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#### OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes Update for oPt (16-22 February 2005)

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#### 1. Casualties

Palestinians:	Deaths: 2
	Injured: 18 (approximate)
Israelis:	Deaths: 0
	Injured: 6 (approximate)
Internationals:	Deaths: 0
	Injured: 1

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

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

#### West Bank: Denial of access: 1 Delay (30 minutes): 2 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 1

• **18 February**: Israeli settlers reportedly threw stones at a PRCS ambulance near Jit junction in Nablus. No injuries to the crew were reported, however the ambulance sustained some damages.

The Gaza Strip: Denial of access: 0 Delay (more 30 minutes): 4 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- **14 January ongoing:** No Palestinian patients, with few exceptions, have been permitted through Erez for further treatment in Israel or the West Bank.
- 22 February: A group of 25 Palestinian patients was delayed at Erez crossing for six to eight hours. Most in the group decided to return to the Gaza Strip.

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:

- **17 February**: The IDF handed 16 evacuation orders to Palestinians from Wadi Fukin village west of Bethlehem. The orders state that the villagers must return the land to its previous state remove all changes made, including a spring rehabilitation project. The local municipality states that the orders affect more than 780 dunums (78 hectares) of land, 150 dunums (15 hectares) of which have been rehabilitated by the NGO World Vision. According to the orders, the IDF will clear the land if the land is not returned to its previous state by the Palestinians. The Palestinian owners will be charged for the cost of the IDF levelling.
- **22 February**: An uninhabited seven-storey building on the Mount of Olives was demolished due to a lack of a building permit.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially	Damaged
			destroyed	

22 February	Mount of Olives, Jerusalem	1 seven-storey building	
Total		1 seven-storey building	

### The Gaza Strip:

• No incidents reported.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

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

# West Bank:

- **3 February:** (not reported previously) IDF military requisition order no. 05/20 calls for the confiscation of 25.4 dunums (2.54 hectares) of land for the constriction of a gate in the Barrier in Al 'Eizariyya.
- **16 February:** The IDF issued a military requisition order for 250 m2 of land belonging to 'Akkaba (Tulkarm) for the purpose of constructing a military observation tower.
- **16 to 22 February**: The IDF requisitioned 49.3 dunums (4.93 hectares) requisition order T/100/04 on the eastern side of Qalandiya checkpoint. Land levelling has begun for the construction of IDF buildings.
- **20 February**: New land levelling for the construction of the Barrier started west of Bil'in south toward Saffa in the west of the governorate between the villages and Modi'in Illit settlement.
- 16 to 22 February: Work progressed on the concrete section of the Barrier erected across the old road to Hebron, at the entrance to Bethlehem. According to the Israeli DCL, the Barrier will leave a gap on the road closed by a gate. This will remain open only until the new checkpoint-terminal, adjacent to the Barrier, is completed in May/June 2005. Meanwhile, the new access road, which will allow Jewish worshippers to access the area next to Rachel's Tomb, is being prepared for a new concrete section of the Barrier aimed at securing it.
- Land levelling near the area of Deir Ballut and Az Zawiya (Salfit) has been ongoing throughout the week.
- Levelling of land near Kafriat checkpoint (Tulkarm) 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. <u>Closure<sup>2</sup>/Restrictions on movement</u>

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- **Tulkarm Governorate**: 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 freely cross the checkpoint. No restrictions were imposed on Palestinians with Israeli IDs travelling to Tulkarm town. Israeli yellow-plated cars had to be parked outside the town.
- In Nazlat Isa, six households (69 people) are living between the Barrier and the Green Line. Three people had their green permit renewed for one year, and one female resident was rejected renewal on security grounds.
- **Qalqiliya Governorate**: No restrictions were imposed on the local populations residing in and travelling on the eastern side of the Barrier. The tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla remained open for Palestinians the entire week. No restrictions were imposed on Palestinians with Israeli IDs travelling to Qalqiliya town.
- **18 January:** The IDF introduced new electronic checking procedures at the Barrier gate into 'Azzun 'Atma in Qalqiliya Governorate. These new procedures have caused delays for residents, especially for teachers and school children.
- 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 movement.
- **16 February:** The IDF re-established the roadblocks at Yasuf (Salfit) after having removed them temporarily three weeks ago.
- 16 February: The IDF set up mobile check points in 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth (Qalqiliya).

### Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **16 February:** Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus) was closed for two hours.
- **16 to 17 February:** At Tayasir gate (Tubas), the IDF prevented Palestinian farmers from reaching their houses in the Jordan Valley for lack of entry permits.
- 16 to 17 February: Delays occurred at Hamra checkpoint (Jordan Valley, Nablus Governorate).
- 21 February: Seven flying checkpoints were set up on Road 60 between Jenin and Ramallah.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For a reference West Bank checkpoint map please check the following link: <u>http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints\_july04.pdf</u>

## Ramallah/Al Bireh governorates:

- **17 February**: The IDF closed Qalandiya checkpoint at 8am due to a high security alert, and prevented any movement until around 1pm. The partial checkpoint at Atara Bridge was also operating for about five hours. Delays were reported due to ID checking and vehicle searches.
- **20 February**: The IDF changed the opening hours of Qalandiya checkpoint, for both vehicles and pedestrians, from 6am to 10pm daily (instead of 4.30am to midnight for vehicles and 24 hour access for pedestrians). These new opening hours will remain effective for at least two weeks.
- **16to 21 February**: The partial checkpoint at An Nabi Salih gate was operating daily from 8am to 10am, and from 3pm to 6pm. Delays were experienced.

## Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- During the week, IDF mobile checkpoints operated daily at the entrance to Al 'Eizariya-Ma'ale Adumim settlement resulting in delays.
- **17 and 18 February:** A high alert was announced by Israeli security forces. The IDF set up several mobile checkpoints especially in the northern parts of Jerusalem Governorate.
- 20 February: Ramot Allon and Bir Nabala checkpoint were closed for several hours.
- (Not reported previously): A new printer and computer system have been installed at the Jericho DCL, which has speeded up the process of issuing magnetic cards. Cards are now issued on the spot.

## 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. On 20 February, the IDF started levelling the main street at Ar Ram/Bir Nabala junction to expand the area for a planned parking lot. Land levelling is also taking place for the planned enlarged checkpoint south of present-day Qalandiya checkpoint. There is 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. 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, Sur Bair, 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.
- Northwest: The last Israeli High Court ruling for the Beit Surik and north westward area on 8 February allows the IDF to continue Barrier construction according to the new proposed route from Bet Liqya to Bet Surik except in certain areas. Land levelling in Beit Surik started again on 17 February.

# Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- **16 February:** A team of internationals escorting a group of Palestinian shepherds in the hills around the village of At Tuwani, south Hebron, was beaten by Israeli settlers from the nearby settlement of Ma'on. One of the internationals was severely injured and had to be transported to Be'er Sheva for treatment. This is the most serious in the recent series of attacks and harassments by Israeli settlers from Ma'on on local shepherds trying to graze their animals.
- **21 February:** Access for Palestinian farmers from Husan village (Bethlehem Governorate) trying to access their land on the eastern side of Betar Illit is deteriorating. The new entrance to the Israeli settlement and related paving is cutting off entrances for Palestinian to their agricultural land.

# The enclosed areas in the Gaza Strip:

- As-Seafa: On 13 February, the IDF started to allow Palestinians aged 30 and older residing in As-Seafa to pass in and out without any prior coordination. Males and females aged between 16 and 30 years are still required to have a 48 hour prior coordination. The gate still opens two times a day: 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 though 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.
- **4 February:** The IDF reopened the checkpoint for all Palestinians except males aged between 16 and 35 years who need prior coordination.
- 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:

• 19 February: The IDF delayed students from Beit Amin entering at 'Azzun 'Atma gate.

#### The Gaza Strip:

• During the reporting period, the 24 pupils living in As-Seafa reached their schools late because they were delayed at the As Seafa gate. Upon return, the pupils were delayed for four hours and were not allowed to enter the area before 3.30pm.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

## 8. Labour/trade movement to Israel (February)

### 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).

#### Gaza:

• 22 February: Israeli authorities issued 1,046 permits for Palestinian workers and 411 permits for merchants aged 35 years and older.

Date	Is	Israel	
	Workers	Traders	Industrial Estate
16 February	503	83	350
17 February	533	67	350
18 February	160	40	0
19 February	0	30	0
20 February	670	110	350
21 February	643	105	450
22 February	873	143	455

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

### 9. Other:

### Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

- **19 February:** One Palestinian (age 20) died from injuries sustained 10 November 2004 after clashes with the IDF in Nablus city.
- **21 February:** Following and Israeli-Palestinian agreement, 116 prisoners originating from Nablus and 137 prisoners originating from Jenin were released.
- IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in Nablus city. Five Palestinians were reported arrested.

### Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

- **16 February:** The IDF carried out search campaigns in Baqat Al Hatab and 'Azzun (Qalqiliya). Live ammunition and shock grenades were fired during the search campaign. An IDF search-and-arrest campaign was also conducted in Qalqilya, two Palestinians were detained.
- **21 February:** Following an Israeli-Palestinian agreement, 33 prisoners originating from Salfit and Qaliqilya governorates were released.

### Ramallah /Al Bireh

- 20 to 21 February: Demonstrations and clashes took place in Bil'in village between Palestinians and the IDF near the area where new land levelling has begun for the construction of the Barrier. The IDF responded with tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets. Seven Palestinians were injured, none seriously. One two-month-old baby suffering from tear gas inhalation, which was fired at demonstrators but spread to houses in the vicinity of the clashes, was taken to Ramallah hospital.
- **21 February**: Following an Israeli-Palestinian agreement, 48 prisoners originating from Ramallah were released.
- **22 February**: Palestinians and some international peace activists held a demonstration in Saffa village protesting against the construction of the Barrier. Six Border Police soldiers and four Palestinians were reported injured.
- One Palestinian male was arrested during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Silwad.

### Jerusalem/Jericho

• 21February: Five prisoners from Jericho were released following an Israeli–Palestinian agreement.

## Hebron/Bethlehem

- **21 February:** following an Israeli–Palestinian agreement, 71 prisoners originating from Hebron as well as 35 from Bethlehem were released.
- IDF search campaigns took place in 'Ayda refugee camp, Bethlehem Governorate; one Palestinian was arrested. In Hebron, search campaigns took place in Yatta and Beit Ummar; five Palestinians were arrested.

#### Gaza:

- 15 February: The IDF started installing a new fence around the southern edge of Morag settlement.
- **16 February:** Two mortar shells were fired in the direction of Morag settlement. No injuries or damage were reported.
- **20 February:** A 16-year-old boy was shot and injured as a result of IDF shooting in the direction of Khan Younis.

Sources: OCHA FCUs, UNRWA, UNSECCORD, UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF

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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 5.30 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.
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 - no restrictions on Road 57.
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	Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits 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 coordination with the DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Deir Ballut	There were no unusual restrictions imposed during the week. In general, the checkpoint prohibits movement for Palestinians on the road that leads to Highway 5 and restricts movement on that road that leads to Ramallah. The checkpoint is officially open between 6am and 6pm.
Nablus: Opening hours: 6am	to 5.30pm.
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians older than 25 years of age, students, teachers and medical doctors. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subjected to prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians older than 25 years of age, students, teachers and medical doctors. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subjected to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted.
<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.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March 2004, 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.
<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.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	According to IDF, the checkpoint was removed 4 December 2004. Soldiers are occasionally observed at the checkpoint.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians, unless they have permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians, unless they have permits, or come 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.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.

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Salim 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	Partially manned after an earth mound was removed 8 December 2004.	
Jenin		
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.	
<b>Dahiat Sabah al Khayr</b> "al Amn al Watani"	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.	
Northern entrance of Jenin		
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash- Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits between 6am and 10pm.	
Tubas		
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.	
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> 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. Lengthy delays were experienced throughout the week.	
Ramallah/Al Bireh		
Qalandiya	The IDF has temporarily changed the opening hours to 6am to 10pm for pedestrians and vehicles. This will be effective for about two weeks. Ramallah/Al Bireh residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Since 12 February, Palestinians with West Bank permits are allowed to cross without permits. 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. On 17 February, the IDF closed the checkpoint for five hours due to a high security alert.	
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. Delays were reported.	
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays were reported.	
At Tayba	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.	
Makkabim	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is	
On Highway 443 Ni'lin	off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem. 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.	
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and oPt Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.	
Jerusalem		
Hizma	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with permits and	
Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev	internationals. Border Police continues to demand national passports/id's in addition to UN ID cards from UN staff.	
settlement Az Za'ayyem	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with permits and	
North eastern entrance on Road 1.	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.	
Ramot Alon 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.	
Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with permits and internationals.	

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<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians.
Jericho	
<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.
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	and a solution of a solution o
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. Delays were reported during 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.
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)	Dismantled at the end of January 2005.
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. Not always manned.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Al Jaba Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Avnot On Road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	On bypass Road 90. Palestinian-plated vehicles not allowed.
Hebron	
<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.
Tarqumiya 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.
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.
<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.

Prayers Road, H2	Closed to Palestinians.
Access to area of Ibrahimi	
Mosque	
Shohada Street, H2	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list
Western entrance to Shohada	held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot.
Street	
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Access to the mosque	
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shuhada Street.
(formerly Shalala Street)	Searches and ID checks conducted by the IDF on Palestinians walking toward or coming
Next to settlement of Beit	from the market have decreased.
Romano	
Qarantina, H2	Closed to Palestinians
Junction with Shohada Street	
Bab Al-Khan, H2	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shuhada Street and north toward the
Entrance to Avraham Avinu	market.
settlement	
Tel Rumeida, H2	Open only to Palestinians travelling by foot living between it and the settlement.
Beginning of street leading to	
settlement	
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Since 13 February, the crossing has been open and hundreds of Palestinian workers and traders have been permitted through.
Erez Industrial zone	Since 10 February, the Industrial zone has been open for Palestinians aged 35 and older.
Netzarim Junction	Open the entire week; open 24 hours.
Abu Houli Junction	Since 9 February, Abu Houli checkpoint has been open 24 hours a day. On 20 February,
	the IDF closed the checkpoint for one hour, from 7.30am to 8.30am. Since 17 June 2004,
	Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli Junction.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Salah Edin at Kfar Darom	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed
Beach Road	Open the entire week; open 24 hours.
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	On 20 February, Rafah Terminal was announced open for all Palestinians without age
C C	restrictions.

# 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 7.30 am to 5.30 pm.	
Jenin		
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8am to 4 pm. Transit of trucks need liaison by Palestinian DCL.	
Ramallah/Al Bireh		
<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.	
Jericho		
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO	Open, but only for basic necessities, including diary products. Other goods need a permit to	

checkpoint	be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 6am to 8pm.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	Since 7 February, the crossing has been partially reopen. On 20 February, the crossing was closed.
Sufa	Sufa crossing remained closed for labourers, but was open for construction materials.

# **Road Gates**

Gate	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
'Anabta	The gate has been reported closed the entire week, commuters have had to use back-to- back at the gate.