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**OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**  
**Update for oPt (02 – 8 February 2005)**

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### **1. Casualties**

Palestinians: Deaths: 3  
 Injured: 5 (approximate)  
 Israelis: Deaths:  
 Injured: 2 (approximate)

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

### **2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams**

#### **West Bank: (Information covers the period 2 – 4 February)**

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

#### **The Gaza Strip:**

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

- A pregnant woman was delayed at a checkpoint for one hour five minutes. However, she arrived at a medical centre before giving birth.
- Since 14 January, no Palestinian patients have been permitted access through Erez for further treatment in Israel or the West bank. Exceptions were made elderly cancer patients. A small number of urgent medical cases were permitted to leave through Erez crossings in the last week.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

### **3. Curfews**

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
3 February	Abu Dis, Jerusalem Governorate	7½ hours
3 February	Sawahriya Ash Sharqiyya, Jerusalem Governorate	7½ hours
3 February	Al 'Eizariyya, Jerusalem Governorate	7½ hours
3 to 6 February	Al Burj and Ad Dhahiriya, Hebron Governorate	2 days and 6 hours

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

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

#### **West Bank:**

- **2 February:** Demolition warnings were delivered to Palestinian house owners in the area of Jabal Al Diek, a neighbourhood of Beit Sahour, Bethlehem Governorate, considered by the IDF to have built homes in "area C" without a permit.

#### **The Gaza Strip:**

- No incidents reported.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

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

### **West Bank:**

- IDF continued levelling land throughout the week in the area of Khalail Al Magribi, Hebron governorate. However, land levelling has stopped in some parts as the owners have appealed in the Israeli court.
- Construction work continued throughout the week along the new bypass road, which connects Israeli settlements in the eastern south of the Governorate of Bethlehem (Tko'a, Noqedim and Ma'ale Amos) to Jerusalem. The section leading from road 398 (in the area of An Nu'man) to the foothills of Za'tara has been asphalted. All major bridges on the bypass road that crosses Palestinian internal roads are in the last stages of completion.
- Ongoing land levelling and uprooting of olive trees between Ariel settlement and Salfit preparing for the Barrier construction.
- Ongoing land levelling near the area of Deir Ballut and Al Zawiya, Salfit governorate preparing for the Barrier construction.
- Land near Kafriat checkpoint in Tulkarm Governorate continued throughout the week for the construction of a new tunnel under road 57
- **3 February:** The Israeli High Court of Justice rejected the petition applied by Palestinians for the confiscation of land that will be used for the construction of an access road in Rachel's Tomb area at the entrance to Bethlehem for Jewish worshippers.
- **6 February:** Israeli settlers from Asfar accompanied by the IDF confiscated up to 1,000 Dunums of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers in the eastern side of Sa'ir, Hebron Governorate.
- **6 February:** Israeli authorities renewed the confiscation order for two Dunums of land to construct a security road running from the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba' to a nearby Border Police camp.

### **The Gaza Strip:**

- No incidents 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:**

- Tulkarm governorate experienced easier vehicular access for Palestinian plated vehicles at the Kafriat checkpoint, which has been manned through out the week by IDF. Also, no restrictions were imposed on Arab-Israelis travelling to Tulkarm town although yellow plated cars must be parked outside the town. In Nazlat Isa, six households (65 people) are living between the Barrier and the Green Line. During the week, only three people had their green permit renewed for two months and one female resident was rejected on security grounds, while the rest got their permits renewed for 12 months.
- In Qalqiliya governorate, no restrictions were imposed on the local populations residing and travelling on the eastern side of the Barrier. The tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla remained open for Palestinians all week. No restrictions were imposed on Arab-Israelis travelling to Qalqiliya town.
- Local populations and particularly children continue to encounter delays through the Barrier gate in Azzun Atma after the new electronic checking procedures were introduced some three weeks ago.
- **8 February:** Flying checkpoints was erected near Azzun and An Nabi Elyas in conjunction with a security alert.
- In Salfit district, movement between the villages continues to be hampered because of the road blocks and earth mounds particularly near Kafr Dik, Qarawat Bani Hassan and Yasuf. In addition, flying checkpoints were erected near Salfit town, Bruqin and Iskaka during the week.  
**5 February:** IDF temporarily removed the roadblocks at Bruqin and Yasuf to ease the traffic due to the bad weather conditions over the week.

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

- **3 and 6 February:** Flying checkpoints were erected on the entrances of Tubas city.
- **5 February to date:** IDF requested special permits for vehicles transporting vegetables and fruits through Tayasir and Hamra checkpoints in the Jordan valley (Tubas and Nablus districts).
- **8 February:** Huwwara, Beit Iba, Beit Furik, Hamra (Nablus district) and Tayasir (Tubas district) checkpoints were closed for Palestinians from 7:30 until 13:00
- **8 February:** Awarta checkpoint (Nablus) was closed for incoming goods until 11:00. At 13:30 the checkpoint was totally closed for the rest of the day.
- Major delays were reported at Tayasir gate throughout the week.

### **Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:**

- **4, 5, 7 February:** The partial checkpoint at Atara Bridge operated throughout the morning and evening rush hours with long delays reported.
- **6 February:** The IDF set up a checkpoint at the entrance to 'Abud searching Palestinians' Ids and cars throughout the day. Long delays were reported.

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

<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)

- **7 February:** Long delays were experienced at An Nabi Salih gate despite the bad weather conditions, where Palestinians were ordered to leave their vehicles to have their Ids checked.
- A number of flying checkpoints were set up along bypass road 465 during the week.
- **7 January:** Between 6-10pm, the IDF set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Surda and Abu Qash. Long delays were reported.

#### **Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:**

- During the week, IDF mobile checkpoints operated daily at the entrance to Al 'Eizariya-Ma'ale Adumim settlement resulting in delays.
- Palestinian pedestrian movement from the Abu Dis area to Jerusalem is more difficult since Israeli Border Police have been stopping Palestinians daily at the Monastery gate. Palestinian ID holders are therefore unable to access education, health and other services in East Jerusalem, that they formally had access to.
- Border Police at Hizma checkpoint, Jerusalem governorate, continues to demand national passports/id's in addition to UN ID cards from UN staff.

#### **Jerusalem Barrier:**

- **North:** Construction of the Barrier continues along Road 60, the main road, between Qalandiya and Ar-Ram checkpoints. Also, ongoing land levelling and construction of the Barrier alongside the road between Hizma and Anata villages, as well as north of Neve Ya'akov and south of Pisgat Ze'ev settlements. Concrete slabs were installed along the road near Hizmah checkpoint and the road to Jaba.
- **East:** The IDF closed the area known as the Gate near Al 'Eizariyy - Ras Al Amoud. Instead Palestinians currently use the Monastery gate where Israeli Border Police are present to check for permits. Construction of the Barrier continues 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 started in the beginning of January on the eastern and southern side of the village.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier is on hold due to court decision and an appeal submitted by the residents of Beit Ijzah and Biddu. IDF military requisition orders were issued on 7 February for the planned Bir Nabala enclave. No construction work has yet started.

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

- The local IDF DCL confirmed that the Noqedim checkpoint on the eastern side of the Bethlehem Governorate, road 356, has been dismantled.
- **2 February:** The IDF removed the earth mound placed on 1 February on the only access road to the village of An Nu'man, on the eastern side of Bethlehem. Israeli DCL quickly responded after coordination was made, and re-opened the road.
- According to the Ministry of Tourism in Bethlehem, 15,484 visitors crossed into Bethlehem during the month of January 2005. This represents a 200% increase in the numbers of those who crossed in January 2004. This is the highest so far since the Intifada started, but represents a third of those who crossed into Bethlehem in January 2000.
- **2 February:** The number of children escorted by the IDF and Police on their daily walk to the school in At Tuwani has increased from 5 to 15. The children are provided with an armed escort because of safety and security concerns about attacks from settlers living in the outpost of Ha'vat Ma'on. The additional schoolchildren come from the Palestinian community of Maghayir al Abeed, south of At Tuwani, in the area known as Masafer/Yatta. The increase reflects the improvement in access created by the military escort as parents are encouraged to send their children to the closest and most appropriate educational institution: no schools exist in Masafer Yatta, an area defined as "C" under the Oslo Agreement zoning.

#### **The enclosed areas in the Gaza Strip:**

- **As-Seafa:** Since December 2004, the IDF has allowed nine people with As-Seafa IDs to go in and out on foot, for one time only, with prior coordination, in order 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 3.30pm to 4.30pm. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been extremely problematic.
- **4 February:** The gate was closed all the day.
- **Al Mawassi:** IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally opening twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders from approximately 8am to 1pm and from approximately 2.30pm to 5pm. Since 10 May 2004, males aged below 30 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders have been required to have prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. Since 6 June 2004, prior coordination 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.
- Since 28 Jan, Al Tuffah crossing has been open for people leaving al Mawassi only.
- 4 February: IDF reopened the checkpoint for all Palestinians except males aged between 16 and 35 years.
- Tel Es-Sultan checkpoint remained closed.
- **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:**

- School children from Beit Amin and Sanniriya continue to experience delays at the Azzun Atma gate in Qalqiliya governorate. On 6 February, UNRWA reported an incident where IDF soldiers threatened the children with tear gas when they first refused to pass through the x-ray machine at the gate.

### **The Gaza Strip:**

- During the reporting period, the 24 pupils living in As-Seafa reached their schools late because of the delay at the As Seafa gat. Upon return, the pupils were delayed for four hours and were not allowed to enter the area before 13:30.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

## **8. Labour/trade movement to Israel (January)**

### **West Bank:**

- In Hebron District, 2,145 workers' permits and 495 trade permits were issued. In Bethlehem District, 397 workers' permits and 52 trade permits were issued, (As reported last previously).
- In Nablus District, 400 permits were issued for traders. In Jenin District, 388 workers' permits were issued. In Tubas District, 146 trade permits and 79 work permits were issued.
- In Jericho, a total of 509 out of 677 permits were approved, (As reported last previously).

### **Gaza:**

- In the 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, with the exception of 75 Palestinian factory owners entering Erez Industrial zone. (As reported last previously).

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

## **9. Other:**

### **Nablus/Jenin/Tubas**

- **3 February:** A 13-year old boy was injured during clashes between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in El Far'a refugee camp.
- IDF search and arrest campaigns took place during the week in Nablus city, Balata camp, Tubas, Rummana (Jenin district) and Tammun (Tubas district). Eight Palestinians were reported arrested.

### **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit**

- **4 February:** Two Palestinians were arrested with a bag containing explosives and grenades near Avnei Khefets settlement in Tulkarm governorate.
- During the week, the IDF conducted search and arrest campaigns in Seida and Illar (Tulkarm), Azzun and Qalqiliya town (Qalqiliya). Approximately eight people were reported arrested.

### **Ramallah /Al Bireh**

- **7 February:** At around noon, a clash erupted between the IDF and a group of Palestinian youth in Al Mughayyir while the military was patrolling the village. No injuries were reported.
- Throughout the week, IDF search and arrest campaigns took place in Ramallah, Al Mughayyir, Shuqba and Silwad with four Palestinian males reported detained.

### **Jerusalem/Jericho**

- **3 February:** Following a suicide alert, Israeli security forces deployed several mobile checkpoints in Jerusalem governorate, and the Container checkpoint was closed for several hours. Search and arrest campaigns were also conducted and 5 Palestinians were reported detained. Curfew was also imposed in Palestinians neighbourhoods in the eastern part of the governorate.
- **5 February:** Palestinians threw stones from Al 'Issawiyya towards Israeli vehicles on the Jerusalem – Ma'ale Adumim road. No injuries were reported.
- **8 February:** IDF search and arrest campaigns were conducted in Sawahriya ash Sharqiyya with two Palestinians reported detained.

### **Hebron/Bethlehem**

- IDF search campaigns took place in Al Khadr, Bethlehem Governorate; no arrests were reported. In Hebron search campaigns took place in Idhna, Al Burj, Ad Dhahiriya and Hebron with two Palestinians reported detained.

### **Gaza:**

- **2 February:** In coordination with IDF, Palestinian security forces blew up a tunnel found in Block O, along the Gaza-Egypt border in Rafah.
- **2 February:** A road side bomb was activated near a tank patrolling the border fence opposite Zurub area in Rafah. No casualties were reported.
- **4 February:** Two Palestinians were shot dead when they were spotted by the IDF approaching the border fence east Bait Hanoun.
- **4 February:** A home made rocket was fired at the direction of Netzarim settlement. No injuries were reported.

*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 2 – 8 February 2005

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The checkpoint has been open for international organisations and diplomatic vehicles the whole week as well as for commercial trucks using the back-to-back system between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Due to construction works in front of the Barrier gate (in preparation for the new industrial zone), all traffic diverted 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 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
<b>Kafriat</b>	The checkpoint is physically divided into three parts; 1) that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town, 2) that controls movement to Israel, and 3) that controls movement to and from Jbara. Although all parts of the checkpoint have been manned during the week, there has been easy access for vehicles to and from Tulkarm town during the week (i.e. no restrictions on road 57).
<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>	Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permit into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior co-ordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks.
<b>Deir Ballout</b>	The checkpoint saw no unusual restrictions imposed over the week. In general, the checkpoint prohibits movement for Palestinians on that road that leads to highway 5 and restricts movement on that road that leads to Ramallah. The checkpoint is officially open between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
<b>Nablus: Opening hours: 6am to 5.30pm.</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open for Palestinians over 25 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors. 8 February the checkpoint was closed until 13:00.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for Palestinians over 25 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors. 8 February the checkpoint was closed until 1pm.
<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 2004, 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. 8 February the checkpoint was closed until 1pm.
<b>Shavei Shomron</b> (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	According to IDF the checkpoint was removed 4 December 2004. Soldiers have occasionally been observed in the checkpoint.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> South east 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). 8 February the checkpoint was closed until 1pm.
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
<b>Salim</b> Main entrance to Salem, Deir	Open for Palestinians from the three villages of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut. Partially manned after an earth mound was removed 8 December 2004.

Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	
<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-7pm.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permit. 6am-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 Palestinians who reside in these villages can pass after showing their IDs, Bardala, Kardala, 'Ein el Beida, Al Farisiyas, Al Malih and Khirbet Tell el Himma. No agricultural permits were issued for Palestinian farmers from Tayasir, Al 'Aqaba and Ath Thaghra who need to reach their land on the other side of the checkpoint since 18 December 2004. 8 February the checkpoint was closed until 1pm.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<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. Long delays were reported.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Long delays were reported.
<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 relaxed and other villagers are able to enter, but Palestinians are frequently detained or delayed for hours.
<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, and Palestinians with permits and internationals. Border Police continues to demand national passports/id's in addition to UN ID cards from UN staff.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> North western entrance on Road 436	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.
<b>Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Closed for several hours on 3 February.

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<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Vehicular traffic is permitted 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. Open hours: 6am to 12am.
<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 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)	Dismantled at the end of January 2005.
<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 are allowed to cross.
<b>Al Jaba</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross
<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 goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with valid permits. 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.
<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erez crossing is closed for Palestinians.</li> <li>- On 7 Feb, Erez crossing was closed for internationals from 10:00am – 12:00pm</li> </ul>
Erez Industrial zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Since 31 August, Erez Industrial Zone has been closed, however a small number of factories owners are permitted in.</li> </ul>
Netzarim Junction	Closed from the early morning till 3:00pm on 30 Dec 2004
Abu Houli junction	<p>Checkpoint was open as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 Feb, 5:00am – 9:00pm with frequent shot closures.</li> <li>- 3 Feb, 5:00am – 6:30pm</li> <li>- 4 Feb, 4:30pm – 5:00pm (Closed)</li> <li>- 5 Feb, 4:00p – 9:00pm</li> <li>- 6 Feb, 6:00am – 9:00pm</li> <li>- 7 Feb, 6:00am – 10:30am, 11:45am - 8:00pm</li> <li>- 8 Feb, 6:00am - 8:30 pm</li> </ul> <p>Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli junction.</p> <p>On 25 Jan, IDF expanded the opening hours of the checkpoints to be from 7:00 am till 6:00 pm</p>
Abu Al Ajin road	Closed
Salah Edin at Kfar Darom	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed
Beach road	Open all the week for 24 hours.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Since 12 Dec, the terminal is completely closed.</li> <li>- From 21 - 31 Jan, the terminal was open for arrivals only.</li> <li>- Since 01 Feb, Rafah terminal is open both directions but departure was restricted only for patients and people with residency permits and citizenships in other countries.</li> <li>- People aged 16-35 are not allowed to leave even if they are from the above mentioned group.</li> </ul>

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has been operational from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, due to ongoing construction works in front of the barrier gate, all trucks must now take a diversion to reach the back-to-back yard. The back-to-back system remains closed every Saturday.
<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 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. <b>WHAT DAY?</b> Closed for incoming goods until 11am. At 1:30pm the checkpoint was closed for the rest of the day.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial checkpoint.	Open from 8am to 4 pm. Transit of trucks needs liaison by Palestinian DCL.

<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> New back-to-back checkpoint is now in operation.	Officially open 6am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
<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	Since the attack on 14 January, Karni crossing has been completely closed with the exception on 28 January when a special route was open at Karni crossing to allow the export of strawberries from the Gaza Strip.
Sufa	Since 14 January, the crossing has been closed for construction materials.

#### **Road Gates**

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