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**OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**  
**Update for oPt (9 – 15 February 2005)**

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### **1. Casualties**

Palestinians: Deaths: 7  
 Injured: 5 (approximate)  
 Israelis: Deaths:  
 Injured: 1 (approximate)

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

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

#### **West Bank:**

Denial of access: 0

Delay (30 minutes): 0

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- **15 February:** A woman gave birth at Qalandiya checkpoint with a help from the PRCS medical staff after the IDF prevented her husband to pass by the checkpoint in his private vehicle.

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

Denial of access: 1

Delay (more 30 minutes): 4

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- Since 14 Jan, no Palestinian patients have been permitted access through Erez for further treatment in Israel or West bank. Since then, a small number of urgent medical cases were permitted to leave through Erez.
- **10 February:** A PRCS ambulance transporting a pregnant woman from Al Mawassi to Nasser hospital in Khan Younis was denied access after being delayed for 130 minutes.

Sources: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

### **3. Curfews**

- No incidents reported.

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

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

#### **West Bank:**

- **13 February:** Three Palestinian families (19 persons) living in caves between the Israeli settlement of Karmel and that of Ma'on, in the area of Masafer/ Yatta (south Hebron) were verbally notified by IDF to evacuate their habitations by 14 February. No action to evacuate them was carried out up till now.
- **14 February:** Two houses were demolished in Beit Hanina, Jerusalem governorate, for lack of building permits.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
14 February	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem governorate	2 houses		
<b>Total</b>		<b>2 houses</b>		

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

- No incidents reported.

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

### **West Bank:**

- **8 February:** (Not reported last week). The IDF issued a military order T/16/05 confiscating two dunums of land in an area next to the Palestinian village of At Tuwani, which belongs to Palestinian families, south Hebron Governorate.
- **8 February:** (Not reported last week). Military order T/17/05 was issued by the IDF to confiscate land connecting the settlement of Tel Rumeida, in H2, Hebron, to Shohada Street. The confiscation of land would create a corridor of 350 m over a stretch of land of two dunums to connect Tel Rumeida to the other settlements established in the Old City. It is anticipated that the new road will run through land that belongs to a Muslim cemetery.
- **8 February:** (Not reported last week). Military order No 08/05 was issued by the IDF for the requisition of 338.3 dunums of land in Beit Hanina Al Balad, Jerusalem governorate, for the Barrier construction.
- **9 February:** Approx. 30 Dunums of land were requisitioned in the area around Shu'fat checkpoint, Jerusalem governorate, for the expansion of the checkpoint.
- **11 February:** The Israeli High Court of Justice issued an injunction order to suspend construction work on a 4-kilometre segment between Ariel Israeli settlement and Salfit town. The injunction order is valid for 21 days.
- **12-15 February:** The IDF uprooted nearly 40 olive trees on land belonging to Palestinians from Mas-ha, Salfit governorate.
- **13 February:** Villagers in Dhaher al Malih and Tura al Gharbiya, two villages located on separate sides of the Barrier in Jenin, received a confiscation order for 301 dunums of land.
- **13, 14 and 15 February:** The IDF levelled land in Beit Liqya village, Ramallah governorate, for the construction of the Barrier.
- **15 February:** Military order T/82/04 was issued recently by the IDF to confiscate 1.3 dunums of land on the edge of H2, in the industrial area of the city of Hebron. The order is not dated but as stated in the order, it is effective from the date of issuance.
- Ongoing land levelling in preparation for the Barrier construction near the area of Deir Ballut and Az Zawiya, Salfit governorate.
- Land levelling near Kafriat checkpoint, Tulkarm governorate, continued throughout the week in preparation a new tunnel under road 57.

### **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:** 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.
- **Qalqiliya governorate:** 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. On 18 January, the IDF introduced new electronic checking procedures at the Barrier gate into Azzun Atma in Qalqiliya governorate, which caused long delays for residents, teachers and school children in particular.
- **9 February:** Palestinians held a sit – in strike and demanded the opening of the gate, which is manned by settlers, at the main entrance at Kafr Qaddum.
- **10 February:** IDF agreed to escort villagers from Kafr Qaddum through the gate.
- **11 February:** A guard from Kdumim settlement beat three Palestinians from Kafr Qaddum waiting to be escorted through the gate.
- **11 February:** IDF closed the main and only entrance to Kafr Qaddum, preventing residents to enter or leave the village.
- **15 February:** IDF erected a flying checkpoint at An Nabi Elyas at road 55, arresting 3 Palestinians.
- **Salfit district:** Movement between the villages continued 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 the movement.

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

<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)

- **10 February:** IDF prevented Palestinian farmers from reaching their houses in the Jordan valley because they lacked entry permits at Tayasir gate (Tubas).
- **15 February:** Land owners, whose land was cut off by the Barrier in Jenin and subjected to obtain permits to access their land, were for the first time since the construction of the Barrier rejected seasonal permits. The rejection applied to land owners all along the Barrier in Jenin from Al Mutilla in the east to Dhafer al 'Abed in the west.
- **9-15 February:** Delays lasting for hours continued at Tayasir gate (Tubas) despite the bad weather conditions.

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

- **9 - 15 February:** The temporarily manned checkpoint at An Nabi Salih gate operated during the week for a few hours a day, but with long delays experienced.
- **10 February:** The partial checkpoint at Atara Bridge operated for four hours but 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.

#### **Jerusalem Barrier:**

- **North:** Construction of the Barrier continues along Road 60, the main road, between Qalandiya and Ar-Ram checkpoints. Land levelling southwest of the checkpoint has also started, which is expected to be in preparation of the new checkpoint with a terminal. 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.
- **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:** The last court ruling for the area of Beit Surik and north-westwards was on 8 February. According to the last Israeli court ruling for the Beit Surik and north-westwards area on 8 February, allows the IDF to continue construction according to the new proposed route from Bet Liqya to Bet Surik except in certain areas. IDF military requisition orders were also issued on 7 and 8 of February for the planned Bir Nabala enclave, yet no construction work has started.

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

- Throughout the week Israeli contractors have cut a section of the old Hebron road in the proximity of the concrete Barrier erected at the entrance to Bethlehem, near the area of Rachel's Tomb. It is not clear whether this has been done to erect a gate or to continue to course of the concrete Barrier across the road, closing it off.

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

- **As-Seafa:** On 13 February, the IDF started to allow Palestinians aged 30 and above residing in As-Seafa to pass in and out without any prior coordination, while males and females aged between 16-30 years are still requested to have a 48 hour prior coordination. The gate still opens two times a day: at 7:30am and 2:00pm. No vehicular movement is permitted. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been extremely problematic.
- **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 for 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:**

- **14 February:** Students from Al Malih village (Tubas) were held for five hours at Tayasir gate (Tubas).
- **11-15 February:** IDF rejected a request from the Palestinian DCL to open up the road at 'Aba (Jenin) to allow school children through because of the heavy rain and muddy dirt roads.

### **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 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. (As reported previously).
- In Jericho, a total of 509 out of 677 permits were approved, (As reported previously).

### **Gaza:**

- On 13 February, Israeli authorities issued 578 permits for Palestinian workers and 379 permits for merchants aged 35 years and above.

Date	Israel		Erez Industrial Estate
	Workers	Traders	
09/02/2005			
10/02/2005			
11/02/2005			
12/02/2005			
13/02/2005	207	75	300
14/02/2005	203	62	350
15/02/2005	380	140	350

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

## **9. Other:**

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

- **9 February:** Palestinians threw stones at a settler's vehicle passing at Route 60. One settler was reported injured.
- **10 February:** Palestinians opened fire at IDF troops near Kaddim settlement (Jenin). No injuries were reported.
- **11 February:** Palestinians opened fire at IDF troops near Brakha settlement. No injuries reported.
- **15 February:** 15 IDF jeeps entered following areas in Nablus city: Balata camp, 'Askar camp, al Jabal ash Shamali, the Municipal Park, Ras al 'Ain and Rafidia. House searches were carried out in the refugee camps.
- **15 February:** Two Palestinians were shot dead in clashes with the IDF in Kafr Qalil, Nablus governorate.
- IDF search and arrest campaigns took place during the week in Nablus city, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Balata and 'Askar camps (Nablus), Tubas city and Fahma (Jenin). 14 Palestinians were reported arrested.

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

- **11 February:** At Zawiya junction, Salfit governorate, a settler hit and injured a Palestinian woman with his car.

### **Ramallah /Al Bireh**

- **9 February:** Palestinians threw stones at an IDF patrol on bypass road 443. IDF responded with live ammunition. One Palestinian was reported injured.
- **10 February:** A Palestinian from Salfit driving near Ofra settlement tried to avoid an IDF flying checkpoint. The ID opened fire and the car turned over, after which the Palestinian died.
- **13 February:** An IDF patrol was stoned by Palestinians when it entered 'Abud village. The soldiers responded with tear gas canisters. No injuries were reported.

- **15 February:** Palestinian youths threw stones at Israeli vehicles on bypass road 443 west of Beitunia. An Israeli settler opened fire, killing a 15-year old Palestinian and injuring another.
- Throughout the week, IDF search and arrest campaigns took place in Jilijliya, Bir Zeit, Silwad and Kharbatha Bani Harith. Nine Palestinian males were reported detained.

#### **Jerusalem/Jericho**

- **11 February:** One Palestinian was arrested in East Jerusalem under the suspicion of carrying out an attempted stabbing attack against an Israeli policeman.
- IDF search and arrest campaigns took place in Sawahriya ash Sharqiyya with two Palestinians detained.

#### **Hebron/Bethlehem**

- **14 February:** A 16 year old Palestinian was killed by the IDF in the area of H2, in the city of Hebron. According to the IDF, the Palestinians attempted to stab a soldier with a knife.
- IDF search and arrest campaigns took place in Al Sawahira, Bethlehem Governorate; two Palestinian males were detained in addition to three Palestinians from Beit Jala. In Hebron search campaigns took place in Sa'ir, Ash Shuyoukh , Yatta and Hebron with four Palestinians detained.

#### **Gaza:**

- **9 February:** A 20-years old Palestinian was seriously injured when an IDF tank stationed near the fence of Slaw settlement in Rafah opened fire in the direction of Tel Es-Sultan area, and was announced dead next day.
- **10 February:** A heavy barrage of mortars and home made rockets was made against the Gush Katif settlement, allegedly in retaliation for a Palestinian killed by IDF fire in Rafah.
- **11 February:** Settlers from the Gush Katif bloc blocked the Abu Houli/Gush Katif road and threw stones at the Palestinian vehicles. The traffic was disrupted for two hours until the IDF managed to disband them and reopen the road.
- **14 February:** The IDF handed over the dead bodies of 15 Palestinian militants, killed during the Intifada, to the PA.

*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 9 – 15 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 is 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 proper 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 proper, and 3) that controls movement to and from Jbara. Although all parts of the checkpoint have been manned during the week, there has been free 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 week. 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 proper 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.
<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 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.
<b>Shavei Shomron (Sabastia)</b> North west, main road to Jenin	According to IDF the checkpoint was removed 4 December 2004. Soldiers are occasionally being 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). Delays occurred throughout the week.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> 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 permits. 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 reside in these villages can pass after showing their IDs, Bardala, Kardala, 'Ein el Beida, Al Farisiya, 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. Delays lasting for hours occurred throughout the week.
<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.

Bank	
<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 organizations. No Palestinian plated cars allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. Very slow crossings reported at rush hour.
<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. Manned but soldiers often allowing traffic to run through.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned; occasional 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	Closed to Palestinians.



Mosque	
<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>- On 10 Feb, IDF announced that the Erez crossing will be reopened for Palestinian worker and traders aged 35 years and above.</li> <li>- On 13 Feb, the crossing was reopened and some hundreds of Palestinian workers and traders were permitted through.</li> </ul>
Erez Industrial zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 10 Feb, the Industrial zone was announced open for Palestinians aged 35 and above.</li> </ul>
Netzarim Junction	Open all the Week for 24 hours.
Abu Houli junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Since 9 Feb, early morning Abu Holi check point was reopen for 24 hours. However, IDF still controls the traffic as one side opens while the other side is closed. Several short closures were reported.</li> <li>- On 15 Feb, the check point was closed from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm for some road repairs.</li> </ul> <p>Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli junction.</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 1 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>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8 am – 4 pm. Transit of trucks need liaison by Palestinian DCL.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> New back-to-back checkpoint	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

is now in operation.	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 7 Feb, the crossing has been partially reopened.
Sufa	- Since 14 Jan, the crossing has been closed for construction materials.

#### Road Gates

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