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**OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**  
**Update for oPt (5 – 11 January 2005)**

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### **1. Casualties**

Palestinians: Deaths: 7  
 Injured: 18 (approximate)  
 Israelis: Deaths: 2  
 Injured: 18 (approximate)

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

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

### **3. Curfews**

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
5 January	Husan	8 hours
7 January	8 villages: Yatma, Qabalan, Osarin, Beita, Odala, Awarta, Huwwara and Majdal Bani Fadil villages (Nablus)	2 days

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

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

#### **West Bank:**

- **10 January:** The Israeli High Court of Justice settled the case regarding the demolition orders for 23 houses in the northern part of the village of Al Walaja, in Bethlehem District. The demolition orders, issued by the Municipality of Jerusalem and the Ministry of Interior of Israel, have been confirmed as this area is considered to lie within the unilaterally expanded municipal boundary of Jerusalem that divides the village in two. The Palestinian owners of the structures have been asked to pay a fine equal to NIS 220/m<sup>2</sup> and NIS 15,000 for the cost of demolishing the structures. Demolitions will have to be implemented within the next 18 months.

#### **Gaza:**

- No incidents were reported.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

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

#### **West Bank:**

- **2 January** (Not reported last week): An amendment to the military requisition order for Khirbet Jbara town, Tulkarm District, covering 522 dunums (52.2 hectares), calls for the already constructed Barrier to be moved closer to the Green Line.

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

- Land levelling near the area of Deir Ballout and Ar Zawiya has been ongoing throughout the week in preparation for construction of the Barrier.

#### **Gaza:**

- No incidents were reported.

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

## **6. Closure<sup>2</sup>/Restrictions on movement**

### **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:**

- In Tulkarm Governorate, the IDF eased movement restrictions for cars and pedestrians to facilitate movement for the Palestinian election. However, flying checkpoints were reported around Qafeen and Innab.
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, the tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla remained open the entire week.
- **11 January:** At Azzun Atma checkpoint, the IDF did not allow Palestinians younger than 12 years old to pass if they were not carrying their birth certificates.
- In Salfit District, several earth mounds were removed to facilitate movement for the Palestinian election.

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

- **7 January:** The IDF set up a flying checkpoint on Road 60 near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village, Nablus District.
- **7 January:** The IDF set up flying checkpoints at the main entrances of Burin, Madama and 'Asira al Qibliya villages, Nablus District.
- **8 January:** The IDF closed Tayasir gate, Tubas District, preventing access of Palestinians for at least one hour.
- **9 January:** The IDF set up a flying checkpoint at Jit Junction, Nablus District.

### **Ramallah/AI Bireh governorates:**

- **9 January:** Around 9pm, the IDF set up two checkpoints at Atara bridge and An Nabi Saleh gate prohibiting Palestinians movement. The Central Elections Commission contacted the Palestinian DCL to facilitate the essential movement of their Palestinian staff in/out of the northern area. According to the Palestinian DCL, the Israelis allowed for staff movement around 11pm and the checkpoints were removed around 6am the following morning.
- **10 January:** A checkpoint operated at Atara bridge during the morning and evening rush hours. Long delays were reported.

### **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.
- 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. Access to education, health and other services in East Jerusalem to those Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards is denied by the Israeli Border Police.
- **9 January:** Four manned gates in East Jerusalem were used to facilitate Palestinian movement on election day to areas outside East Jerusalem. However, very little movement was observed.
- **10 January:** Israeli security forces set up several flying checkpoints in the Jerusalem area and near Qalandiya and Al Ram checkpoints due to a security alert that a suicide bomber from Jenin was travelling to Jerusalem.
- **11 January:** More than six Israeli Border Police jeeps were stationed around the Biddu area in preparation for the continued construction of the Barrier. Palestinians were not allowed to use the back-to-back pedestrian system with taxis at the road blocks in Nabi Samwil to reach Qalandiya checkpoint. West Bank Palestinians with proper permits and Jerusalemites could instead access near Bet Ijza. West Bank Palestinians will now have to take the longer route through the underpass at Kharbatha al Misbah (Ramallah Governorate) to reach Ramallah.

### **Jerusalem Barrier:**

- **North:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing along Road 60, the main road, between Qalandiya and Ar-Ram checkpoints. Land levelling for the construction of 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:** The IDF has closed the area known as the Gate near Eizariyah Ras Elamood. Palestinians are currently using the Monastery gate where Israeli Border Police are present to check for permits. 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.

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

- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Bet Duqqu, Qatanna, Kharayib Umm Al Lahim and Bet Anan. On 11 January, Israeli contractors protected by civilian security and Israeli Border Police were present in the area around between Biddu and Bet Surik. In Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik, construction is halted.

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

- **9 January:** The earth mound, which was present for more than a year, that blocked the entrance to Beit Sahur from Road 356 was removed.

#### **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.
- **9 January:** The gate was open from 7.30am to 12pm, 2pm to 5pm without restrictions to allow residents to vote in the Palestinian election.
- **10 January:** Movement restrictions were reinstituted.
- **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.
- Tel As-Sultan checkpoint remained completely closed during the week.
- **5 January:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was closed
- **7 to 8 January:** The IDF reopened the checkpoint for people leaving Al Mawassi. No entry was permitted.
- **9 to 10 January:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was open in both directions without restrictions.
- **11 January:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was open for people leaving Al Mawassi only. No entry was permitted.
- **Kfar Darom:** The Palestinian area adjacent to Kfar Darom settlement was declared a closed military area following a suicide attack on 27 February 2004. Since 20 July 2002, no vehicular movement has been allowed into and out of the area and the IDF erected a fence around the area. Movement is restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate generally opening four times daily for Al Maa'ni ID holders only from 6.30am to 7.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, 1pm to 2pm, and 4pm to 5pm. Access for international organisations into the area remains extremely problematic.

Source OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

### **7. 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.
- **5 January:** As a result of IDF shooting in the direction of Rafah camp, an UNRWA teacher was injured while inside an UNRWA school.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

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

#### **West Bank:**

- According to the Nablus Chamber of Commerce (as reported last week), 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 (as reported last week), 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 (as reported last week) for Palestinian merchants and agricultural workers aged 35 years and older. However, only a small number of traders were allowed through.

Date	Israel		Erez Industrial Estate
	Workers	Traders	
January 5	0	0	0
January 6	0	0	0
January 7	0	29	0
January 8	0	0	0
January 9	0	0	0
January 10	0	0	0
January 11	85	69	0

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

## 9. Other:

### Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **6 January:** Palestinians detonated an explosive device near an Israeli vehicle near Sa Nur settlement, Jenin District. No injuries were reported.
- **7 January:** Palestinian militants shot dead one Israeli soldier and injured three near Osarin village/ Zaatara (Tappuakh) checkpoint, Nablus District, when they attacked an Israeli vehicle on Road 60.
- **8 January:** Palestinian militants opened fire at an Israeli outpost near Kaddim settlement, Jenin District. One Israeli soldier was injured.
- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Nablus city Kafr Qalil and 'Ásira al Qibliya villages, Nablus District. A total of 41 Palestinians were reported detained.

### Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Tulkarm Governorate with a total of three Palestinians reported detained.

### Ramallah /Al Bireh

- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Rammun, Um Sharayet/Al Bireh neighbourhood, and Ramallah with a total of seven Palestinian males reported detained.

### Jerusalem/Jericho

- No incidents were reported.

### Hebron/Bethlehem

- **5 January:** A Palestinian minor was killed by an IDF vehicle while he was crossing a road near to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. The Israeli authorities are investigating the matter.
- Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Bethlehem, four Palestinians were detained. In Hebron, search-and-arrest campaigns took place in the city of Hebron, Dura, Al Majd, Surif and Idhna with a total of 24 Palestinians detained.

### Gaza:

- **5 January:** 12 IDF soldiers were wounded, when a Qassam rocket was fired from Gaza City toward their base near the Gaza-Israel border.
- **8 January:** Two Spanish photographers were abducted by Palestinians, when they were filming in the west camp near Al Tuffah crossing in Khan Younis. They were released after 30 minutes.
- **9 January:** Two IDF soldiers were injured when their base was attacked in Rafah.
- **11 January:** An Israeli settler from the Gaza Strip, injured in a mortar attack nine days ago, died of his injuries.

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 5 – 11 January 2005

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Efrayim</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat</b>	The checkpoint is physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town, one that controls movement to Israel proper, and one that controls movement to and from Jbara. All parts of the checkpoint have been manned during the week, but there has been access for vehicles.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	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.
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Deir Ballout</b>	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.
<b>Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open for Palestinians over 25 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for Palestinians over 25 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors.
<b>Sarra</b> South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem over 25 years of age. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	According to the IDF, the checkpoint was removed 4 December. Soldiers have occasionally been observed in the checkpoint.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Hamra</b> 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).
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.

<b>Salim</b> 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.
<b>Al Badhan</b> North entrance to Jordan Valley.	Closed.
<b>'17'' ('Asira)</b> North entrance for the villages of 'Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighbouring villages.	Closed.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
<b>Dahiat Sabah al Khayr</b> "al Amn al Watani" Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.
<b>Salem</b> North western entrance/Green Line	Closed for Palestinians. "Military closed area".
<b>Qaddim</b> (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Partially manned.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main terminal to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits between 6am and 10pm.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open for permit holders.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians, except permit holders.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open. Some delays were experienced.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Some delays were experienced.
<b>At Tayba</b>	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Secondary checkpoint at the entrance to Ni'lin village: usually only residents of Ni'lin and Al Midya, humanitarian organisations and people with special permits can access the western villages through this checkpoint. Restrictions have recently relaxed and other villagers are able to enter.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and oPt Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> North eastern entrance on	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Road 1.	
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Container (“Wadi nar”)</b> East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Construction work for the enlargement of the checkpoint has started.
<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Vehicular traffic is permissible for Jericho residents, 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.
<b>‘Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa</b> 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	
<b>Gilo</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars are allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. Occasionally, both lanes are open to traffic allowing for an increased flow of inbound and outbound movement.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Open from 7am to 7pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass.
<b>Noqedim</b> Southeast of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with valid Jerusalem permits.
<b>Settlers’ Checkpoint - Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians
<b>Efrata</b> Connecting Road 60 to 356	Open 24 hours. Vehicles coming from both directions are subjected to checks and searches.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Palestinian vehicles coming from Hebron and toward Bethlehem District are subject to checks and searches.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits issued since 1 December are allowed.
<b>Al Jaba</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits issued since 1 December are allowed.
<b>Avnot</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	On bypass Road 90. Palestinian-plated vehicles not allowed.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Closed to all Palestinian traffic. Families living close to the settlement of Negohot are unable to drive on the road. Coordination with DCL required for access of service providers.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> At crossing between Roads 35 and 60, north of Hebron	The checkpoint is not manned and the gate into Hebron is closed as the alternative route on Halhul bridge is open.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial	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

goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem Districts	restrictions. Families of prisoners were allowed to pass to visit their relatives this week.
<b>Meitar</b> 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.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Checkpoint expanded to include more permanent structures.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Shohada Street, H2</b> Western entrance to Shohada Street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> (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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shuhada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling by foot living between it and the settlement.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
Erez	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. On 11 January, Erez checkpoint was reopened for a small number Palestinian agricultural worker and traders aged 35 and older. Previously on 5 January, Erez was completely closed for Palestinians and internationals.
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: 5 January 5.30am to 8pm 6 January 5.30am to 7.30am, 9am to 4pm, 5.30pm to 8pm 7 January 5.30am to 8pm 8 January 6am to 8pm 9 January 5.30am to 10pm 10 January 5.30am to 8pm 11 January 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	Open
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 12 December, the terminal has been completely closed.

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.



	Taybeh checkpoint was closed during election day, only ambulances and international cars were allowed access.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The back-to-back system has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya town.
<b>Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 7.30am to 5.30pm.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8 am to 4 pm. Transit of trucks need liaison by Palestinian DCL.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> New back-to-back terminal is being built near Barrier construction beside Beituniya.	Officially open 6am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. However, checkpoint often opens late in the mornings between 6.30am to 7am depending on the IDF. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system in operation), ICRC and UN vehicles only.
<b>Jericho</b>	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 6am to 8pm.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
Karni	Partially open all the week.
Sufa	Sufa Terminal was open for construction materials only.

#### Road Gates

Gate	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Anabta</b>	The gate was reported closed the entire week; commuters have to use back-to-back system at the gate.