

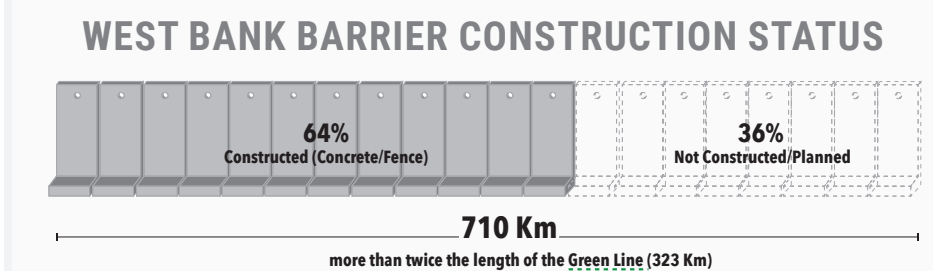
WEST BANK

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS – JULY 2025



WEST BANK BARRIER

The Barrier consists of concrete walls, fences, ditches, razor wire, sand paths, an electronic monitoring system, patrol roads, a buffer zone and several military checkpoints. Eighty-five per cent of the Barrier's route runs inside the West Bank, separating Palestinian communities from farmland isolated by the Barrier and from other Palestinian communities who live between the Green Line and the Barrier and where access is largely regulated by a permit regime. In its Advisory Opinion on 8 July 2024, the International Court of Justice found that the construction of the wall being built by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, and its associated regime, are contrary to international law.

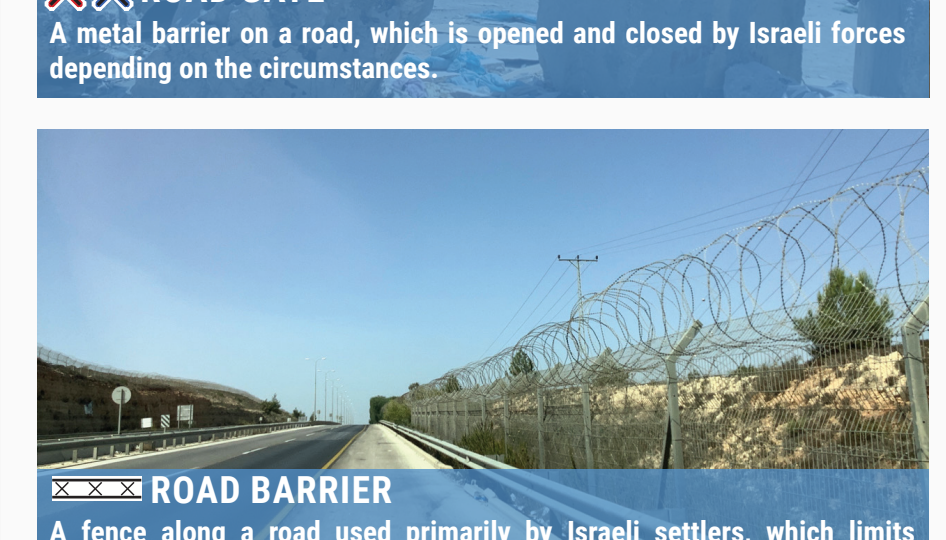
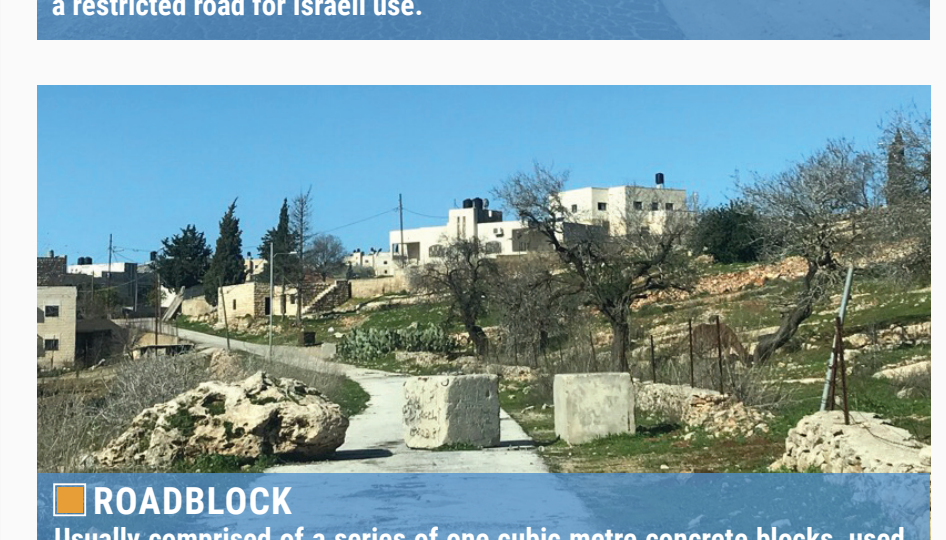
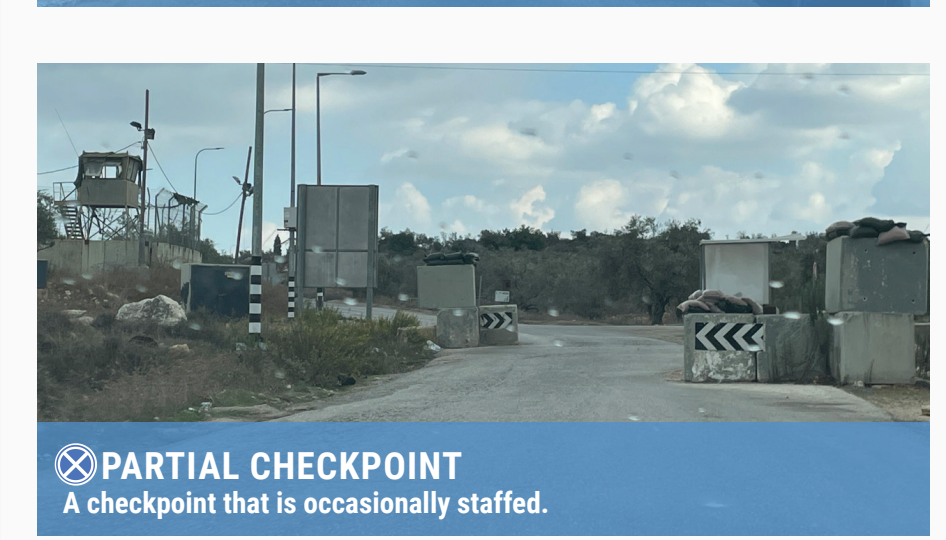
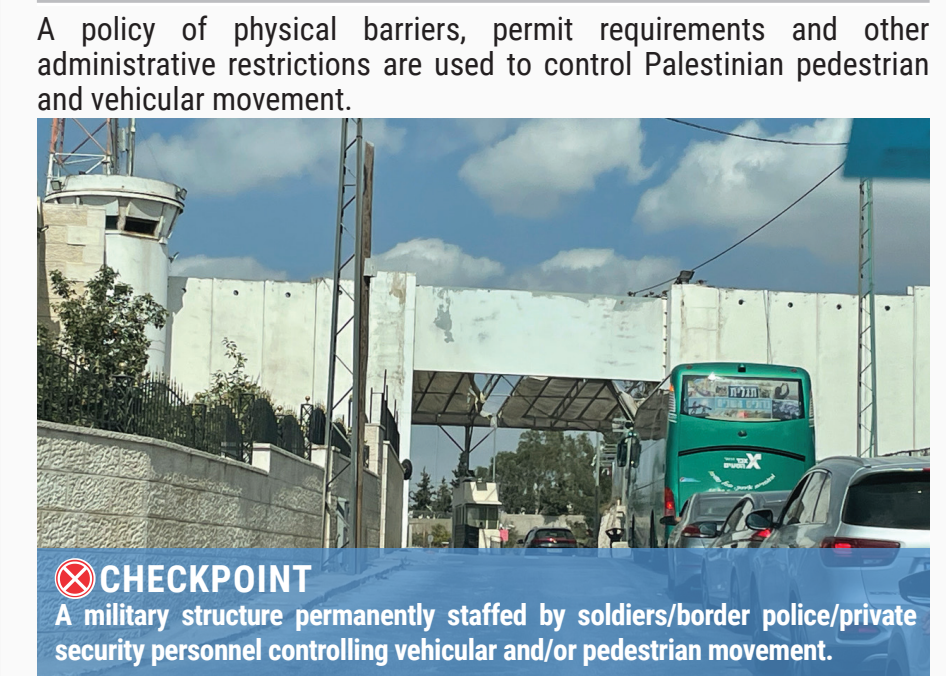


THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT



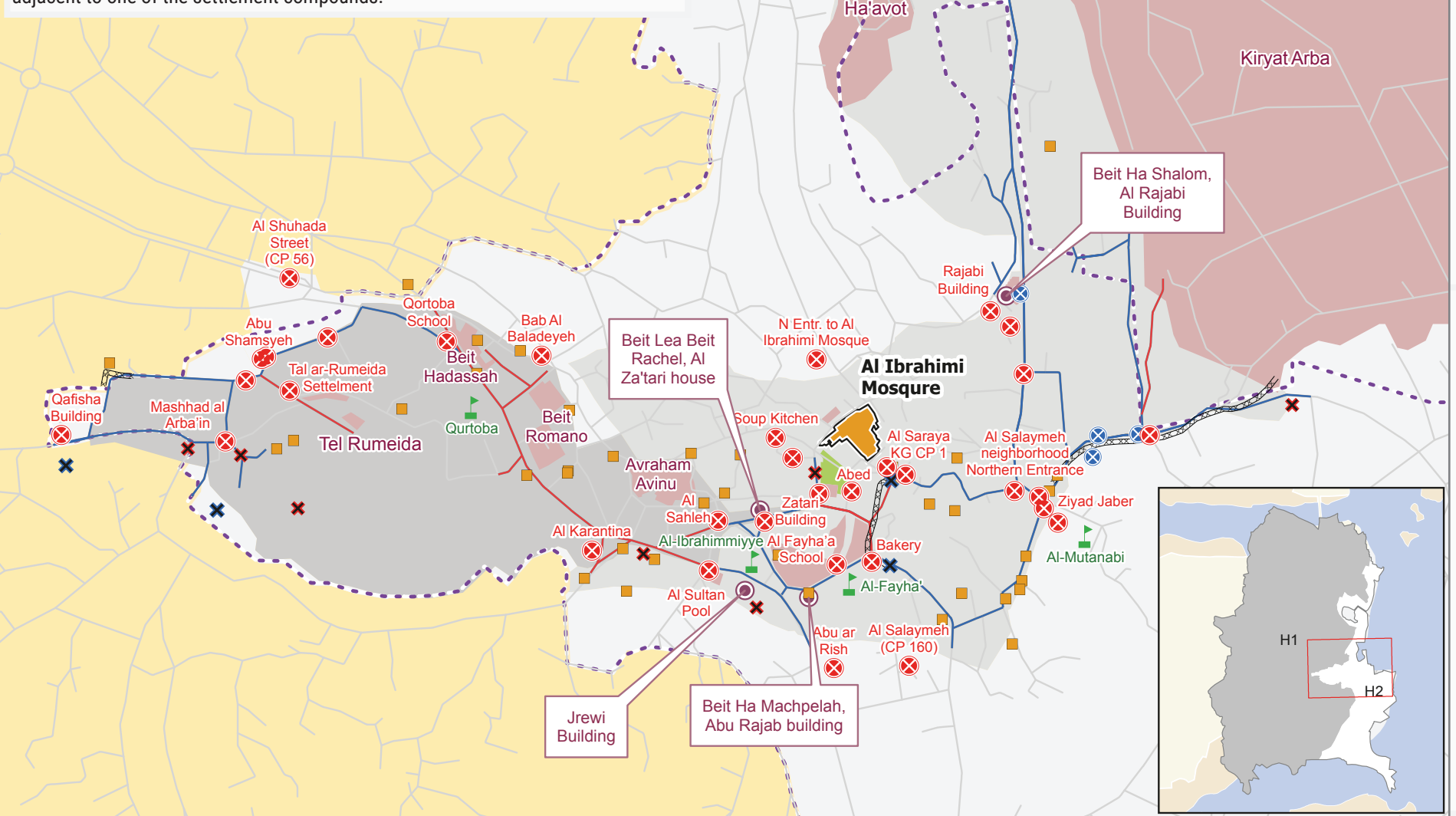
Most Palestinians are required to obtain various types of permits to access areas behind the Barrier, including East Jerusalem, as well as settlement areas. Agqaba village - children holding their olive harvest permits. ©Photo by OCHA

MOVEMENT OBSTACLES



HEBRON H2

Prohibited areas were designated in 2015 as a 'closed military zone', where only Palestinians registered as residents of this area are allowed to enter. Restricted areas where pedestrian access is controlled by a checkpoint, and/or vehicular access is blocked, and/or Palestinian houses are located immediately adjacent to one of the settlement compounds.



WEST BANK BARRIER

- Constructed Concrete
- Constructed Fence
- Planned
- Agricultural Gate

MOVEMENT OBSTACLES

- Checkpoint (Permanently Staffed)
- Checkpoint on the Green Line
- Partial Checkpoint (Occasionally Staffed)
- Partial checkpoint with open gate
- Partial checkpoint with closed gate
- Road Gate (Usually Closed)
- Road Gate (Usually Open)
- Observation Tower
- Earthmound
- Roadblock
- Road Barrier
- Trench

CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Prohibited Road (Palestinian Vehicular use Forbidden)
- Main Road
- Other Road
- Tunnel/Underpass
- Roads Inside Israeli Settlements and Military Bases

CLOSED AND RESTRICTED AREAS

- Israeli Military Base (Access is Prohibited)
- Israeli Firing Zone and Jordan Valley Military Buffer Zone
- East Jerusalem (Based on Israel's Unilateral Annexation) (Palestinians from Other Parts of the OPT Generally Require Permits to Enter)
- Israeli Nature Reserve (Land Use is Restricted)

ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

- Built-up Area and Outer Limit
- Industrial Park, Dumping Site, Stone-Cutting Quarry or Solar Panel Farm
- Urban Israeli Settlement Compound
- Municipal Area
- Land Cultivated by Settlers

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN INTERIM AGREEMENTS

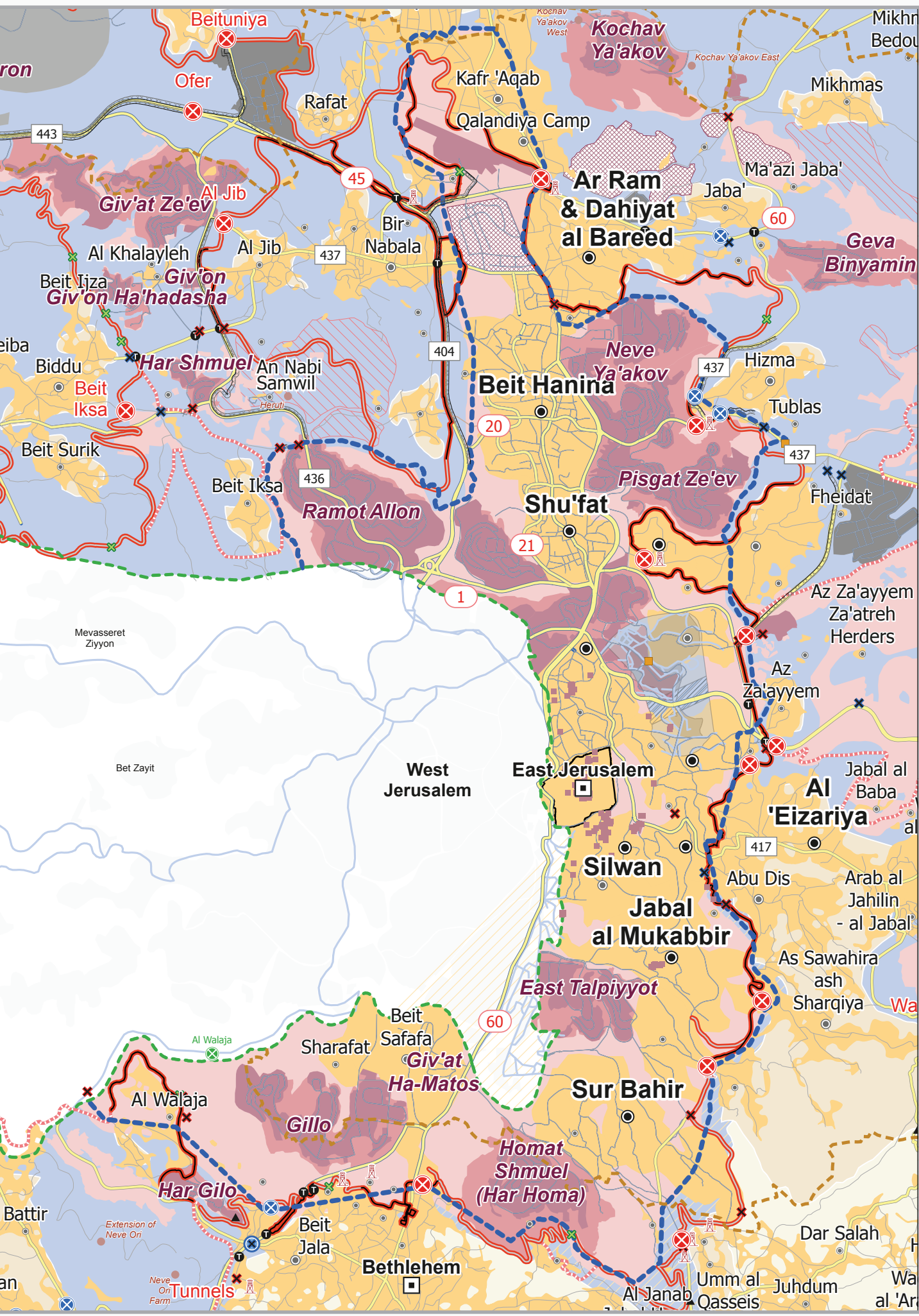
- Area A and H1 (Palestinian Authority civil and security control)
- Area B (Palestinian Authority civil control and Israeli security control)
- Area C (Israeli civil and security control)
- H2 (Hebron) (Palestinian Hebron Municipality civil control and Israeli security control)
- Intended Nature Reserve (Full Israeli control over security, planning and construction)

PALESTINIAN COMMUNITIES

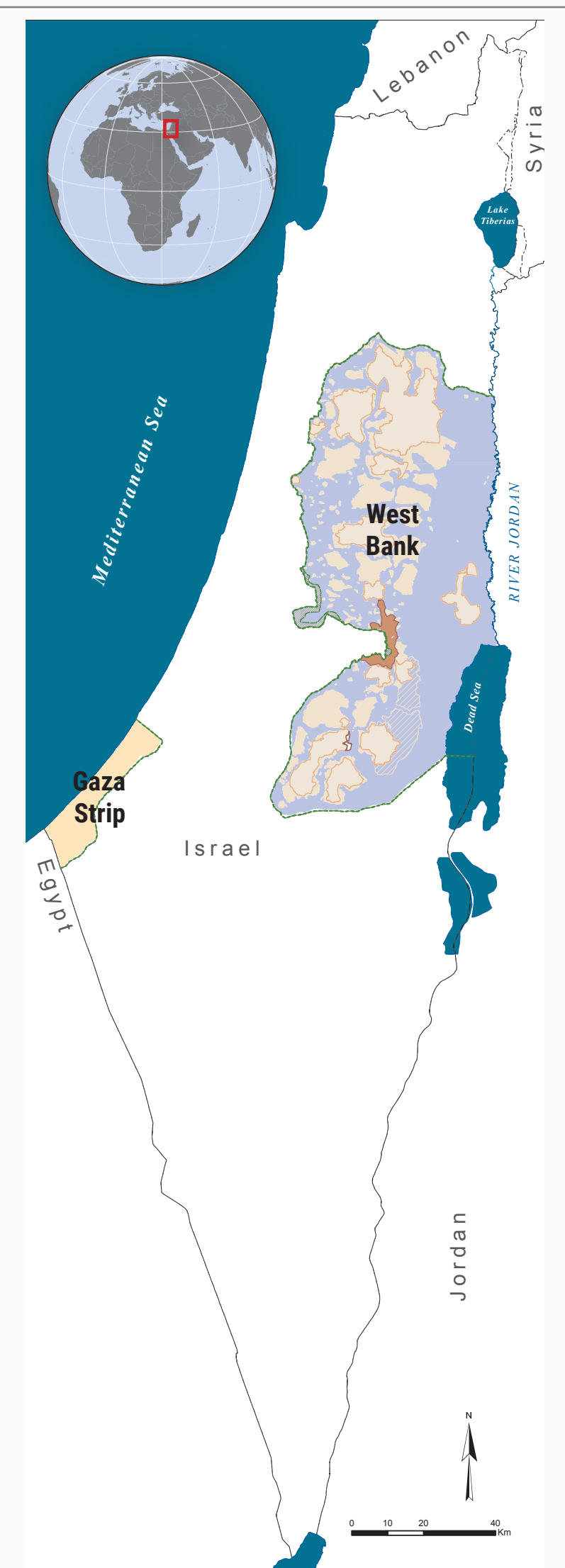
- Governorate Capital (0 - 5,000 Residents)
- Governorate Boundary (5,001 - 15,000 Residents)
- Built-up Area (> 15,000 Residents)

EAST JERUSALEM

At the end of 2023, East Jerusalem was projected to be home to about 390,000 Palestinians (Jerusalem Institute for Policy and Research 2022) and over 230,000 Israeli settlers (ICBS 2020), while about five million Palestinians from the remaining Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) are barred from residing in East Jerusalem. Even if they meet the age and other requirements, they can only enter the city with Israeli-issued permits, which are not easy to obtain and, for some, impossible. Only three of the 13 checkpoints along the Barrier are available to those who manage to secure permits.



OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY (OPT)



PALESTINIAN POPULATION

5.5 million Palestinians live in the OPT, with 3.3 million in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and 2.1 million in the Gaza Strip. Source: POPS 2024

PALESTINE REFUGEES

~53% of Palestinians in the OPT are refugees. Source: UNHCR 2024, info based on POPS projection

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

4.7 persons in the West Bank
5.5 persons in Gaza Strip
Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2024

ISRAELI SETTLERS

More than 700,000 Israeli settlers living in settlements in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, in contravention of international law. Source: CBS, 2025

MOVEMENT OBSTACLES BY GOVERNORATE AND TYPE

	Checkpoint	Road Gate (Usually Closed)	Earthmound	Earthwall	Road Gate (Usually Open)	Partial Checkpoint	Partial checkpoint with closed gate	Partial checkpoint with open gate	Road Barrier	Road Block	Trench	Grand total
Jenin	3	4	3	2		6			1			20
Tubas	1	2	3	8						1	2	20
Tulkarm	7	3	6	1	5	2				1	6	31
Nablus	8	9	49	4	11	26	2	4	4	17	5	139
Qalqilya	2	9	3	3	4	6		3	6	3		39
Salfit	3	8	8	7	7	4	1	11	11	1		54
Ramallah	12	24	36	2	18	4	6	8	21	7		138
Jericho	1	5	5		4	3		3		4	1	26
Jerusalem	11	19	4	5	12	3			17	5		76
Bethlehem	7	15	25	1	5	7	8	6		2		76
Hebron	2	21	38		5	4	27	14	5	17		133
H2	37	8	6		4	4	1			43		97
Grand Total	94	127	180	26	78	69	45	39	66	116	9	849

