

West Bank: Access and Closure

June 2009

Physical Closures

Internal Checkpoint (fully staffed)

Green Line Checkpoint²

Internal Partial Checkpoint

Road Gate

Observation Tower²

Earthmound

Roadblock

Tunnel/Underpass¹

Earth Wall

Road Barrier

Trench

Not counted in the total closure figures.

West Bank Barrier

Constructed

Under Construction

Planned Route

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

Constructed Barrier - path extracted from satellite imagery and verified by field survey as of July 2009.

Fifty-seven Barrier gates allow restricted access to Palestinians who hold permits, or by prior coordination.

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

< 500 Residents

500 - 20,000

> 20,000

Roads

Prohibited or Restricted Palestinian vehicle use

Main road

Other road

Oslo Interim Agreement (1994-1999)

Area A¹

Area B²

Special Case (H2)³

Intended Nature Reserve

Area C⁴

1 - Full Palestinian civil and security control

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

3 - Hebron Agreement

4 - Full Israeli control over security, planning and construction

The West Bank Barrier

A complex series of concrete walls, electronic fences, and other obstacles to control Palestinian pedestrian and vehicular movement. Construction of the Barrier within the West Bank including East Jerusalem continues, contrary to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice.

Concrete Barrier

Electronic Fence Barrier

BARRIER GATE - Controls movement through the West Bank Barrier. Permits, or prior coordination, are required for Palestinians to access their lands.

Closure

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

CHECKPOINT - A barrier staffed by the Israeli army and/or Border Police with observation towers and/or other physical structures 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 - An underpass for Palestinian vehicles located beneath a West Bank road primarily for Israeli settler use.

ROADBLOCK - A series of 1 metre³ concrete blocks used to obstruct vehicle access.

TRENCH - A ditch used to prevent vehicles from crossing.

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

ROAD BARRIER - Continuous fencing along roads which prevents Palestinian vehicular, agricultural and pedestrian access to roads used by Israeli settlers.

The Permit System

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Palestinians are required by the Israeli army to obtain various permits to facilitate movement through checkpoints to reach East Jerusalem and other West Bank areas including those located between the Barrier and the Green Line. Permits types vary depending on location, person and purpose.

The West Bank Barrier

Status (July 2009)	Length [km]	Constructed	Under Construction	Planned
Constructed	413	98.3%		
Under Construction	73			
Projected	223			
Total	709			

Closure Summary by Governorate

Gover	Green Line	Check-	Partial	Road	Road-	Earth-	Earth-	Trench	Road	Total
norate	check-	point	check-	gate	block	mound	wall		barrier	
Bethlehem	(1)	9	3	4	2	5	1	1,031	-	3 1,409
Hebron	(2)	11	7	31	27	96	13	1,285	-	6 888
Jenin	(2)	3	-	6	-	2	6	2,317	4	2,593
Jericho		2	3	2	-	5	-	2	19,855	-
Jerusalem		16	2	8	2	4	-	-	-	9 15,292
Nabulus		8	3	16	8	33	18	3,363	9	5,400
Qalqilya	(1)	5	2	8	-	4	3	765	-	7 7,268
Ramallah		5	3	15	23	35	4	1,428	-	12 11,468
Salfit		3	-	11	6	5	-	-	-	10 6,306
Tubas	(1)	1	-	2	-	3	1	1,559	6	6,007
Tulkarm	(1)	5	-	2	1	11	4	3,477	-	5 2,119
Total	(8)	68	23	105	69	203	50	21	75	614

List of All Closures in Hebron H2

Green Line	Check-	Partial	Road	Road-	Earth-	Earth-	Trench	Other	Total
check-	point	check-	gate	block	mound	wall		closures	
-	17	1	9	28	1	-	-	35	93

E.g: barbed wire, tunnel, iron gate, cement barriers

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