkpoint is physically divided into three parts; 1) that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town, 2) that controls movement to Israel proper, and 3) that controls movement to and from Jbara. All parts of the checkpoint have been manned during the week. In general, there has been free access for vehicles during the week.
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. A flying checkpoint was established on 17-18 December when a military operation was conducted in Qalqiliya town.
Jaljoulia	The checkpoint has been operational over the course of the week, however, access is only granted for holders of permit into Israel proper (mainly settlers and international organisations) and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior co-ordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks.
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 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. The checkpoint is used by commuters from Deir Ballut, Rafat, Masha, Ar Zawiya and surrounding villages who daily travel to and from Ramallah.
Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 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. Major delays involving students and a number of young people took place.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway Between Nablus and the Jordan valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem over 25 years of age. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
Shavei Shomron (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	According to IDF the check point was removed 4 December. Soldiers have occasionally been observed in the checkpoint.
Maale Efrayim South east connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas,	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).

Jenin	
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
Salim Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmur villages	Open for Palestinians from the three villages of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmur. Partially manned after an earth mound was removed 8 December.
Al Badhan North entrance to Jordan Valley.	Closed.
'17' ('Asira) North entrance for the villages of 'Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighbouring villages.	Closed.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Dahyat Sabah al Khayr "al Amn al Watani" Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am-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 permit. 6am-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 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	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	
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 organizations. 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 organizations. Only 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 South-east of Bethlehem on route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organizations 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. Vehicles subjected to checks and searches, coming from both directions.
Gush Etzion On road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 Hours. Palestinian vehicles coming from Hebron and towards 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 unable to use road with vehicles. Coordination with DCL required for access of service providers.
Ras Al Joura At crossing Between roads 35	The checkpoint is not manned and the gate into Hebron is closed as the alternative route on Halhul bridge is open.

and 60, north of Hebron	
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with valid permits issued after the 11 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 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 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 Ibrahim 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 in the direction of Shuhada street. Physical searches conducted by the IDF on Palestinians walking towards 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 01 Nov, a small number of agriculture worker and some traders (Approximately 20 per day) have been allowed to enter Israel.
Erez Industrial zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since 31 August, Erez Industrial Zone has been closed
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 8 October 2003.
Abu Houli junction	<p>Checkpoint was open as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 Dec, Closed - 16 Dec, 6:00am – 8:00pm Closed all the day time. - 17 Dec, 7:30am – 4:00pm, 6:00pm – 8:00pm - 18 Dec, 6:00am – 8:00pm - 19 Dec, 5:30am – 10:00am, 12:00pm – 2:30pm, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. - 20 Dec, 5:30am - - 21 Dec, <p>Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli junction.</p>
Abu Al Ajin road	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed
Beach road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completely closed on 15 Dec, 2004 - Reopened on 16 Dec, at 06:00 pm - On 21 Dec, the road was closed from early morning till 12:30 pm.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 12 Dec, the terminal is completely closed.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, due to ongoing construction works 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 wall construction beside Beituniya.	Officially open 6am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. However, checkpoint often opens late in the mornings between 6.30am to 7am depending on the IDF. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system in operation), ICRC and UN vehicles only.
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including diary 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 all the week
Sufa	- Sufa terminal was open for construction materials only. - On 20 Dec, it was closed

Road Gates

Gate	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Anabta	The gate has been reported closed the whole week, and therefore commuters have been resorted to use back-to-back at the gate.
Azzun	The gate has been removed.