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OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**Update for oPt (29 December 2004 – 4 January 2005)**

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1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 21
 Injured: 54 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths: 0
 Injured: 10 (approximate)

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

2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams**West Bank:****Denial of access:** 1**Delay (30 minutes):** 1**Shooting/Damage to Ambulance:** 0

- **3 January:** A PRCS ambulance on its way to pick up a wounded Palestinian in Beitunia, Ramallah Governorate, was stopped for 20 minutes by IDF soldiers in the area. The PRCS staff could not transport the wounded for treatment in Ramallah. The wounded as well as a PRCS medic was instead taken by an IDF jeep to Ofer Military Detention Camp. The PRCS medic was allowed to return to Ramallah.

Gaza:**Denial of access:** 1**Delay (30 minutes):** 2**Shooting/Damage to Ambulance:** 4

- **30 December:** A PRCS ambulance came under IDF gunfire while attempting to evacuate wounded Palestinians in Al Amal area in Khan Younis. No injuries or damage to the ambulance was reported.
- **30 December:** A MoH ambulance attempted to evacuate wounded Palestinians from Al Amal area in Khan Younis when warning shots were fired in its direction.
- **30 December:** Despite prior coordination, two PRCS medics were caught in crossfire in Khan Younis for at least 30 minutes when they were attempting to evacuate an elderly patient. The crew did not manage to evacuate the patient.
- **1 January:** Despite prior coordination with the IDF, a PRCS ambulance was delayed for five hours while attempting to evacuate a family from Khan Younis.
- **4 January:** A MoH ambulance came under IDF gunfire while attempting to evacuate wounded Palestinians from an area close to the Erez Industrial Zone.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
29 December	Hajja, Qalqiliya Governorate	29 hours
29 December	Kfur Qadum, Qalqiliya Governorate	29 hours
29 December	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya Governorate	29 hours
30 December	Qarawat Bani Zeid, Ramallah Governorate	15 hours
30 December	Deir Ghassaneh, Ramallah Governorate	8 hours
1 January	Husan, Bethlehem Governorate	20 hours
4 January	'Anin, Jenin Governorate	5 hours

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

4. House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced

West Bank:

- No incidents reported

Gaza:

- **29 December:** One house was damaged in Khan Younis when it was hit by two Israeli tank shells.
- **31 December to 2 January:** Thirteen houses were demolished and another seven houses partially destroyed in Khan Younis. Another 39 houses sustained damages of varying degrees. Thirty-eight families (255 people) were made homeless. Severe damage to the infrastructure in Khan Younis was reported.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
29 December	Khan Younis			1 house
31 December to 2 January	Khan Younis	13 houses	7 houses	39 houses
Total		13 houses	7 houses	40 houses

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Requisitions¹

West Bank:

- **29 December:** Following an explosion in Al Funduq, Qalqilya Governorate, the IDF started to level land on both sides of Road 55 in the vicinity of the explosion.
- Land levelling near the area of Deir Ballut and Ar Zawiya, Salfit Governorate, has been ongoing throughout the week in preparation for construction of the Barrier.
- Land levelling near Kafriat checkpoint in Tulkarm Governorate continued throughout the week in preparation for construction of a new tunnel under Road 57.

Gaza:

- **29 December:** Ten dunums (1 hectare) of land planted with palm and olive trees were levelled in the Palestinian area west of the Kfar Dorom settlement in Deir el Balah.
- **31 December:** Six dunums (.6 hectares) of land planted with olive and palm trees were levelled in the Palestinian area west of the Kfar Dorom settlement in Deir Al Balah.

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

6. Closure²/Restrictions on movement

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- In Tulkarm Governorate, the IDF maintained the eased movement restrictions. Although all parts of Kafriat checkpoint remained manned during the week, no restrictions were imposed on Palestinian-plated vehicles, which in general could freely cross the checkpoint. No restrictions were imposed on Arab-Israelis travelling to Tulkarm town.
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, no restrictions were imposed on the local population residing in and travelling on the eastern side of the Barrier. The tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla remained open the entire week. No 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 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.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **30 December:** Major delays occurred at Tayasir Gate (Tubas) as dozens of Palestinians were held for several hours.
- **2 to 4 January:** A flying checkpoint was erected at Yits'har Junction.
- **4 January:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Road 60 near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village (Nablus).
- **4 January:** A flying checkpoint was erected on Jerusalem Road in Nablus City for two hours.
- **4 January:** A flying checkpoint was erected at the entrance of Burin village (Nablus).

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- **1 January:** The IDF searched cars and checked Palestinian IDs at An Nabi Salih Gate throughout the day. Long delays were experienced at the gate.

Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- IDF mobile checkpoints function on a daily basis at the entrance to Al 'Eizariya-Ma'ale Adumim settlement resulting in long lines of cars waiting to pass.

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

- 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.
- Palestinian pedestrian movement from the Abu Dis area to Jerusalem has become increasingly more difficult since Israeli Border Police have been stopping Palestinians daily at the Monastery Gate.

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. Two sections of 3-metre high concrete wall slabs, both approximately 50-metres long, have been erected southwest and north of Hizma checkpoint.
- **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 Duqqu, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim and Bet Anan. In Biddu, Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik, construction is halted.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **1, 2 January:** The IDF closed the main entrance into Husan village at the junction with bypass Road 375, Bethlehem District. Curfew was imposed on the village preventing the movement of Palestinian residents of Nahhalin and Battir villages, whose main road passes through Husan.
- **29 December to date:** One-thousand-sixty-seven Jerusalem permits were issued for Christmas for Palestinian Christians from Bethlehem District. The permits are valid for one week starting from the date issued.

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.
- **2 January:** The gate was closed.
- **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. However, only men aged 50 years and older are permitted to cross back into Al Mawassi. Since 6 June 2004 to 26 December prior coordination had been required for unmarried females with Al Mawassi IDs who are between the ages of 18 and 25. Women are now allowed in and out with no age restrictions. Vehicles are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.
- **All week:** Tel As-Sultan checkpoint remained closed.
- **30 December:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was closed.
- **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:

- Hundreds of students from Abu Dis and Al 'Eizariya, (East Jerusalem Governorate) are experiencing difficulties reaching schools in Jerusalem Governorate. The gate near Ras al 'Amud has been closed since 1 November 2004 and last week Israeli Border Police stopped Palestinian pedestrians from using the Monastery Gate. Barrier construction around Ar Ram is also creating difficulties for students trying to reach their schools in Jerusalem.

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 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 2 January, no pupil was allowed out of As Seafa.
- **29 December:** As a result of IDF shooting toward Rafah camp, a window of an UNRWA school was broken.
- **30 December:** As a result of an IDF military operation in Khan Younis, schooling was severely disturbed in the four schools of Al Amal neighbourhood in northwest Khan Younis.
- **31 December:** The boundary wall of an UNRWA school in Khan Younis was destroyed by an IDF bulldozer.
- **3 January:** A 12-year-old UNRWA pupil was shot and injured in his shoulder while in the yard of Rafah Elementary School.

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 was 700 permits. The chamber of commerce was also informed that the Israeli DCL office will not receive any permit application directly by the citizens in the next three months. Permit applications for merchants will instead be processed via the chamber of commerce, and permits for moving within the West Bank will be processed via the Palestinian DCL.
- In Hebron District, 1,700 workers' permits were issued and 517 permits for traders. In Bethlehem District, 577 workers' permits were issued and 635 permits for traders.

Gaza:

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

Date	Israel		Erez Estate	Industrial
	Workers	Traders		
29 December	0	50	60	factory owners
30 December	0	0		
31 December	0	60		
1 January	0	3		
2 January	0	52		
3 January	0	25		
4 January	0	13		

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

9. Other:

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest operations took place in the following locations: Nablus City and 'Anin village (Jenin). Nine Palestinians were reported arrested in these operations.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- 29 December:** An 11-year-old boy was shot in the leg while near the Barrier in Qaffin north of Tulkarm Governorate. He was allegedly throwing stones at an IDF vehicle. The wounded boy was subsequently brought to the hospital in Afula in Israel for treatment. Three other children were detained by the IDF.
- 29 December:** Palestinians opened fire against an Israeli convoy near Baqa Ash Sharqiya in Tulkarm Governorate resulting in light injury to two IDF soldiers. The IDF immediately erected flying checkpoints in the area from Illar to Nazlat Isa.
- 29 December:** Settlers from Kharmesh settlement attacked a Palestinian vehicle near Qaffin in northern Tulkarm Governorate with stones. Two Palestinians were reported wounded.
- 30 December:** A device exploded near an Israeli vehicle in Qalqiliya and shots were subsequently fired at the vehicle. There were no reports of injuries.
- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Nur Shams refugee camp (one person injured), Qaffin (one person injured), Attil, (all Tulkarm Governorate), Tulkarm refugee camp, Tulkarm town, Azzun, Qalqiliya town Kfur Qaddum, Hajja, Al Funduq (all Qalqilya) and Kfur Dik in Salfit. At least 10 Palestinians were reported detained during these IDF operations.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- 29 December:** The IDF surrounded a house in Dura al Qar' in search of a wanted Palestinian. The wanted person was not there. His mother and sister were allegedly detained under threats to be held under detention until the wanted person surrendered to the IDF.
- 31 December:** Five Palestinians were injured by rubber coated metal bullets in confrontations with the IDF in Al Jalazun refugee camp.
- 3 January:** The IDF surrounded a building in the industrial zone of Beituniya. Heavy shooting was heard in the area. The IDF later left with two detained Palestinians.
- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Qarawat Bani Zeid, Kafr 'Ein , Deir Ghassaneh, Dura al Qar', Surda, Bir Zeit, Silwad and Beituniya. A total of 27 Palestinian were detained.

Jerusalem/Jericho

- No incidents reported.

Hebron/Bethlehem

- 29 December:** Israeli settlement guards from Avighayil outpost south of Hebron District beat three Palestinian minors from Am Fagarah and took two sheep.

- **29 December:** Israeli settlers set fire to two Palestinian commercial shops near Abraham Avino settlement in the old city of Hebron. The shops were closed by a military order in 1994.
- **29 December:** Settlers from Ma'on settlement attacked four reporters from MBC TV in At Tuwani village, south of Hebron District, and prevented them from taking photos of the school children from Tuba who are escorted by the IDF. No injuries were reported.
- **1 January to date:** The Israel Border Police entered Al Walaja village, Bethlehem District, and confiscated two private cars (for one month), a truck belonging to a bakery from Beit Jala, and a bus used by the schoolchildren in the village to reach Beit Jala. All confiscations appear to have taken place because the vehicles were in an area considered to be in the Municipality of Jerusalem.
- **1 January:** One Israeli settler was injured when her car was stoned while she was driving on bypass Road 375 near Husan village, Bethlehem District.
- **2 January:** Settlers from the outpost of Havat Ma'on, south Hebron District, attacked the schoolchildren from Tuba (in the area known as Masafer Yatta) and prevented them from reaching their school in At Tuwani.
- **3 January:** In the evening, the IDF occupied a house in Husan village, Bethlehem District, confining the seven members of the Palestinian family to one room and converting the rest of the house into an observation post. The house is still occupied.
- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Bethlehem District. But no arrests were reported. In Hebron, search-and-arrest campaigns took place in the City of Hebron, Dura, Khursa, Beit Ummar, Halhul, Beit Ula, Al 'Arub Camp, Idhna, Kharas, Al Majd and Bani Na'im. A total of 40 Palestinians were arrested.

Gaza:

- **30 December:** The IDF divided the Gaza Strip by closing Beach Road separating the northern area from the middle and the south.
- **2 January:** Twenty IDF tanks and bulldozers, entered Abu Safiyyah hill east of the town of Beit Hanoun.
- **2 January:** Palestinian pilgrims were allowed through Erez crossing for the Hajj in Saudi Arabia. Israeli buses escorted by the IDF transported them from Erez to Rafah Terminal.
- **4 January:** Seven Palestinians were killed, including six members of the same family, when an IDF tank shell hit an agricultural area in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahia.

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 29 December 2004 – 4 January 2005

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.
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. 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 over 25 years of age. Teachers with IDs from the Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	According to the IDF, the checkpoint 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, 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 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. 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. Some 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, Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Road 1.	
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 North.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, 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, 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, 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 Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, 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 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. 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	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 were 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 agriculture worker and some 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 from the early morning till 3:00pm on 30 Dec 2004
Abu Houli Junction	Checkpoint was open as follows: 29 December 5.30am to 4.30pm, 9pm to 11pm 30 December 7am to 8pm 31 December 5.30am to 8pm 1 January 5.30am to 8pm 2 January 7am to 4.15pm, 6.20pm to 9.30pm 3 January 5.30am to 10:30am, 12pm to 9.30pm 4 January 5am to 3pm, 5pm 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 30 December, the IDF closed Beach Road from 9.30am to 2.30pm.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 12 December, the terminal has been 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 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	Partially open all the week. On 2 January, Karni was closed
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.