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1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 8
 Injured: 17 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths: 0
 Injured: 3 (approximate)

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

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

- No incidents reported.

Gaza:

Denial of access: 0

Delay (30 minutes): 2

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- **14 January to ongoing:** No Palestinian patients are permitted through Erez for further treatment in Israel or the West Bank.
- **21 January:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for two hours at Al Tuffah checkpoint in Khan Younis while transporting a woman in labour. The woman was carried out on a stretcher as the road next to the checkpoint was severely damaged.
- **22 January:** A PRCS ambulance transporting a woman in labour was delayed for 35 minutes at Al Tuffah checkpoint. The woman delivered her baby inside the ambulance.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH,

3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
24 January	Nablus, Old City	3 hours
25 January	Silat al Harithiya, Jenin District	18 hours
25 January	Seida, Tulkarm District	18 hours

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

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

- **19 January:** The IDF demolished a three-storey building in Nablus city. Four families lost accommodation. Seven other houses and 10 commercial shops were partially destroyed. More than 18 people were made homeless.
- **19 January:** The IDF served a demolition order for a water cistern rehabilitated by the NGO World Vision in the village of Wadi Fukin, Bethlehem Governorate.
- **19 January:** Four furniture stores in a building in Haifa Street, Nablus city burned after the IDF threw sound grenades inside one of the stores during a search campaign. Seven apartments were also damaged in the same building.
- **25 January:** One family from Seida received an order to vacate their house. However, no demolition order has been issued.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
19 January	Nablus city	1 three-storey building	7 houses and	7

		and 4 furniture stores (burned)	10 shops.	apartments
Total		1 three-storey building and 4 furniture stores	7 houses and 10 shops	

Gaza:

- No incidents reported.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

5. Land levelling/Requisitions¹

West Bank:

- Land levelling near the area of Deir Ballout and Al Zawiya has been ongoing throughout the week in preparation for construction of the Barrier.
- Levelling of land near Kafriat checkpoint in Tulkarm Governorate continued throughout the week in preparation for construction of a new tunnel under Road 57.
- Construction of the Barrier has been ongoing throughout the week in areas west of Surif, Beit Awwa, Beit Mirsim and Al Burj, in Hebron Governorate.
- **23 January:** The IDF resumed construction work on part of the Barrier near Ariel settlement in Salfit District. IDF bulldozers are currently working on the 4-kilometre section, between Salfit town and the Ariel settlement. A total of 267.4 dunums (26.74 hectares) of land was requisitioned on 28 May 2004 for the purpose of constructing the Ariel “finger”.
- **24 January:** Land levelling by Israeli contractors in the area of Al Burj, Hebron Governorate, has destroyed the only access road to the agricultural land belonging to the village. According to the village council, the agricultural road is the only access to an area of 12,000 dunums (1,200 hectares).
- **25 January:** The IDF levelled a stretch of agricultural land in preparation for a road in the area of Khallet Ad’Dara, 2 kilometres south of the Yatta/Hebron intersection on Road 60.

Gaza:

- No incidents reported.

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

6. Closure²/Restrictions on movement

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- In Tulkarm Governorate, the IDF maintained 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 cross the checkpoint. No restrictions were imposed on Palestinians with Israeli citizenship travelling to Tulkarm town. Flying checkpoints were reported at different entrances 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. On 21 January, flying checkpoints were deployed at the main entrance to Qalqiliya town and tunnel in conjunction with an Israeli military operation. No restrictions were imposed on Palestinians with Israeli citizenship travelling to Qalqiliya town. Delays at the gate into Azzun Atma were reported during the week. At Izbet Tabib village, the IDF erected an earth mound in front of the one of the entrances.
- 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. During the Eid Al-Adha holiday, relatives of Deir Ballout villagers were not allowed to enter the town after 6.30pm.

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **20 January:** The IDF set up a flying checkpoint on the road to Tubas near Ath Thaghra village, Tubas District, restricting the movement of Palestinians during the first day of Eid Al-Adha.
- **21 January:** The IDF closed Tayasir gate, Tubas District, preventing access to Palestinians for the entire day.
- **25 January:** The IDF set up a flying checkpoint on Road 60 near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village, Nablus District. All vehicles passing were subject to checks.

Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- The partial checkpoint at Atara Bridge operated on a daily basis during the week. Palestinians experienced delays of up to two to three hours.
- Long delays were reported at An Nabi Salih gate throughout the week during the Eid Al-Adha religious feast. The gate was closed several times, including on 19 and 21 January. A flying checkpoint was set-up several times on

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

² For a reference West Bank checkpoint map please check the following link: http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints_july04.pdf

the dirt track between Beit Rima and 'Abud, which Palestinians were using to move in and out of the Bani Zeid cluster.

- **25 January:** The IDF surrounded a house in Qarawat Bani Zeid because it suspected that two wanted Palestinians were hiding there. The IDF opened fire on the house while children were inside. After coordination with the Israeli DCL, the IDF later stopped firing at the house. When the IDF later entered the house, two children aged nine and 11 years old, were found inside unharmed.

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 stop Palestinian vehicular movement on Road 1 for several hours every Saturday after Shabbath.
- **24 January:** Due to the return of Hajj pilgrims from Mecca, the Jericho DCO checkpoint and Allenby Bridge will be open 24 hours a day until 27 January.
- **25 January:** The IDF established a flying checkpoint on Jaba'/Road 60 intersection.

Jerusalem Barrier:

- **North:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing along Road 60, the main road, between Qalandiya and Ar-Ram checkpoints. Land levelling and construction of the Barrier is also taking place alongside the road between Hizma and Anata villages, as well as north of Neve Ya'akov and south of Pisgat Ze'ev settlements.
- **East:** The IDF has closed the area known as the Gate near Al 'Eizariyy - Ras Al Amoud. Palestinians currently use 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 'Eizariyya. Construction is nearly completed from the Mount of Olives to the hill just south of Al Quds University in Abu Dis. Barrier construction in Sur Bahir is halted.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Bet Duqqu and on Qatanna land near the Green Line.
- Construction in Biddu, Beit Surik, Bet Iksha, Bet Anan, Al Qubeiba, Kharayib Umm al Lahim, An Nabi Samwil and areas west of Qatanna has been halted since 13 January following an Israeli High Court temporary injunction.

Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **22 January:** One bus seized by the Israeli Border Police in the village of Al Walaja (Bethlehem Governorate), has been released following the successful appeal in court by the Palestinian company owning it. The bus is currently back providing crucial services to the local residents increasingly isolated by the closures imposed on the village. A second bus is still in the custody of the Israeli Border Police.
- **23 January:** An earth mound was erected on an agriculture road west of Husan village (Bethlehem). According to the village council, the farmers of Husan have lost access to approximately 200 dunums (20 hectares) of agricultural land.
- **25 January:** In the village of Al Walaja, an earth mound was erected on an internal dirt road used by vehicles to bypass trenches dug by the Israeli Border Police on the road running through the Cremisan monastery, the main access route to Bethlehem.

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.
- **19 January:** Fifty-nine Palestinians were permitted in and out of As Seafa for the Eid Al-Adha celebrations.
- **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.
- **19 to 25 January:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was completely closed. No entry or exit was permitted.
- **Al Maa'ni:** 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:

- No incidents reported.

Gaza:

- As a result of the new access restrictions at Abu Holi checkpoint and the Beach Road, students moving between Gaza City and the Gaza Strip middle and southern areas are experiencing difficulties reaching their classes on time.
- **23 January:** As a result of IDF shooting toward Tel Es-Sultan quarter in Rafah, two windows at UNRWA Tel Es-Sultan Boys School were destroyed.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

8. Labour/trade movement to Israel (monthly)

West Bank:

- According to the Nablus Chamber of Commerce (as reported previously), 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 (as reported previously). In Bethlehem District, 577 workers' permits were issued and 635 permits for traders (as reported previously).
- In Jericho District (as reported previously), a total of 884 permits for entry to Israel (including East Jerusalem) and to move between checkpoints in the West Bank were issued; 104 permits were issued for traders.

Gaza:

- In Gaza Strip, 1,075 permits for Palestinian merchants and agricultural workers aged 35 years and above were issued (as reported previously). However, since 14 January no Palestinians were permitted through.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

9. Other:

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **19 January:** One Palestinian was injured in Nablus city after an exchange of fire with the IDF.
- **20 January:** The IDF shot dead a thirteen-year-old Palestinian in Tubas city while he was playing with a plastic toy that resembled a gun.
- **21 January:** A Palestinian minor from Sir Village died as a result of injuries sustained by the explosion of a device left after an IDF operation on 29 December 2004.
- **21 January:** The IDF opened fire injuring one Palestinian in Salem, Jenin District, while he was passing near the Barrier in the area.
- **21 January:** Palestinian militants threw three explosive devices at an IDF patrol in Nablus city. No injuries were reported.
- **22 January:** One Palestinian was injured in clashes with the IDF near Salim east of Nablus city.
- **23 January:** Palestinian militants threw an explosive device at an Israeli patrol in Balata camp, Nablus District. No injuries were reported.
- **23 January:** The IDF surrounded a seven-storey building in Rafidya in Nablus city. Fifteen apartments sustained some internal damage during a search. According to the IDF, explosive devices and belts were found inside the building.
- **24 January:** The IDF surrounded a house in 'Askar camp, Nablus District. Three Palestinians, including two minors were injured by IDF activity.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in the following locations: Nablus city, Tubas, Jenin city, Silat adh Dhahr, Silat al Harithiya, Jaba' (Jenin District). In total, 38 Palestinians were reported arrested in these operations.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- **19 January:** The IDF cut down olive trees near Haris and Kifl Haris villages in Salfit District in conjunction with ongoing road construction.
- **23 January:** One person was killed by the IDF near the Barrier in Habla in Qalqiliya Governorate.
- Throughout the week, search campaigns were conducted in Jayyous, Tulkarm town, Schweika, Illar, Seida, Anabta, Qalqiliya town, Deir al Ghusun, Bala, Salfit town and Azzun. Two people were injured during the operation in Jayyous and more than 10 Palestinians have been reported arrested. Flying checkpoints were deployed accordingly in support of these military operations.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

- **23 January:** Around midnight, at least 13 IDF jeeps surrounded the Omiya building in the centre of Ramallah. The IDF searched offices and arrested a wanted Palestinian man from Beit Rima. The IDF later surrounded the Muqat'a and patrolled the surrounding area.

- **25 January:** Two Palestinian boys (ages 11 and 13) were injured around 6pm when an explosive object left by the IDF in Deir Jarir exploded. The boys were hospitalised in Ramallah, according to the Palestinian Police.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns were carried out throughout the week in Al Bireh, Deir Ghassana, 'Abud, Ramallah Beituniya, and Beit Rima. A total of nine Palestinian males were arrested.

Jerusalem/Jericho

- **24 January:** Israeli Police arrested a 19-year-old woman from the Gaza Strip after she tried to stab an Israeli policeman at one of the entrances to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Hebron/Bethlehem

- **18 to 20 January:** The IDF occupied one house in Deir al' Asal village, south west of Hebron. The house was used as observation post. The residents were held in one room.
- **19 January:** The IDF occupied three houses in Beit 'Awwa village and four houses in Deir Samit (Hebron Governorate) for two and a half days. The houses were used as observation posts and the residents of the houses were held inside.
- **20 to 21 January:** The IDF occupied a house in 'As Samu, south of Hebron city, and used it as an observation post. The residents of the house (15 persons) were confined inside for the entire time, as were all the relatives visiting during the second day of Eid Al-Adha.
- **24 January:** The IDF confirmed in a statement to the Israeli daily newspaper Kol Ha'ir, that the area of An Nu'man, on the eastern side of the city of Bethlehem, will become the site of a large terminal, for commercial trucks, vehicles and pedestrians; a Border Police base will also be established nearby. The IDF provided reassurance that the Palestinian village of Mazmura (known on maps as An Nu'man) will remain united with its graveyard on the West Bank side of the Barrier.
- **25 January:** Palestinian shepherds were prevented by the IDF and settlers from grazing their flock in farmland they owned in an area immediately north of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on, south Hebron.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Bethlehem and Husan, eight arrests were reported. In Hebron search-and-arrest campaigns took place in 'As Samu, Bani Na'im and Sa'ir, Dura and Yatta. A total of 16 Palestinians were detained.

Gaza:

- **19 January:** Three IDF soldiers were injured when Palestinian militants fired an antitank missile at an IDF bulldozer operating in the northern Gaza Strip.
- **24 January:** Two homemade rockets were fired in the direction of Neveh Dekalim settlement in Gush Qatif. No injuries were reported.
- **25 January:** Three Palestinians were injured when IDF soldiers manning Abu Houli checkpoint fired toward their car while crossing the checkpoint.

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 19 – 25 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 week. 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 (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. During the Eid Al-Adha holidays, relatives of Deir Ballout villagers reported they were not allowed to enter the town after 6.30pm.
Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open for Palestinians over 25 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for Palestinians over 25 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan District of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem over 25 years of age. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
Shave Shomeron (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)	Permanently manned.

South, main road to Ramallah	
Salim Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Open for Palestinians from the three villages 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.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main terminal to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits 6am to 10pm. Transit of goods is not allowed except for the transit of vegetables and fruits; farmers are allowed to pass with four boxes of 20 kg each everyday.
Salem North western entrance/Green Line	Closed for Palestinians. "Military closed area".
Qaddim (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Partially manned.
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 for those residing in these villages: Bardala, Kardala, 'Ein el Beida, Al Farisiya, Al Malih and Khirbet Tell el Himma. No agricultural permits have been issued for Palestinian farmers from Tayasir, Al 'Aqaba and Ath Thaghra to reach their land on the eastern side of the checkpoint since 18 December 04.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Qalandiya	Open daily from 4.30am to 12 midnight for vehicles and 24 hours for pedestrians. Ramallah/Al Bireh residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Other oPt Palestinians need permits to cross. Israelis citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open. Long delays were reported daily.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Long delays were reported daily. The gate was closed for several hours on 21 January.
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 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, and Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with permits and internationals.

Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and 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.. From 24 to 27 January, the checkpoint is open 24 hours to facilitate movement of pilgrims returning from the Hajj.
‘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. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders 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 are allowed.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits 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 Hebron on Road 35 for both	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with valid permits. Commercial trucks from Israel have entered to the back-to-back area without restrictions. Families of prisoners are allowed to pass to visit their relatives.

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. Checkpoint expanded to include more permanent structures.
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 Shuhada 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	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 of Palestinian agricultural worker and traders aged 35 and older. Since 14 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 until 3pm on 30 December 2004
Abu Houli Junction	Checkpoint was open as follows: 19 January closed 20 January 8am to 5pm 21 January 8am to 3pm, 7pm to 8.30pm 22 January 8am to 5pm 23 January 8.30am to 3pm 24 January 7.30am to 6pm 25 January 7.30 to 1pm, 1.45pm – (please check www.ochaopt.org for closing time) Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli Junction. 25 January: the IDF expanded the opening hours of the checkpoints: 7am until 6pm.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Salah Edin at Kfar Darom	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed
Beach Road	Checkpoint was open as follows: 19 January 9.30am to 9pm 20 January 8.30am to 5.30pm 21 January 8.30am to 4.30pm, 9pm to 11.30pm 22 January 8am to 4pm 23 January 9am to 4pm, 9pm to 11pm 24 January open all the day. 25 January open all the day. 24 January, the IDF announced that the Beach Road at Netzarim will soon be open 24 hours.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 12 December, the terminal had been completely closed. Since 21 January, the

	terminal was reopened for arrivals from Egypt only.
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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 from 7.30am to 5.30pm.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial checkpoint.	Open from 8am to 4 pm. Transit of trucks need liaison by Palestinian DCL.
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	Since the attack on 14 January, Karni crossing has been completely closed.
Sufa	Since 14 January, the crossing has been closed for construction materials.

Road Gates

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