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**OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**  
**Update for oPt (13 – 19 October 2004)**

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### 1. Casualties

Palestinians: Deaths: 25  
 Injured: 82 (approximate)  
 Israelis: Deaths: 1  
 Injured: 3

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, UNRWA, IDF website, Israeli MoFA.

### 2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

#### West Bank

Denial of access: 1  
 Delay (30 minutes): 0  
 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

#### Gaza:

Denial of access: 0  
 Delay (30 minutes): 0  
 Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

### 3. Curfews

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
14 to 16 October	Beit Rima, Ramallah district	2 days
14 to 16 October	Deir Ghassana, Ramallah district	2 days
15 October	Beit 'Ur at Tahta, Ramallah district	8 hours
17 October	Faroun, Tulkarm district	1 day
17 October	Al Khadr old town, Bethlehem district	8 hours
19 October	Arraba, Jenin district	7 hours (ongoing)

Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL

### 4. House demolitions/Demolition orders/People displaced

#### West Bank:

- **13 October:** Eleven persons lost accommodation after the IDF demolished a house in Hebron city where a “wanted” Hamas leader was allegedly hidden. The house belonged to the father in law of the “wanted” man.
- **13 October:** A one-storey house, shelter for one family, was demolished in Jalbun village east of Jenin. The IDF called for the owner of the house, a “wanted man”, to surrender. The man was not present before demolition began. The inhabitants were not given time to evacuate belongings. When trying to remove some of the furniture from the demolished house, the brother of the owner was injured and transported to a hospital in Jenin.
- **14 October:** Nine persons lost accommodation after the IDF demolished a house in Hebron old city. The house belonged to the father of the Be'er Sheva suicide bomber. Four neighbouring houses were also partially destroyed during the demolition operation.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
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13 October	Jalbun, Jenin district	1 house		
13 October	Hebron city	1 house		
14 October	Hebron old city	1 house	4 houses	
<b>Total</b>		<b>3 houses</b>	<b>4 houses</b>	

#### **Gaza:**

- **13 October:** The IDF demolished 29 houses and partially destroyed five houses in Block J and Al Barahma area in Rafah.
- **15 October:** The IDF demolished two two-storey houses in the area west of Brazil quarter in Rafah.
- **16 October:** The IDF demolished four houses in Block O west of Brazil quarter in Rafah.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Demolished</b>	<b>Partially destroyed</b>	<b>Damaged</b>
13 October	Block J and Al Barahma, Rafah	29 houses	5 houses	
15 October	Barzil quarter, Rafah	2 two-storey houses		
16 October	Block O, Rafah	4 houses		
<b>Total</b>		<b>33 houses and 2 two-storey houses</b>	<b>5 houses</b>	

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

## **5. Land levelling/Requisitions<sup>1</sup>**

#### **West Bank:**

- **14 October:** The IDF uprooted 11 olive and fig trees near Road 505 belonging to a resident of Marda village, Salfit district, under the pretext that children throw stones from the area at military jeeps.
- **16 October (ongoing):** Israeli contractors guarded by IDF and security guards started levelling land for the construction of the Barrier in Beit Mirsim village, Hebron district.

Sources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Council

## **6. Closure<sup>2</sup>/Restrictions on movement**

#### **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:**

- In Tulkarm Governorate, the IDF maintained the restricted movement on the local populations by manning all parts of the Kafriat checkpoint and only allowing vehicles through if the occupants had special permits. In general, only residents of Jbara and Shufa have been able to cross the checkpoint in their own vehicle without needing a special permit.
- The IDF, on 13 October, imposed restricted movement on the local population in Qalqiliya town following a security alert, which lasted the whole week. The restriction also resulted in a closure of the tunnel between Habla and Qalqiliya town. The DCO checkpoint has been manned and everyone has to be checked. Vehicles are also checked.
- At Jaljoulia checkpoint a gate has been installed between the two ends of the Barrier on each side of Road 55 enabling the IDF to physically close the checkpoint.
- In Salfit district, the movement between the villages continues to be hampered by the existence of roadblocks and earth mounds, and the restrictions to travel on the main roads. The roadblock at Yasuf village east of Salfit town was temporary removed by the IDF some two weeks ago to allow trucks to enter in conjunction with the rehabilitation of the road between Salfit town and Iskaka. The IDF has informed the Palestinian DCL that the roadblock will be back in place 23 October. Meanwhile, the IDF controls the movement through a flying checkpoint, which has been present under the bridge between Iskaka and Salfit town since the removal of the roadblock.
- **Barrier Gates:**  
Opening hours remain erratic - which is somewhat due to the fact that the same military jeep is responsible for opening multiple gates that have the same opening hours. Despite three announced opening hours, the IDF rarely opens the gate at the announced mid-day hours unless farmers are waiting. In general, farmers report that opening hours are in conflict with the celebration of Ramadan as last hours are too late and mid-day hours are too early to return from harvest.  
**15 October:** The Azzun Atma gate in Qalqiliya Governorate was reported closed between 6am and 10am.  
**15 to 16 October:** The Kfur Thulth gate was reported closed 15 October and during morning hours on 16 October. Farmers from Ad Dab'a also use this gate to bring produce to the olive press in Kfur Thulth. They were prevented from crossing the gate these two days and were thus forced to take a detour through the Ras a Tira gate.

#### **Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:**

<sup>1</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre

<sup>2</sup> For a reference West Bank checkpoint map please check the following link: [http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints\\_july04.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints_july04.pdf)

- **14 to 15 October:** The IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint east of Tubas for all Palestinians (including permit holders). Palestinians teachers were an exception. The northern Jordan Valley was announced a closed military area two months ago.
- **16 October:** Two flying checkpoints were erected on Road 60 near Sarra and As Sawiya villages.
- **16 October:** The IDF closed the southern entrance of Balata refugee camp with earth mounds.
- **17 October:** Delays occurred at Shave Shomeron checkpoint west of Nablus.
- **17 October:** A flying checkpoint was erected near Sarra junction west of Nablus.

#### **Ramallah/Al Bireh governorate:**

- **15 and 16 October:** The IDF closed An Nabi Salih gate and imposed curfews on Beit Rima and Deir Ghasana. Palestinians from the rest of the Bani Zeid cluster (An Nabi Salih, Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid) used the longer route via 'Ajjul to travel to Ramallah.
- **17 October:** At about midnight, the IDF closed the road between Umm Safa and Deir as Sudan with an earth mound. This is the only vehicle access road out of the village since the other two roads (connecting the village with Road 465) are still closed with earth mounds, road blocks and a trench.
- **18 October:** At around 3.30pm, the Israeli Border Police set up a flying checkpoint near Kharbatha al Misbah underpass (under Highway 443). Residents from the Beit Liqya cluster were unable to reach their homes in time for the "Iftar," breaking of the fast.

#### **Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:**

- IDF mobile checkpoints function on a daily basis at the entrance to Al 'Eizariya/Ma'ale Adumim settlement resulting in long lines of cars waiting to pass.
- IDF mobile checkpoints at the junctions of Road 1/ Road 437 and Al 'Eizariya/Ma'ale Adumim have stopped Palestinian vehicular movement on Road 1 for several hours every Saturday after Shabbath.
- **15 October:** Palestinians West Bank ID card holders older than 60 years of age were allowed access to Al Aqsa.
- Jericho residents and Jerusalemites as well as internationals can enter and leave the city by vehicles and without permits. Other West Bank Palestinians need a permit. The opening hours of the checkpoint have been extended until 12am due to Ramadan.

#### **Jerusalem Envelope Barrier:**

- **North:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing along Road 60, the main road, between Qalandiya and Ar - Ram checkpoints. Land levelling for the Barrier is also taking place alongside the road between Hizma and Anata villages.
- **East:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing in Ash Sheikh Sa'ad, Sawahriya ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis, and Al 'Eizariya. Construction is nearly completed from Mt. of Olives to the hill just south of Al Quds University in Abu Dis. Barrier construction in Sur Bahir is still on halt.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Bet Duqqu, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim. In Biddu, Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik, construction is still on halt.

#### **Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:**

- The closure on Hebron Governorate was eased on 13 October after the arrest of Imad Qawasmeh, the head of the Hamas militant group in Hebron district. The main entrances, junctions and gates to the urban area of Hebron and Yatta have been re-opened. Halhul bridge and the tunnel under the bypass Road 35, which connects Hebron to Beit Kahil, are open 24 hours a day. Gates at the entrance of Beit Ummar, and into Idhna and Tarqumiya at the junction with the bypass Road 35 and the gates at Al Fawwar Dura junction are all open from 7am to 5pm. The checkpoint established on the main internal road between Hebron and Dura was removed, and IDF soldiers left a house they were occupying. The eastern access to Yatta from the bypass Road 317, at Zif gate, is also open.
- In the Governorate of Bethlehem restrictions on access to Israel/Jerusalem remain tight – particularly those applied on the first Friday of Ramadan, 15 October.
- **15 October:** A gate has been set up at the entrance of the Palestinian village of Surif at the turn from bypass Road 367.
- **15 October:** Access for Muslim worshippers wishing to reach the Al Aqsa Mosque on the first Friday of Ramadan at Gilo checkpoint was only allowed to Palestinians over 60 years of age.

#### **The enclosed areas in the Gaza strip:**

- **As Seafa:** Since 22 April 2004, the IDF has allowed only three to four people with As-Seafa IDs to go in and out on foot, for one time only, with prior coordination, to bring food in. These people are permitted to exit and enter through the gate at two irregular periods: approximately 6.30am to 8.30am and from approximately 2pm to 4.30pm. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been extremely problematic.
- As-Seafa gate was opened at irregular times during this week. From 14 October, IDF delayed the morning opening hours. As a result, the 24 students living in the area were not able to arrive at school on time.
- **Al-Mawassi:** IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally opening twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders from approximately 8am to 1pm and from approximately 2.30pm to 5pm. Since 10 May 2004, males aged below 30 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders have been required to have prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. Since 6 June 2004, prior coordination has been required for unmarried females with Al Mawassi ID who are between the ages of 18 and 25. Vehicles

are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.

- Al Tuffah Checkpoint was open all week.
- Tel As-Sultan checkpoint remained closed during the week.
- **Kfar Darom:** The Palestinian area adjacent to Kfar Darom settlement was declared a closed military area following a suicide attack on 27 February 2004. Since 20 July 2002, no vehicular movement has been allowed in and out of the area and the IDF erected a fence around the area. Movement is restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate generally opening four times daily for Al Maa'ni ID holders only from 6.30am to 7.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, 1pm to 2pm and 4pm to 5pm. Access for international organisations into the area remains extremely problematic.

Source OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

## **7. Olive Harvest incidents**

### **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:**

- Farmers from Sanniriya in Qalqiliya Governorate have not yet been able to access their olive groves - some 600 dunums (60 hectares) - inside the settlement boundaries of Oranit and Sha'are Tikwa and the area near the Green Line. The ICRC has assumed the responsibility of coordinating the farmers' (some 15 to 20) access with the IDF. Although a list of all farmers was submitted to the DCL by the ICRC ahead of the harvest, no approval has yet been given.
- Despite coordination through the ICRC, six families from Kfur Lagif have still not obtained approval by the IDF to access their olive groves -some 100 dunums (10 hectares) - inside the settlement boundaries of Ginot Shameron, Male Shameron, Neve Menahem and Qarne Shameron in Qalqiliya Governorate.
- **14 October:** Three farmers from Yasuf in Salfit district were arrested by the Israeli Police on the charge of picking olives in the restricted zone near Tappuah settlement without prior coordination with and approval from the IDF. The farmers were subsequently released after the intervention of the Palestinian DCL.

### **Hebron/Bethlehem:**

- **13 October:** Settlers from Susya, south Hebron, attempted to prevent Palestinians from the nearby village of Susiya from harvesting olives from their land. The villagers were able to complete the harvesting with the support of Israeli peace activists from Ta'ayush and the intervention of the Israeli DCL.
- **15 October:** Settlers from Avi Ghail outpost and four IDF jeeps prevented Palestinians from Mantiqat Shi'b Al Batin, Hebron district, from collecting olives from their land near Qawawis village.
- **17 October:** The IDF confiscated a tractor and took the IDs of 70 farmers from Beer Oneh,, Bethlehem district, preventing them from collecting their olives. The IDF later returned the IDs but kept the tractor.
- **17 October:** Settlers began collecting olives from land belonging to Palestinians from Al Jaba, near the settlement of Bat Ayin. The Israeli Police intervened arresting three settlers from the settlements of Kiryat Arba (Hebron) and Itamar (Nablus) and Jerusalem. The other settlers fled with one ton of olives.
- **18 October:** Settlers from Havat Ma'on outpost attempted to prevent farmers from At Tuwani village, Hebron district, from collecting olives from their land. The IDF intervened after receiving calls from international peace activists stationed in the village. Harvesting resumed.

### **Ramallah /Al Bireh:**

- **15 October:** At midday, a farmer from Al Mazra'a al Qibliya was physically harassed by a settler from Nakhli'el settlement while he was picking olives. The farmer filed a complaint at the Israeli military civil administration in Bet El.
- **15 October:** The Border Police imposed a curfew on Beit 'Ur at Tahta and closed the oil press from around 10pm until the next morning, thus disrupting the work during the olive harvest (during the harvest, the oil presses operate 24 hours a day).

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL

## **8. Access to schools:**

### **West Bank:**

- Due to the current UNRWA staff strike, all classes in UNRWA West Bank schools are suspended.
- Hundreds of students from Abu Dis and Al 'Eizariya, Jerusalem district, are experiencing difficulties in crossing the gate in the Barrier near Ras al 'Amud to reach their schools in East Jerusalem each day. The gate is manned by Israeli Border Police and only Palestinians with valid permits or Jerusalem IDs are allowed to cross. Schools in several Palestinian Jerusalem neighbourhoods are becoming overcrowded because many students have been forced to change schools due to Barrier construction.
- **13 October:** For more than two hours, vehicles were denied access at the DCO checkpoint in Qalqiliya, which also affected the school bus en route to collect the school children from Wadi Ar Rasha and Ramadin in Habla.
- **13 October:** Twelve students from Ash Shafi School in the area of Abu Ruman, Hebron city, suffered gas inhalation after the IDF fired rubber coated metal bullets and tear gas inside their school during the arrest

operation of a Hamas leader in Hebron. Three students were sent to Hebron Hospital and others received treatment from the school.

- **16 October:** Students in Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana, Ramallah district, were unable to attend school because of the curfew imposed on the two villages. Students from An Nabi Salih were also unable to attend their secondary schools in these villages.
- **16 October:** Children from Faroun, Tulkarm district, were not able to attend their classes as the village was placed under curfew.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL

#### **Gaza:**

- **13 October:** The 11-year-old female student who on 12 October sustained a gunshot wound to the stomach while sitting in an UNRWA classroom died.
- **14 October to date:** IDF delayed the morning opening hours at the gate in Seafa resulting in delays for 24 students.

### **9. Labour movement to Israel**

#### **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:**

- The IDF continued to enforce the suspension of all permits to Israel (work, trade, visitors, etc.), only exceptions are humanitarian cases/transfers. Arab-Israelis are still allowed to enter Tulkarm and Qalqiliya provided they can prove their family relationships. In Tulkarm, Arab-Israelis must leave their vehicles outside the Kafriat checkpoint in a special constructed parking lot.

#### **Jericho governorate:**

- The IDF has decreased the limit of trading permits, valid for three months, from 300 to 70.

#### **Gaza:**

- A total of 5,166 permits have been issued for workers and 226 permits for traders aged 35 and older including 2,000 permits to stay overnight. However, no workers and/or traders were allowed to enter Israel proper.

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCL

### **10. Other:**

#### **Nablus/Jenin/Tubas**

- **16 to 17 October:** In three separate incidents in Balata refugee camp and Beit Furik village, Nablus, a total of six Palestinians were injured during clashes with IDF.
- **19 October:** Palestinian gunmen opened fire at an IDF military base near Arraba village, Jenin district. One IDF soldier was injured. The soldier later died of his injuries. The IDF later announced a curfew on Arraba and conducted a search campaign.
- An IDF search and arrest operations took place during the week in Jenin city, Al Yamoun village (Jenin), Jenin camp, Nablus and Burqin village (Jenin). Sixteen Palestinians were reported arrested in these operations.

#### **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit**

- **15 October:** While on his way back to Yasuf, a teacher was attacked by settlers from Tappuah with spray and badly beaten. The teacher was hospitalised in Nablus.
- Search and arrest campaigns were conducted in Illar, Faroun, Tulkarm town, Anabta and Tulkarm refugee camp. A total of eight persons were reported arrested.

#### **Ramallah /Al Bireh**

- **16 October:** At about 2pm, clashes broke out between Palestinian youth and an Israeli Border Police patrol in Bet Liqya. Three Palestinians were reportedly injured by rubber coated metal bullets.

#### **Hebron/Bethlehem**

- **13 October:** Two Palestinian residents of the old city of Hebron, H2 area, returned to their homes from which they were driven by settlers' violence a year ago.
- **17 October:** Students from Tuba who were escorted by the IDF to their school in At Tuwani village, Hebron district, were attacked with stones by a group of settlers from the outpost of Havat Ma'on.
- **17 October:** The IDF resumed the work on Prayers Road in the old town of Hebron.
- **18 October:** The IDF shot and injured one Palestinian in Idhna village, Hebron district.
- **13 October (ongoing):** Search and arrest campaigns took place in Hebron city, Ad Dhahiriya, Dura, Yatta, Bethlehem, Al Khadr and Ad Duheisha camp. In total, 41 Palestinians were arrested.

Sources: OCHA FCUs, UNRWA, UNSECCORD, UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF

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**Appendix: Checkpoints Status 13 - 19 October 2004**

<b>Checkpoint</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The checkpoint has only been open for international organisations and commercial traffic through the back-to-back system (since movement to Israel is suspended) from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Due to construction works in front of the Barrier gate, all traffic is now forced to take a diversion to enter Tulkarm from this side. The checkpoint was closed on Friday, 15 October and remains closed every Saturday.
<b>Kafriat</b>	The checkpoint is divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara. All parts of the checkpoint have been manned during the week. In general, only residents of Jbara and Shufa have been allowed to cross the checkpoint into Tulkarm town in their own vehicle and without needing a special permit.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The checkpoint has been manned the entire week and the IDF has checked everyone. On 13 October, vehicles were denied access for more than two hours. The gate and observation tower have been dismantled, but the rest of the checkpoint structure is still in place.
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	The checkpoint has been operational over the course of the week, however, access is only granted for holders of permits into Israel proper (mainly settlers and international organisation staff) and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Still, only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks. A gate has been installed between the two ends of the Barrier on each side of the road enabling the IDF to physically close the checkpoint. Following a security alert on 13 October, the IDF intensified the checks of people crossing.
<b>Deir Ballout</b>	The checkpoint saw no unusual restrictions imposed over the week. In general, the checkpoint restricts movement for Palestinians on that road that leads to Highway 5. The checkpoint is now only open between 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. The checkpoint is used by commuters from Deir Ballut, Rafat, Masha, Ar Zawiya and surrounding villages who daily travel to and from Ramallah.
<b>Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards older than 30 years of age, students, teachers and medical doctors.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards older than 30 years of age, students, teachers and medical doctors. Major delays involving students and a number of young people took place.
<b>Sarra</b> South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway Between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem older than 30 years of age. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> South east connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tobas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through).
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
<b>Salem</b>	Closed by earth wall since March 2004.

Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	
<b>Al Badhan</b> North entrance to Jordan Valley.	Closed since 17 July. According to Nablus DCL the closure is indefinite.
<b>"17"</b> ('Asira) North entrance for the villages of 'Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighbouring villages.	Closed by road blocks.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
<b>Dahyat Sabah al Khayr</b> "al Amn al Watani" Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm
<b>Salem</b> North western entrance/ Green Line	Closed for Palestinians. Military closed area.
<b>Qaddim</b> (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Partially manned.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open for permit holders.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians, except permit holders. 14 to 15 October; the IDF closed the gate to all Palestinians.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open from 6am to 12 midnight. Often long delays caused by slow-checking procedures on Saturdays are reported. There is no direct access south to Dahiyat al Bared and Ar Ram neighbourhoods due to Barrier construction. Traffic to Jerusalem must now take the Atarot road west to Highway 443 through the Bir Nabala checkpoint or the Jaba' road east and then to Hizma checkpoint. Ramallah/Al Bireh residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Other oPt Palestinians need permits to cross. Israelis citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles is allowed only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open. Delays sometimes experienced during rush hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Gate closed 15 October and reopened 17 October. Delays sometimes experienced during rush hours.
<b>At Tayba</b>	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b> <b>On Highway 443</b>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Secondary checkpoint at the entrance to Ni'lin village: Usually only residents of Ni'lin and Al Midya, humanitarian organisations and people with special permits can access the western villages through this checkpoint. Restrictions have recently relaxed and other villagers are able to enter.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and oPt Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 North.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.

<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
<b>Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open for Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank Palestinians with permits and Internationals.
<b>Container (“Wadi nar”)</b> East of Abu Dis, main transit Between North and South West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians.
<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Vehicular traffic is open for Jericho residents, Jerusalemites, humanitarian reasons as well as for internationals. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to enter unless they have a visa for travel to Jordan. Opening hours has been extended by two hours (until midnight) due to Ramadan.
<b>‘Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa</b> Northern entrance	Open for Jericho residents with proper permits and internationals. Closed for Palestinians with West Bank and Jerusalem ID cards. Opening hours: 6am to 6pm.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90</b>	Gate manned by IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	
<b>Gilo</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian plated cars allowed. Buses queuing to drop off Jewish visitors at Rachel’s Tomb continue to cause significant delays for inbound and outbound traffic. On 15 October, Palestinians worshipers younger than 60 years of age - even if they had permits - were prevented to pass through the checkpoint to reach Al Aqsa Mosque on the first Friday of the holy month of Ramadan.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli plated cars and international organisations. Only Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and Palestinians who work for UN and international organisations were allowed to pass.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Open from 7am to 7pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass. Buses of Hebron national bus company are not allowed to cross; the buses drop off passengers at the Al Khader - Husan junction. Delays were experienced for vehicles travelling out of Bethlehem.
<b>Noqedim</b> South-east of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles. Vehicles on both sides are subject to checks and searches. Long queues and delays were experienced during this week especially in the afternoon.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Access of Palestinians with permits is denied. Delays experienced.
<b>Settlers’ Checkpoint - Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers.
<b>Efrata</b> Connecting Road 60 to 356	Open 24 hours. Palestinian vehicles are subject to checks and searches but do not need permits. Long delays were experienced this week.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 Hours. Palestinian vehicles coming from Hebron and toward Bethlehem district are subject to checks and searches. No delays were experienced.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 Hours. Palestinians continue to be denied access as no permits have been issued in both districts since the Israeli holidays started on 15 September.
<b>Al Jaba</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 Hours. Palestinians continue to be denied access as no permits have been issued in both districts since the Israeli holidays started on 15 September.
<b>Avnot</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	On bypass Road 90. Palestinian plated vehicles not allowed.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Closed to all Palestinian traffic. Families living close to the settlement of Negohot are unable to drive on the road. Coordination with DCL is required for access of service providers.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> At crossing Between Roads 35 and 60, north of Hebron	The checkpoint is not manned and the gate into Hebron is closed as the alternative route on Halhul bridge is open.
<b>Tarqumiya</b>	Closed for all Palestinian traffic, no movement of Palestinians allowed into Israel. Transit



Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	is allowed for humanitarian cases with permits and commercial trucks.
<b>Shima</b> On Road 60, east of Samoa	Not manned after 31 August.
<b>Ar Rifa'iyya</b> On Road 317, east of Yatta	Not manned after 31 August.
<b>Meitar</b> On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 Hours
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by IDF. Open 24 hours.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Access was denied for Palestinians going to pray due to an agreement between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority - access was allowed to one party during feasts.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> (formerly Shalala street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians in the direction of Shuhada street. Physical searches conducted by the IDF on Palestinians walking toward or coming from the market.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada street	Closed to Palestinians
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians in the direction of Shuhada street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians on foot living between it and the settlement
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
Erez	Since 31 August, Erez terminal has been closed for Palestinians. Only diplomats or service visa holders travelling with diplomats can cross by car. UN security regulations do not permit crossing on foot. The "humanitarian road" to Erez can be used only by 4x4 vehicles.
Erez Industrial zone	Since 31 August, Erez Industrial Zone has been closed
Netzarim Junction	Closed since 8 October 2003.
Abu Houli junction	Checkpoint was open as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 13 October 6pm to 8pm</li> <li>- 14 October closed</li> <li>- 15 October 1pm to 5pm</li> <li>- 16 October 9.30am to 5.30pm</li> <li>- 17 October 6am to 6pm</li> <li>- 18 October 6am to 6pm</li> <li>- 19 October 6am to 6pm</li> </ul> Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli junction.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Gaza Int'l Airport	Closed
West Morag Junction	Closed
Beach road	The road was open as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 13 October 1pm to 5pm</li> <li>- 14 October closed</li> <li>- 15 October 1pm to 5pm</li> <li>- 16 October 10am to 3pm</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 17 October open all the day</li> <li>- 18 October open all the day</li> <li>- 19 October open all the day</li> </ul>
Al Muntar Junction	Closed

### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has been operational from 6.30am to 6pm. However, due to construction work in front of the Barrier gate, all trucks must now take a diversion to reach the back-to-back yard. On Friday, 15 October, the back-to-back system was closed the entire day. The back-to-back system remains closed every Saturday.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The back-to-back system has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya town. However, the trucks have been subjected to many delays over the week due to the restricted movement imposed on Qalqiliya town.
<b>Nablus: Shorter opening hours since 30 September in the Nablus area: 6am to 5.30pm.</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open for incoming and outgoing goods.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open only for food products
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> New back-to-back terminal is being built near the Barrier construction beside Beituniya.	Officially open 6am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. However, checkpoint often opens late in the mornings between 6.30am to 7am depending on the IDF. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system in operation), ICRC and UN vehicles only.
<b>Jericho</b>	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including diary products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 6am to 8pm.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
Karni	Partially open.
Sufa	Sufa terminal was open for construction materials only.

### Road Gates

Gate	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
Anabta	The gate remains closed for vehicles but has been open for pedestrians and therefore it functions as a back-to-back system for buses and taxis between 8am and 6pm.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole reporting period.

### Separation Barrier Gates

<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main terminal to Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permit. 6am to 10pm.
<b>Um ar Rihan</b> Western gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Open only for school students from Um ar Rihan enclave two times a day.
<b>Barta'a</b> Southern gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Open only for school students from Um ar Rihan enclave two times a day.
<b>Anin</b>	Closed for Palestinians.

Northern gate to the Barta'ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	
<b>At Tayba 1</b> North western gate	Military gate. Closed for Palestinians.
<b>At Tayba 2</b> North western gate	Agricultural gate. Usually closed for Palestinians.
<b>Jalboun</b> Eastern gate	Military gate. Closed for Palestinians.