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1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 14
 Injured: 35 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths: 1
 Injured: 1

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

2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams¹

West Bank:

Denial of access: 0
 Delay (30 minutes): 1
 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

Gaza:

Denial of access: 2
 Delay (30 minutes): 1
 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 3

- **22 December:** Parts of the boundary wall of Mubarak hospital in Khan Younis was torn down by the IDF.
- **22 December:** IDF gunfire in the area of Mubarak hospital in Khan Younis damaged six incubators, medical machines, a power generator and the hospital's front windows.
- **22 December:** An IAF helicopter fired one missile toward a yard in front of Naser hospital in Khan Younis; as a result hospital work was disturbed.
- **22 and 23 December:** In two separate incidences, two MoH ambulances came under IDF gunfire. Both were attempting to evacuate wounded people. Damages were reported to both ambulances.
- **23 December:** A MoH ambulance transporting persons to fix a damaged power generator was denied access to the generator area in Mubarak hospital in Khan Younis.
- **25 December:** A MoH ambulance travelling on Beach Road was denied access, warning shots were fired toward it.
- **28 December:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for three hours at At Tuffah checkpoint in Khan Younis while transporting a pregnant woman who later gave birth in the ambulance.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
22 December	'Asira ash Shamaliye, Nablus	5 hours
22 December	Idhna, Hebron	12 hours
25 December	Parts of Jenin City	3 hours

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

4. House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced

West Bank:

- **25 December:** The IDF demolished a four-storey building, shelter for 20 persons, in Jenin City.

¹ Please see PRCS website for additional updates <http://www.palestinercs.org/>

- **26 December:** One house was damaged in An Nabi Salih by an Israeli bulldozer.
- **27 December:** Around midnight, the IDF fired at a house in Beit Liqya, suspecting a wanted person was hiding inside. The windows of the house were damaged.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
25 December	Jenin City	1 four-storey building		
26 December	An Nabi Saleh, Ramallah			1 house
27 December	Bet Liqya, Ramallah			1 house
Total		1 four-storey building		2 houses

Gaza:

- **23 December:** Ten houses were demolished and another house was partially destroyed in Khan Younis, leaving 50 people homeless.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
23 December	Khan Younis	10 houses	1 house	
Total		10 houses	1 house	

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Requisitions²

West Bank:

- **21 December (not reported last week):** Israeli bulldozers completed the uprooting of olive trees located behind the Barrier near the village of Jayyous in Qalqiliya Governorate. An estimated 300 to 350 olive trees in total have been uprooted, according to activist groups present on the ground.
- **22 December:** Barrier construction and land levelling resumed in Bet Liqya, Ramallah District.
- **27 December:** Land levelling started in Bet Anan, northwest Jerusalem, in preparation for construction of the Barrier.
- **22 to 28 December:** Land levelling near the area of Deir Ballout and Az Zawiya, Salfit Governorate, has been ongoing throughout the week in preparation for construction of the Barrier.
- **22 to 28 December:** Levelling of land belonging to Faroun village in Tulkarm Governorate has been ongoing throughout the week in preparation for construction of a bypass road.

Gaza:

- **23 December:** Six dunums (.6 hectares) of land planted with olive trees were levelled, and a water well was destroyed in the area east of Zaitoun quarter in Gaza City.
- **23 December:** Five dunums (.5 hectares) of land planted with olive and citrus trees were levelled in the Al Attatra area northwest Rafah.
- **24 December:** Ten dunums (1 hectare) of land planted with olive trees were levelled in the area of Abu El Ajeen southeast Dair Al Balah.
- **25 December:** Three dunums (.3 hectares) of land planted with strawberries were levelled in Beit Lahia.

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

6. Closure³/Restrictions on movement

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- In Tulkarm Governorate, the IDF maintained the eased movement restrictions. All parts of Kafriat checkpoint remained manned during the week, but no restrictions were imposed on Palestinian-plated vehicles, which in general could freely cross the checkpoint. No extraordinary restrictions were imposed on Arab-Israelis travelling to Tulkarm town. No movement constraints were reported in conjunction with the municipal elections 23 and 24 December.
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, no restrictions were imposed on the local population. The tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla remained open during the week. No extraordinary restrictions were imposed on Arab-Israelis travelling to Qalqiliya town. The Palestinian DCL reported that movement in conjunction with the municipal elections on 23 and 24 December went smoothly.
- In Salfit District, 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 movement. The IDF temporarily removed the road block near Qarawat Bani Hassan on 23 and 24 December to facilitate movement in conjunction with the municipal elections. The road block is now back in place.

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

³ For a reference West Bank checkpoint map please check the following link: http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints_july04.pdf

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **25 to 28 December:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Burin junction Road 57, Nablus.
- **28 December:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Yits'har junction Road 60, Nablus.
- **28 December:** The IDF occupied three houses in Nablus City and used them as observation points for approximately 12 hours. The residents of each house were forced to gather in one room.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- **23 December:** The checkpoint at Atara bridge operated throughout the day, long delays were reported.
- **25 December:** The IDF closed An Nabi Salih gate from 7am to 1pm prohibiting both vehicular and pedestrian access to the Bani Zeid villages.
- **26 December:** Two flying checkpoints were present along Road 465, IDF soldiers searched Palestinian cars and checked IDs. A flying checkpoint was also operating at the entrance of 'Abud during the morning and evening rush hours.

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.
- **25 December:** At midnight, Ar Ram checkpoint, north Jerusalem, was closed for vehicular traffic heading toward Jerusalem.
- **26 December:** Passage through Container checkpoint, east of Jerusalem, was reported to be slow especially in the morning hours.
- **27 December:** A candidate for the Palestinian presidential elections was detained by Israeli security forces in the Old City, Jerusalem. The candidate was detained for three hours for lack of permit to stay overnight in Jerusalem.

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.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Bet Duquq, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim. On 27 December, land levelling for the construction of the Barrier started in Bet Anan. In Biddu, Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik, construction is halted.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **22 and 23 December:** The IDF closed the gate of the main entrance into Idhna village, Hebron District, at the junction of bypass Road 35, after an Israeli security guard was killed near the Barrier. The gate was opened on 24 December.
- **22 December:** The IDF opened the main entrance of Al 'Arrub camp, Hebron District.
- **23 December to date:** Two-thousands-eight-hundred-thirty Jerusalem permits were issued for the Christmas holidays for Palestinian Christians from Bethlehem District. The permits are valid for one week starting from the date of issue.
- **24 December to date:** The IDF opened the northern main entrance of Bethlehem City near Rachel's Tomb by removing the concrete blocks to facilitate passage for some, including tourists. However, barbed wire was used to prevent Palestinian vehicles from using the same passage.

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 mostly open throughout the week twice a day except for the following. 25 December: The gate was closed. The IDF erected an earth mound that blocked the road leading to the gate. 27 December: The gate was open 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.

- **22, 23 and 25 December:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was completely closed.
- **24 December:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was open only for persons leaving Al Mawassi.
- **26 December to date:** Women (no age restrictions) are allowed in and out, but only men aged 50 years and older are permitted to cross back into Al Mawassi.
- **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:

- **22 December:** Students of 'Asira ash Shamaliya village, Nablus, were unable to reach their schools because of a curfew imposed on the village.
- The IDF is continuously surrounding the boys' secondary school in Beituniya, Ramallah District, when classes finishes. Daily confrontations between the pupils and the IDF have been reported. Similar actions were reported in in Kharbatha al Misbah, Saffa and Budrus.

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.
- **22 December:** An 11-year-old UNRWA pupil was shot and wounded in his right hand while in the yard of UNRWA Rafah Elementary School.
- **22 December:** The boundary wall of a PA school was demolished during an IDF military operation in Khan Younis.
- **27 December:** Five windows of the Rafah Preparatory Girls School were broken as a result of IDF shooting in the area.
- **27 December:** Five windows at Tel Es-Sultan UNRWA Preparatory School were destroyed as a result of IDF shooting at Tel Es-Sultan quarter in Rafah camp.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

8. Labour/trade movement to Israel

West Bank:

- According to the Nablus Chamber of Commerce, the monthly number in Nablus Governorate of merchant's permits to Israel was 200. The chamber was also informed that the Israeli DCL office will not receive any permit application directly from the population in the next three months. Permit applications for merchants will be processed via the chamber of commerce, and permits for moving within the West Bank will be processed via the Palestinian DCL.

Gaza:

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

Date	Israel		Erez Industrial Estate
	Workers	Traders	
December 22	0	55	60 Factories Owners
December 23		73	60
December 24	0	47	60
December 25	0	15	60
December 26	0	70	60
December 27	0	72	60
December 28	0	93	60

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

9. Other:

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **25 December:** The IDF entered Jenin City in the early morning hours announcing curfew on parts of the city and surrounding a four-storey building in Al Mrah neighbourhood. The residents of the building were forced to leave. The IDF requested that one wanted Palestinian leave the building, he refused and exchange of fire took place after which the IDF demolished the building. The wanted Palestinian was found dead by Palestinian rescue teams in the rubble after the IDF left the site.

- **27 December:** An IDF unit killed one Palestinian man near Balata refugee camp, Nablus. The Palestinian was killed while he was inside his vehicle. Another Palestinian man was arrested from the same vehicle.
- **28 December:** Several IDF vehicles entered the main square in Nablus City. Fighting broke out between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. Five Palestinians were reported injured.
- **22 to 28 December:** IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in the following locations: Nablus City, Askar refugee camp, Beit Dajan village (Nablus) and Jenin City. Fifteen Palestinians were reported arrested in these campaigns.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- **24 December:** The IDF entered Tulkarm refugee camp late at night and conducted an operation, which resulted in an exchange of fire and the deaths of three Palestinians and the arrest of one other.
- Throughout the week, other military campaigns have been reported conducted in Qalqiliya town, Tulkarm (two persons injured), Zeita, Baqa Ash Sharqiya, Illar, Faroun and Attil. More than 15 people were reported arrested during these campaigns.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- **23 December:** At around midday, Beit Liqya residents demonstrated against Barrier construction, which resumed on 22 December. The IDF later closed the village.
- **27 December:** At around 1pm, at least 20 IDF vehicles entered Qarawat Bani Zeid and conducted a search campaign in which two Palestinians were arrested. Heavy shooting and damage to Palestinian property during the search were reported by the residents.
- **27 December:** At around midnight, the IDF fired at a house in Beit Liqya, suspecting a wanted person was hiding inside. The IDF later entered the house and found it empty.
- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Qarawat Bani Zeid, Ramallah and Al Bireh, Seven Palestinian males were reported arrested.

Jerusalem/Jericho

- **22 December:** A search-and-arrest campaign took place in East Jerusalem, two Palestinians were detained.

Hebron/Bethlehem

- **22 December:** An Israeli security guard guarding parked bulldozers near the Barrier in Idhna, Hebron District, was shot dead by Palestinian militants.
- **22 December:** The house that was occupied in Yatta City, Hebron District, on 18 December was evacuated by the IDF. The ICRC distributed food parcels to the family.
- **23 December:** Five Palestinians were injured by rubber coated metal bullets in Idhna, Hebron District, during confrontations between Palestinians and the IDF.
- **25 December:** The IDF entered the offices of the French cultural institution in Hebron Old City. Ten children and their teacher were held in one room. Some damage to the furniture was caused during the search operation.
- **27 December:** Settlers from Mizad B settlement planted trees on land belonging to Palestinians from Sa'ir, Hebron District.
- **27 December:** One Palestinian was seriously injured, he was shot by the IDF in Khirbet Shuweika, south of Hebron District.
- Search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Bethlehem City and Al 'Ubeidiya with a total of two Palestinians arrested. In Hebron, search-and-arrest campaigns took place in the city of Hebron, Yatta, Idhna, Dura, Deit Ummar, Beit Ula and Al Burj. A total of 16 Palestinians were arrested.

Gaza:

- **22 December:** During the IDF military operation in Khan Younis, many Palestinian families residing in and around the Austrian housing project fled their homes. UNRWA accommodated around 90 families at schools and provided each family with emergency assistance including blankets, mattresses, food, water and sanitary installations.
- **25 December:** The IDF closed Beach Road for at least five hours dividing the Gaza Strip.
- **28 December:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket toward a car in Khan Younis, as a result some by passers were slightly wounded.
- **28 December:** Twelve people were injured in Khan Younis by tank shells

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 22 – 28 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, however delays were reported.
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, but there has been access for vehicles.. However on Saturday, 25 December, the checkpoint was reported difficult to cross.
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.	
Huwvara 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 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 older than 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.
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) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.

Salim Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Open for Palestinians from the three villages of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut. 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.
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr "al Amn al Watani" Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am to 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 to 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. 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. Some delays were experienced.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Closed from 7am to 1pm on Saturday.
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	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Road 1.	
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. Palestinian Christians with permits and tourists are allowed to pass.
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 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 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. Vehicles coming from both directions are subjected to checks and searches.
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 Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with valid permits issued after 11 November. Commercial trucks from Israel have entered to the back-to-back area without restrictions. Families of prisoners were allowed to pass to visit their relatives this week.

Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	
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: 22 December 5.30am to 8pm 23 December 5.30am to 1pm, 3pm to 8pm with several short closures. 24 December 5.30am to 10.15am, 12pm to 8pm 25 December 5.30am to 8pm 26 December 5.30am to 10.15am, 11.15am to 8pm 27 December 5.30am to 8pm 28 December 5.30am to 8pm Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli Junction.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Salah Edin at Kfar Darom	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed
Beach Road	On 25 December, the IDF closed the Beach Road for five hours from 9.30am to 2.30pm.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 12 December, the terminal has been 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 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 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.

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 removed.