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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes **23 February – 1 March 2005**

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1. Physical Protection

Deaths and Injuries

Palestinians: Deaths: 3 (includes the suicide bomber in Tel Aviv)
 Injured: 14 (approximate)
 Israelis: Deaths: 5 (due to suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 25 February)
 Injured: 53 (approximate, of which 50 were injured from the suicide attack in Tel Aviv)
 Internationals: Deaths: 0
 Injured: 0

Selected incidents:

- **25 February:** A suicide bombing in Tel Aviv killed 5 Israelis and injured 50.
- **25 February:** One Palestinian was killed and another two were detained next to Sufa crossing (Gaza) when they were spotted approaching the border fence by IDF troops.
- **28 February:** Two Israeli settlements' security guards were injured in the settlement of Menora near Saffa village, Ramallah, when Palestinian militants fired at their security vehicle patrolling in the settlement
- **1 March:** One Palestinian was moderately injured after he reportedly was beaten up by settlers from Male Shameron in Qalqiliya Governorate.

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

2. Shelter and Property

People displaced/House demolitions/Demolition orders

West Bank:

- **1 March:** Ten commercial structures near Bardala an 'Ein el Beida were demolished by the IDF due to a lack of building permits.
- **1 March:** Military orders were issued for the demolition of three private irrigation wells and one house in Wadi Fukin in Bethlehem Governorate. The Palestinian owners have until 31 March to appeal the orders. These orders follow the 16 evacuation orders issued in the last reporting period.

The Gaza Strip:

- No incidents reported.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

West Bank:

- **23 February:** The Israeli High Court issued an interim order suspending construction of the Barrier in Bil'in and Saffa villages west of Ramallah Governorate.
- **23 February:** The IDF issued a requisition order for construction of the Barrier north of Ariel in Salfit district covering 286.3 dunums (28.6 hectares).
- **25 February:** Approximately 30 olive trees belonging to Palestinians were uprooted for the construction of the Barrier in Beit 'Awwa, Hebron Governorate.
- **25 February:** Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba, east of the city of Hebron, have levelled approximately 15 dunums (1.5 hectares) of agricultural land. No military orders appear to have been issued by the IDF for the requisition of this land.
- **27 February:** Settlers from Jel'ad outpost reportedly uprooted some 25 olive trees belonging to farmers from Jinsafut in Qalqiliya Governorate.
- **27 February:** The IDF handed over three requisition orders for Barrier construction in Jaba, north Jerusalem, covering a total of 21.2 dunums (2.12 hectares). Some 1,000 dunums (100 hectares) will be on the Jerusalem side of the Barrier; Palestinians on the other side have no access to the land according to the head of local council in Jaba.
- **23 February to 1 March:** Israeli bulldozers continued to level land for the construction of the Barrier west of Al Midya village, Ramallah district.
- **23 February to 1 March:** Levelling of land near Kafriat checkpoint in Tulkarm continued throughout the week in preparation for a new tunnel under Road 57.
- **26 February to 1 March:** Israeli land levelling and olive tree uprooting near the area of Masha and Deir Ballut in Salfit district were ongoing throughout the week.

Jerusalem Barrier:

- Construction and land levelling is taking place a few metres east of Qalandia checkpoint to construct DCL offices, a parking lot and a road to connect Road 60 from the Qalandia area to Ar Ram.
- Land levelling and construction for the Barrier is taking place alongside the road between Hizma and Anata villages.
- Land levelling is occurring on the eastern side of Shufat refugee camp between Pisgat Zaeef and Shufat camp.
- Due to a decision handed down on Monday 14 February, the IDF started levelling the land west of Beit Surik on 28 February.

The Gaza Strip:

- No incidents reported.

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

4. Facilitation of Humanitarian Assistance

Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances and medical teams

West Bank:

Denial of access: 1

Delay (60 minutes): 1

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- **26 February:** A PRCS ambulance was not allowed to collect a young girl who was injured from IDF gun fire from the Old City in Hebron. The IDF informed the ambulance crew that they would transfer her to an Israeli hospital.

The Gaza Strip:

Denial of access: 1

Delay (more 30 minutes): 0

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

- **24 February to 1 March:** The IDF has not granted permission for one PRCS ambulance to return to the Al Mawassi area after it was taken out of the area for maintenance. The situation is ongoing.

Sources: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

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

A. Curfews

- **25 February:** Deir al Ghusun in Tulkarm Governorate was placed under curfew for two hours between 4.30am and 6.30am following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv.
- **27 February:** Mash'a in Salfit district was placed under curfew at 7.15 am for three hours.

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

B. Access to Education

West Bank:

- **23 February:** An Najah University students from 'Iraq Burin, Nablus, were held by the IDF for two hours at an earth mound connecting Nablus with Tell village.
- **28 February:** Pupils returning from schools were forced to wait for almost one hour before they were allowed through the Barrier gate in Jbara.
- **26 February:** Schools were closed in Deir al Ghusun because of imposed curfew.

The Gaza Strip:

- During the reporting period, the 24 pupils living in As-Seafa continued to reach 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 3.30 p.m.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

C. Access to Employment

West Bank:

- Bethlehem: As of 1 March there are 1,472 active permits for workers and 1,081 for traders in Bethlehem Governorate (according to the Israeli DCL).
- Hebron: No figures were available from the Israeli DCL in Hebron.
- Nablus district: 700 permits were issued for traders.
- Jenin district: 290 trade permits were issued.
- Tubas district: 150 trade permits were issued.

The Gaza Strip:

- **27 February:** Israeli authorities issued 1,126 permits for Palestinian workers and 423 permits for merchants aged 35 years and older.

Date	Israel		Erez Industrial Estate
	Workers	Traders	
23 February	900	200	461
24 February	935	174	450
25 February	530	58	0
26 February	47	18	0
27 February	978	122	457
28 February	983	125	501
1 March	980	102	528

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

D. Closures/Movement Restrictions:

- **Tulkarm Governorate:** Following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv on 25 February, the IDF imposed additional movement restrictions in the governorate and flying checkpoints were reported on the main roads and between villages. In particular, restrictions were reported at the Barrier gate in Jbara. The movement restrictions were also imposed on Palestinians with Israeli IDs, who were denied access to Tulkarm. The observation tower near the entrance to Qaffin was put back in place approximately two weeks ago.
1 March: Mobile checkpoints were observed at Al Sha'rawiya, Tulkarm camp, Seida and Attil.
- **Qalqiliya Governorate:** Also in Qalqiliya, movement restrictions were imposed following the suicide attack in Tel Aviv, which also affected movement of Palestinians with Israeli IDs. However, the tunnel between Qalqiliya town and Habla remained open for Palestinians throughout the week. Mobile checkpoints were observed at Azzun, Jinsafut, Ar Zawiya, Al Funduq, Jit and Kfur Thulth during the week.
27 February: The IDF closed the agricultural gate in Jayyous preventing the farmers from accessing their land.

- **Salfit District:** Movement between the villages continued to be hampered by the existence of roadblocks and earth mounds and restrictions to travel on the main roads. Three roadblocks/earth mounds in particular near Kafr Dik, Qarawat Bani Hassan and Yasuf severely hamper movement. The entrance to Bruqin village remains open, after the roadblock was removed some three weeks ago.
- **Nablus Governorate:**
 - 23 February:** Two flying checkpoints were erected on Road 60 near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya and Yits'har junction.
 - 24 February:** Major delays occurred at Za'tara (Tapu'akh) checkpoint, Nablus. A flying checkpoint was erected near Sarra junction on Road 60.
 - 26 February:** Major delays occurred at Za'tara (Tapu'akh) checkpoint, Nablus, for several hours.
 - 26 February:** Major delays occurred at Hamra checkpoint, Nablus.
 - 26 to 27 February:** Major delays occurred at Shave Shomeron checkpoint, Nablus.
 - 27 February:** Beit Iba checkpoint was closed for Palestinians trying to enter Nablus for two hours.
 - 27 February:** A flying checkpoint was erected on the road between 'Asira ash Shamaliya and Ijnisinya villages, Nablus.
- **Tubas Governorate:**
 - 23 to 24 February:** Palestinian farmers continued to face delays when crossing Tayasir checkpoint when travelling to their lands in the Al Malih area.
 - 24 February:** A flying checkpoint was erected near Wadi al Far'a village, Tubas.
 - 25 February:** A flying checkpoint was erected at the entrance of Bardala village, Tubas, preventing the villagers from leaving the village for several hours.
- **Jenin Governorate:**
 - 28 February:** A flying checkpoint was erected at the main entrance of Arraba town, Jenin, preventing Palestinians from using the entrance.
 - 1 March:** Arraba junction, Jenin, was closed for all vehicles.
- **Ramallah/Al Bireh Governorate**
 - 23 February:** The IDF erected an observation tower to the east of Qalandiya checkpoint to prevent Palestinian movement through the quarries between Qalandiya and Jaba'.
 - 23 February:** The IDF closed Qalandiya checkpoint, for both vehicles and pedestrians, for several hours.
 - 26 February:** After the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv, the IDF set up flying checkpoints near Qalandiya camp, Silwad, Ein Al Haramiya Valley and Khamish settlement. The partial checkpoint at Atara Bridge was operating for a few hours. Delays were reported due to ID checking and car searches.
 - 27 February:** The partial checkpoint at An Nabi Salih gate was in operation during rush hour. Delays were experienced.
- **Jericho Governorate:**

Palestinians from the West Bank are not allowed to enter Jericho unless they are travelling to Jordan and can present valid travel documents.
- **Jerusalem Barrier:**
 - North:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing along the main Road 60 between Qalandiya and Ar - Ram checkpoints and near Ar Ram Bir Nabalah junction. The IDF closed the main road at Ar Ram, the main entrance for Barrier construction.
 - East:** The IDF has closed the area known as the Gate near Eizariyah Ras Elamood. Palestinians currently use the Monastery gate where Israeli Border Police are present to check for permits. Construction of the Barrier is continuing in Ash Sheikh Sa'ad, Sawahriya ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis and Al 'Eizariya. Construction is nearly completed from Mount of Olives to the hill just south of Al Quds University in Abu Dis. Barrier construction in Sur Bahir is ongoing on the eastern and southern sides of the village. Hizmah Barrier construction (concrete slabs) started on 1 March near the main road and the road going to Anata.
- **Bethlehem Governorate:**
 - 23 February:** Access to agricultural areas south of Road 375 for Palestinian farmers in Husan was re-established after a discussion with contractors working on the expansion of the entrance to the Israeli settlement of Betar Illit.
 - 23 January to 1 March:** Israeli contractors continued to erect the 8-metre tall concrete Barrier in the area south of Gilo checkpoint and Rachel's Tomb. The concrete Barrier follows the path of a new security road designed to enable Jewish worshippers to reach the Tomb without travelling on the Hebron-Jerusalem road.
- **Hebron Governorate:**

The IDF has told local Palestinian shepherds that most of the area around At Tuwani in south Hebron is to be considered a military closed area, but has not clarified the borders of the area that cannot be

trespassed. Restrictions are also imposed on some areas by the Israeli Police as a result of the attacks by settlers from the nearby Israeli outpost of Ha'vat Ma'on. In addition, there is evidence that settlers from the same outpost are moving freely in this area in an apparent violation of the new IDF directive. The combination of all three has resulted in reducing the land that is available to the Palestinian shepherds for their animals.

23 February to 1 March: Palestinian vehicular movement has increased along Road 60 until Ad Dhahiriya, and on Road 317 to the turn for the Bedouin areas of Um al Kher and Az Zuweidin, in the southern part of Hebron Governorate. At the same time, the IDF has been observed enhancing the physical barriers alongside Road 60 and Road 317 to prevent Palestinians from moving across them - particularly from Palestinian communities, such as At Tuwani south of the belt of Israeli settlements along Road 317.

24 February: The IDF removed earth mounds in the Al Jabari neighbourhood of H2, in Hebron, next to the Al Ras cemetery and replaced them with a gate. The change appears to have been implemented in order to facilitate the access to the area for 30 to 40 Palestinian families living on the edge of the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba. However, the gate has remained locked since the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv.

24 February: The IDF closed the main entrance from Road 317 for Palestinians living in the south Hebron community of Saadet Tha'lah. This severely reduces the access to and from this community, which now will have to resort to a winding road in very poor condition running through a construction site on the edge of the Israeli settlement of Karmel.

- **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.

24 February: The gate was completely closed the whole day.

25 February: The IDF opened the gate for one hour only.

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. 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. On 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

6. Additional Protection Issues

- **23 to 24 February:** Seven members of a Palestinian family including three children and one sick elderly person from Yatta (Hebron Governorate) were confined to one room for two days when the IDF occupied their house.
- **26 February:** Palestinian residents of the village of Qawawis in Hebron Governorate, in the area known as Masafer Yatta returned for the first time to their homes after being evicted by Israeli settlers in 2002. Israeli settlers, who had occupied their homes after evicting them, were removed by the IDF in the fall of 2004. It is not clear how many Palestinians have returned so far.
- **27 February:** On the last day of his 14-month prison sentence, an 18-year-old Palestinian male from Duheisha refugee camp in Bethlehem was deported to the Gaza Strip by the IDF.

- **Searches and Arrests**

Nablus/Jenin/Tubas

23 February to 1 March: IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place during the week in Nablus city, Kafr Qalil village (Nablus), Al Yamun village (Jenin), and Balata refugee camp (Nablus). Eleven Palestinians were reported arrested.

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit

23 February to 1 March: Search-and-arrest campaigns were conducted in Baqa Ash Sharqiya, Deir al Ghusun, Attil, Illar, Ar Ras (Tulkarm) and in Qalqiliya town. A total of 11 Palestinians were reported arrested.

26 February: The IDF entered the village of Wadi ar Rasha in Qalqiliya Governorate during the night and conducted a head count of the residents.

Ramallah /Al Bireh

23 February to 1 March: Throughout the week, IDF search-and-arrest campaigns took place in Al Bireh, Qalandiya Camp and 'Atara Bridge checkpoint. Five Palestinian males were arrested.

Jerusalem/Jericho

Nothing to report.

Hebron/Bethlehem

23 February to 1 March: Search campaigns took place in Idhna, Hebron and Duheisha. Four Palestinians were arrested.

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 23 February – 1 March 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit	
Taybeh	The checkpoint has been open for international organisations and diplomatic vehicles the entire week as well as for commercial trucks using the back-to-back system between 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.	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians over 25 years old, 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.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians over 25 years old, 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.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March 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.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem over 25 years of age. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	According to the IDF, the checkpoint was removed 4 December 2004. Soldiers are occasionally observed in the checkpoint. The checkpoint was manned and in operation on 27 February - major delays occurred
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through). Delays occurred throughout the week.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
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	
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr "al Amn al Watani" Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits: 6am and 10pm.
Tubas	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians, except for those residing in these villages: Bardala, Kardala, 'Ein el Beida, Al Farisiya, Al Malih and Khirbet Tell el Himma. No agricultural permits have been issued for Palestinian farmers from Tayasir, Al 'Aqaba and Ath Thaghra to reach their land on the eastern side of the checkpoint since 18 December 2004. Lengthy delays were experienced throughout the week.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Qalandiya	Open daily from 4am to 10pm (on occasion, it was opened until 11.30pm) for vehicles and pedestrians. 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 registrations cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross. On 23 February, the IDF closed the checkpoint for several hours.
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 On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Secondary checkpoint at the entrance to Ni'lin village: usually only residents of Ni'lin and Al Midya, humanitarian organisations and people with special permits can access the western villages through this checkpoint. Restrictions have relaxed and other villagers are able to enter, 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 Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip 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, West Bank and Gaza Strip 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 Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians.

between north and south West Bank	
Jericho	
DCO 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.
‘Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa Northern entrance	Open for Jericho residents with proper permits and for internationals. Closed for Palestinians with West Bank and Jerusalem ID cards. Opening hours are 6am to 6pm.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. Delays were reported during rush hour.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Open from 7am to 7pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass.
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 Road 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	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Closed to all Palestinian traffic. Families living close to the settlement of Negohot are unable to drive on the road. Coordination with DCL required for access of service providers.
Ras Al Joura At crossing between Roads 35 and 60, north of Hebron	The checkpoint is not manned and the gate into Hebron is closed as the alternative route on Halhul bridge is open.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with valid permits from 6am to 5pm, every day except Saturday and Jewish holidays. According to Palestinians working on the site of the back-to-back entrance, the entrance of goods is relatively smooth.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to pass.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Checkpoint expanded to include more permanent structures.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizeil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits. Teachers from other areas are allowed to pass in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.

Shohada Street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada Street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street. The number and length of searches has increased again with reports of municipal workers as well as human right activists being stopped for hours for security checks.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling by foot living between it and the settlement.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Since 13 February, the crossing has been open and hundreds of Palestinian workers and traders have been permitted through.
Erez Industrial zone	The Industrial Zone was closed on 25 and 26 February.
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. Only one side of traffic is allowed at the time. 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	Since 20 February, Rafah Terminal has been announced open for all Palestinians without age 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 7.30am to 5.30pm.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8am to 4pm. Transit of trucks need liaison by Palestinian DCL.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya 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 checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 6am to 8pm.

Gaza Strip	
Karni	Since 7 February, the crossing has been partially reopened.
Sufa	Sufa crossing remained closed for labourers, but was open for construction materials.

Road Gates

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