

Physical Closures

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Checkpoint

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Partial Checkpoint

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Road Gate

Observation Tower

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Earthmound

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Roadblock

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Tunnel

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Planned Tunnel

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Earth Wall

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Road Barrier

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Trench

West Bank Barrier

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Constructed

Under Construction

Planned Route

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Agricultural Gate¹

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Military Gate¹

Planned Barrier - path based on Israeli Government map, published April 30 2006 and IDF land seizure orders. (Ministry of Defence - Seam Zone Authority)

Constructed Barrier - path extracted from satellite imagery and verified by field survey as of April 2007.

¹Forty-five of the eighty-four Barrier gates are open to Palestinians with appropriate permits.

Access

Closed and Restricted Areas

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Israeli military base
Access is prohibited

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Israeli closed military area
Access is prohibited

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Existing and projected 'closed areas' behind the Barrier
Access is limited to permit holders

Israeli Settlements

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Outpost

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Land cultivated by settlers

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Settlement municipal area

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Settlement built-up and outer limit

Palestinian Areas

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Built-up

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< 500 Residents

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500 - 10,000

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> 10,000

Roads

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Prohibited or Restricted Palestinian vehicle use

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Main road

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Other Road

Oslo Agreement

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Area A¹

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Area B²

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Special Case (H2)³

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Intended Nature Reserve

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Area C⁴

1 - Full Palestinian civil and military control (Effective in Jericho only.)

2 - Full Palestinian civil control and joint Israeli-Palestinian military control

3 - Hebron Agreement

4 - Full Israeli civil and military control

Analysis: Closed and Settler Corridors

The majority of roadblocks (see main map) prevent Palestinian access on to primary roads in the West Bank. Effectively these roads serve as corridors for Israeli settlers commuting to and from Israel.

Barrier constructed by March 2007

Barrier under construction in March 2007

Barrier planned route

Barriers to movement - The alignment of closures

Roads subject to permit restrictions

Areas inaccessible to Palestinians or subject to restrictions

Fragmentation of the West Bank

Israeli settlements, roads primarily for settler use, closed military zones and other measures fragment the West Bank. Checkpoints, underpasses and permits regulate much of Palestinian movement.

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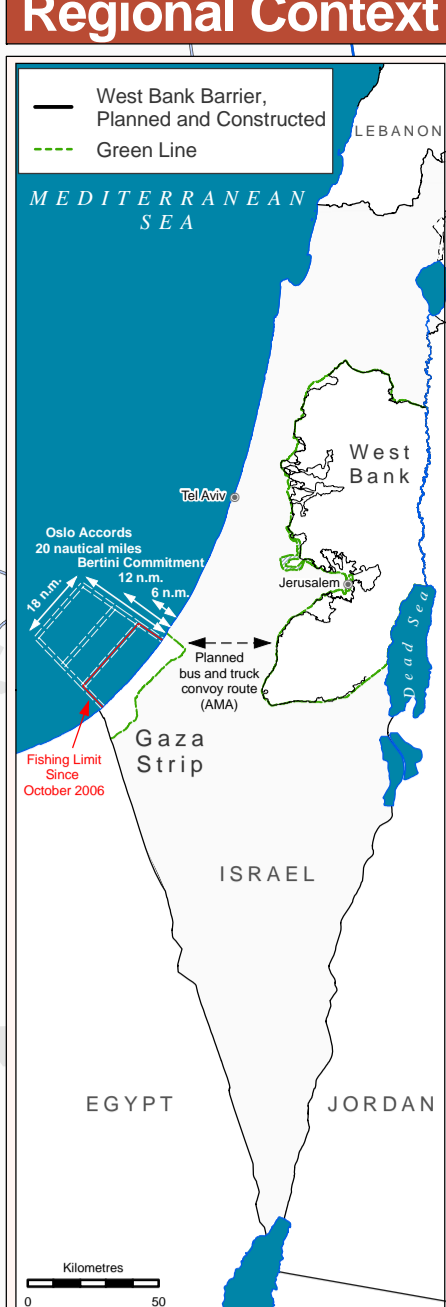
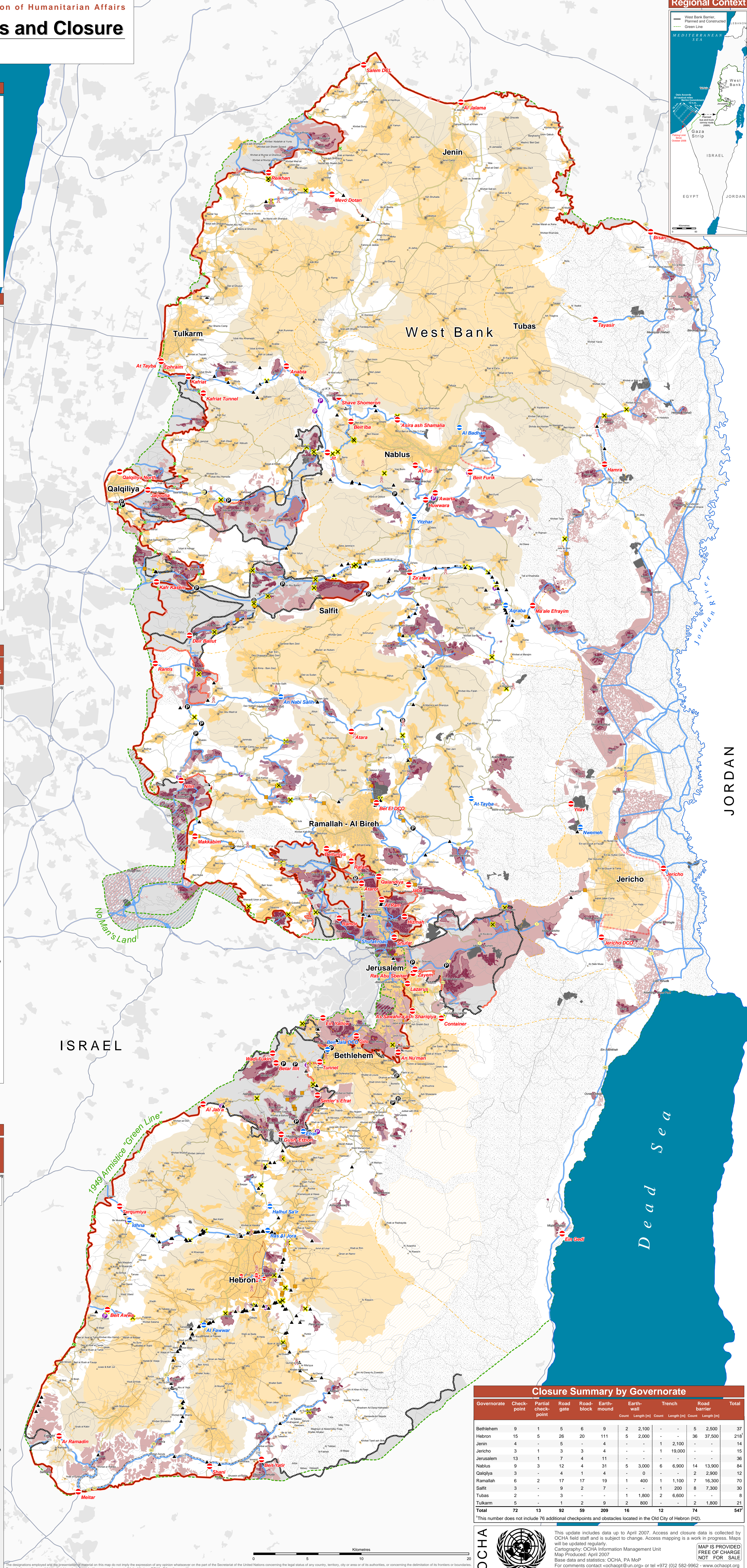
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Checkpoints

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Tunnels and under-passes

Areas inaccessible to Palestinians or subject to restrictions



The West Bank Barrier

A complex series of concrete walls, electronic fences, observation towers, trenches, patrol roads and razor wire, used to control Palestinian pedestrian and vehicular movement.

Concrete Barrier

Electronic Fence Barrier

BARRIER GATE - Allows restricted movement through the West Bank Barrier to Palestinian lands and to Israel. Permits are required for Palestinians to pass through a gate.

Closure

A policy of physical barriers and permit requirements used to control Palestinian pedestrian and vehicular movement.

CHECKPOINT - A barrier manned by IDF and/or Border Police with observation towers and other physical blocks used to control pedestrian and vehicular access.

PARTIAL CHECKPOINT - An established checkpoint operating periodically.

OBSERVATION TOWER - An elevated military tower to monitor/control Palestinian pedestrian and vehicular access.

EARTH MOUND - A mound of rubble, dirt and/or rocks used to obstruct vehicle access.

TUNNEL - Passage under road restricted for Palestinian use.

ROADBLOCK - A series of 1 metre concrete blocks used to obstruct vehicle access.

TRENCH - A ditch used to prevent vehicle crossing.

ROAD GATE - A metal gate, often manned by IDF, used to control movement along roads.

ROAD BARRIER - Secures the passage of Israeli settlers on restricted roads. These fences impede Palestinians from traveling over major roads leading to the main cities.

The Permit System

Closure Summary by Governorate

Governorate	Check-point	Partial check-point	Road gate	Road-block	Earth-mound		Trench		Road barrier		Total
					Count	Length [m]	Count	Length [m]	Count	Length [m]	
Bethlehem	9	1	5	6	9	2 2,100	-	-	5	2,500	37
Hebron	15	5	26	20	111	5 2,000	-	-	36	37,500	218
Jenin	4	-	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	14
Jericho	3	1	3	3	4	-	-	1 19,000	-	-	15
Jerusalem	13	1	7	4	11	-	-	-	-	-	36
Nablus	9	3	12	4	31	5 3,000	6 6,900	14 13,900	-	-	64
Qalqilya	3	-	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ramallah	6	2	17	19	1	400	1 1,100	7 16,300	-	-	70
Salfit	3	-	9	2	7	-	-	1 200	8 7,300	-	30
Tubas	2	-	3	-	-	1 1,800	2 6,600	-	-	-	8
Tulkarm	5	-	1	2	9	2 800	-	-	2 1,800	-	21
Total	72	13	92	59	209	16	12	74	547		

¹This number does not include 76 additional checkpoints and obstacles located in the Old City of Hebron (H2).