

West Bank Closures

June 2006

Physical Closures

- Checkpoint
- Partial Checkpoint
- Agricultural Gate¹
- Road Gate
- Observation Tower
- Earthmound
- Roadblock
- Tunnel
- Planned Tunnel
- Earth Wall
- Road Barrier
- Trench

¹Thirty-eight of the seventy-three Barrier gates are open to Palestinians with appropriate permits.

West Bank Barrier

- Constructed
- Under Construction
- Planned Route

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 May 2006.

Access

- Closed and Restricted Areas
 - Israeli military base
Access is prohibited
 - Israeli closed military area
Access is prohibited
 - Existing and projected 'closed areas' behind the Barrier
Access is limited to permit holders
- Israeli Settlements
 - Outpost
 - Land cultivated by settlers
 - Settlement municipal area
 - Settlement builtup and outer limit
- Palestinian Areas
 - Built-up
- Roads
 - Prohibited or Restricted Palestinian vehicle use
 - Main road
 - Other Road
- Oslo Agreement
 - Area A¹
 - Area B²
 - Special Case (H2)³
 - Intended Nature Reserve
 - 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

Closed and Restricted Areas for Palestinians

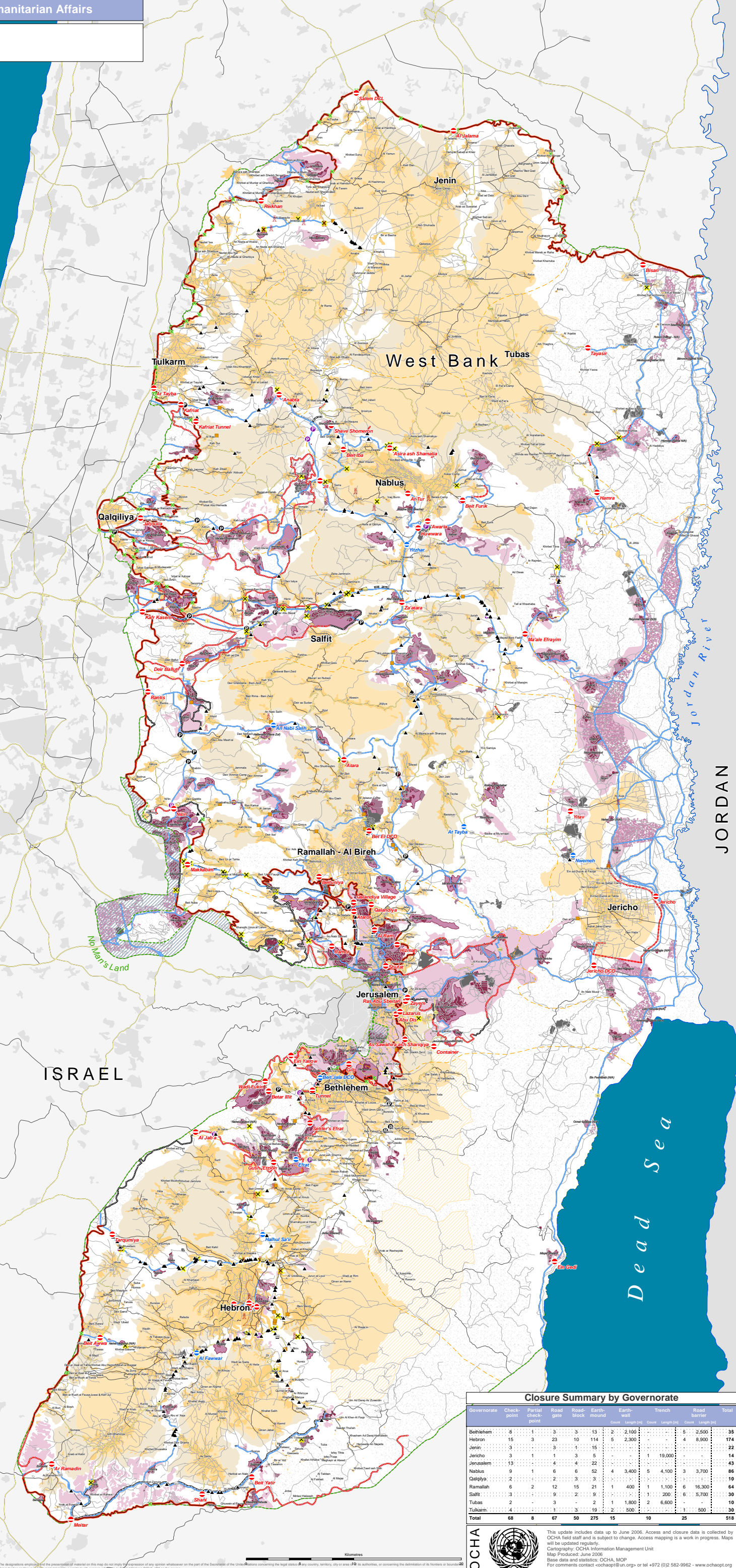
- IDF-enforced fishing limits, April 2006
- 2002 Berezin Comments
- 1994 - 1995 Oslo Accords fishing zone
- Area Under Full Palestinian Civil Control (including Oslo Areas A and B)
- Closed military area, Israeli settlement or outpost
- West Bank Barrier planned and constructed
- Green Line

Oslo Accords 20 nautical miles
Berezin Commitment 12 n.m.
April 2006 10 n.m.
Bus and truck conveyer route (BTR)

West Bank Barrier - July 2005 to May 2006

- Barrier constructed in July 2005
- Barrier constructed from July 2005 to May 2006
- Barrier under construction in May 2006
- Planned road protection
- Barrier planned route
- Area under full Israeli control
- Oslo Areas A and B, under PA civil control

Total Length: 703 km
Completed: 362 km
Under Construction: 88 km
Planned: 253 km
Constructed since July 2005: 147 km
Closed Area: 575 km²
10.1 % of West Bank



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

The permit system is complex and applied differently from region to region. A permit eases travel and reduces the risk of being turned back at a checkpoint. Permits are necessary for crossing specific checkpoints, accessing the Jordan Valley, the 'closed area' between the Green Line and the Barrier and for entering East Jerusalem.

Governorate	Check-point	Partial check-point	Road gate	Road block	Earth-mound	Earth-wall	Trench	Road barrier	Total
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Bethlehem	8	1	3	3	13	2	2,100	5	2,500
Hebron	15	3	23	10	114	5	2,300	4	8,900
Jericho	3	1	3	1	15	-	-	-	22
Jerusalem	3	1	3	3	5	-	1	19,000	14
Nablus	19	4	4	22	-	-	-	-	43
Qalqilya	9	1	6	6	52	4	3,400	5	3,700
Ramallah	2	2	3	3	3	-	-	-	10
Salfit	6	2	12	15	21	1	400	1,100	6
Tubas	3	-	9	2	9	-	1	200	6
Tulkarm	2	-	3	-	2	1	1,800	2	6,600
Total	68	8	67	50	275	15	10	25	518

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