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WEST BANK - ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

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PHYSICAL CLOSURES

- Internal Checkpoint (fully staffed)
- Green Line Checkpoint*
- Internal Partial Checkpoint
- Road Gate normally closed
- Road Gate normally open
- Observation Tower*
- Earthmound
- Roadblock
- Tunnel/Underpass*
- Earth Wall
- Road Barrier
- Trench

WEST BANK BARRIER

- Constructed¹
- Under Construction
- Planned Route²
- Planned Re-routing
- Barrier Gate³

1. The constructed and under construction Barrier route is extracted from aerial photos (April 2010) compared to data provided by the Council for Peace and Security (CPS) and verified by field surveys as of June 2011.
2. The planned Barrier route is based on the Israeli government map, published in April 2008 and data provided by Shaul Arieli (Council for Peace and Security) in June 2011.
3. 40 agricultural Barrier gates allow restricted access to Palestinians who hold permits, or by prior coordination.
* Not counted in the total closure figures.

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

PALESTINIAN COMMUNITIES

- Governorate Capital
- Governorate Boundary
- Built-up
- Community

- < 1000 Residents
- 1000 - 10,000
- > 10,000
- Israeli unilaterally declared Jerusalem municipal boundary

ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

- Settlement built-up, outer limit and municipal area
- Land cultivated by settlers

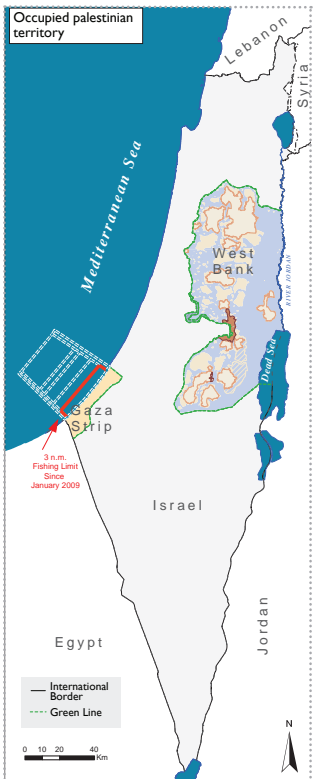
ROADS

- Prohibited Palestinian vehicle use
- Main road
- Other road

OSLO INTERIM AGREEMENTS (1995-1999)

- Area A¹
- Area B²
- Special Case (H2)³
- Intended Nature Reserve
- Area C⁴

- Extensive delegation of powers to the Palestinian Authority
- Partial delegation of powers to the Palestinian Authority; joint Israeli-Palestinian security coordination
- Hebron Agreement
- Very limited delegation of powers to the Palestinian Authority



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 are 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/UNDERPASS



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



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. Permit types vary depending on location, person and purpose.



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