

West Bank: Access and Closure

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Physical Closures

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

Forty-one of the seventy-nine 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 secure orders (Ministry of Defence - Seam Zone Authority)

Constructed Barrier - path extracted from satellite imagery and verified by field survey as of September 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 built-up 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

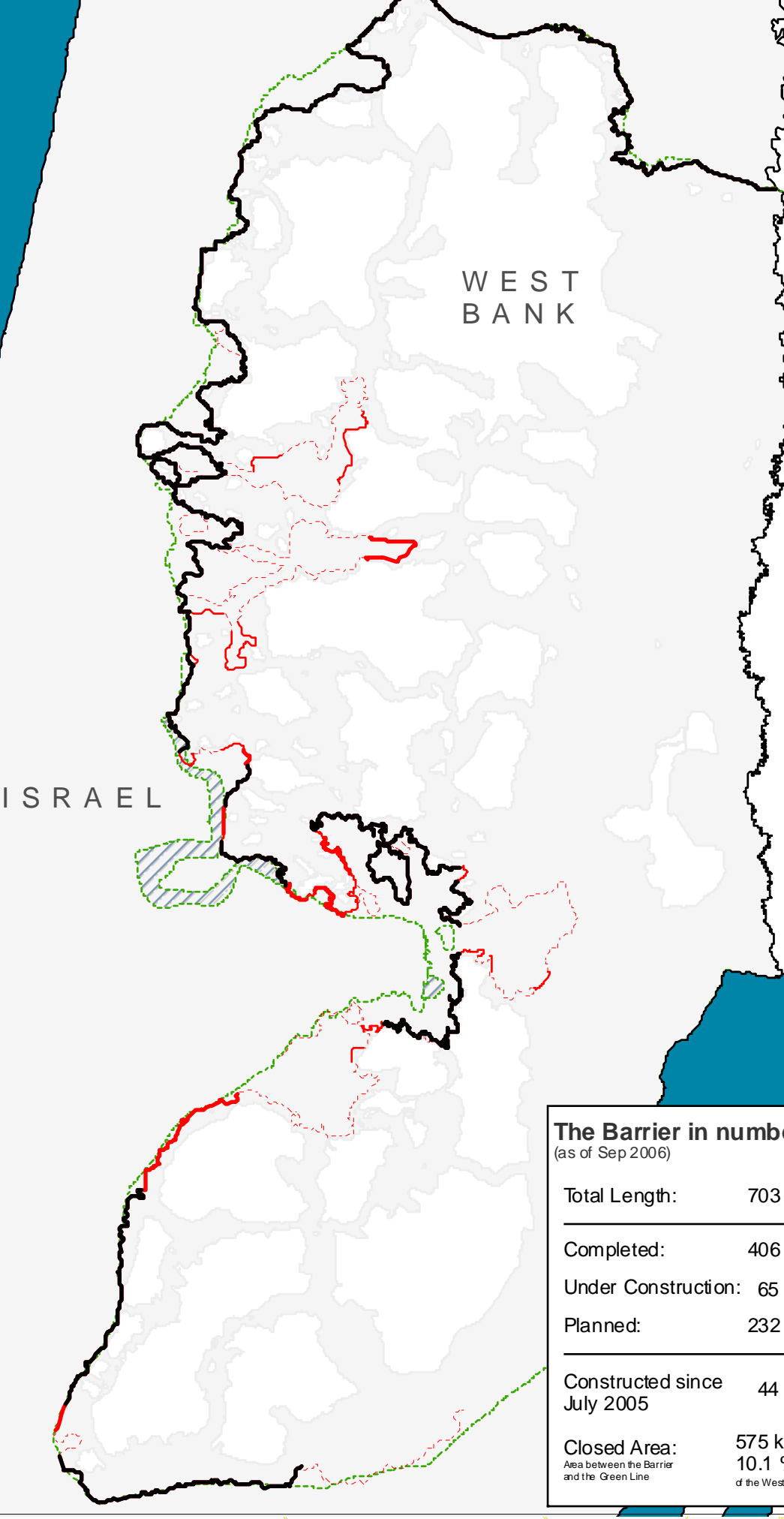
Closed and Restricted Areas for Palestinians

- 2002 Berlin Commitments
- 1994 - 1995 Oslo Accords fishing zone
- Restricted and Prohibited Areas
- West Bank Barrier, Planned and Constructed
- Green Line



West Bank Barrier - May 2006 to September 2006

- Barrier constructed by May 2006
- Barrier constructed from May 2006 to Sep. 2006
- Barrier under construction in September 2006
- Area under full Israeli control
- Oslo Areas A and B under PA civil control



The Barrier in numbers (as of Sep 2006)

Total Length:	703 km
Completed:	406 km
Under Construction:	65 km
Planned:	232 km
Constructed since July 2005:	44 km
Closed Area:	575 km ²
	10.1 % of West Bank

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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.

Closure Summary by Governorate

Governorate	Check-point	Partial check-point	Road gate	Road block	Earth-mound	Earth-wall	Trench	Road barrier	Total
Bethlehem	9	1	3	8	11	2	2,100	-	5,250
Hebron	15	5	23	16	105	4	2,000	-	35,370
Jenin	4	-	5	-	7	-	1,200	-	17
Jericho	3	1	1	3	3	-	19,000	-	12
Jerusalem	15	-	4	4	13	-	-	-	36
Nablus	9	2	16	4	32	4	3,400	6,856	4,800
Qalqilya	2	-	3	3	7	1	255	-	77
Ramallah	6	2	14	17	15	1	400	1,100	16,300
Salft	3	-	8	3	8	-	1,200	7,620	30
Tubas	2	-	3	-	-	1	1,800	2,600	8
Tulkarm	4	-	1	3	10	2	1,000	-	1,800
Total	72	11	81	61	211	15	12	59	522

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



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