

West Bank: Access and Closure

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Physical Closures

- Jerusalem Checkpoint¹
- Checkpoint
- Green Line Checkpoint²
- Partial Checkpoint
- Road Gate
- Observation Tower²
- Earthmound
- Roadblock
- Tunnel²
- Earth Wall
- Road Barrier
- Trench

¹ West Bank ID and Green ID holders may use only these checkpoints to access East Jerusalem.
² Not counted in the total closure figures.

West Bank Barrier

- Constructed
- Under Construction
- Planned Route
- Planned Re-routing
- Barrier Gate²

Planned barrier - path based on Israeli Government map, published April 2006 and on IDF land security orders (Ministry of Defense - Seam Zone Authority).
 Constructed barrier - path extracted from satellite imagery and verified by field survey as of July 2009.
² 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

Regional Context



The West Bank Barrier

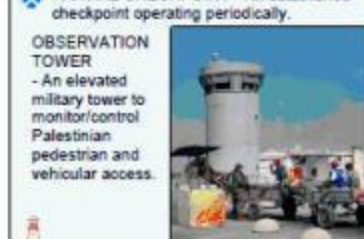
A complex series of concrete walls, electronic fences, and other obstacles to control Palestinian pedestrian and vehicular movement. Construction of the Barrier within the West Bank including East Jerusalem continues, contrary to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice.



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



Checkpoint - A barrier staffed by IDF 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 road primarily for 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 IDF, 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 IDF 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

Barrier type	Length (km)	Constructed	Under Construction	Planned
Concrete	415	83.5%		
Under Construction	75			
Planned	225			
Total	715			

Closure Summary by Governorate

Governorate	Checkpoint	Partial Checkpoint	Barrier Gate	Earth Mound	Roadblock	Trench	Road Barrier	Other	Total
Bethlehem	(1)	0	3	4	2	5	1,031	-	9,140
Hebron	(2)	11	7	31	27	95	1,285	-	6,985
Jericho	(3)	3	-	8	-	2	2,917	4	2,932
Jerusalem	(4)	2	3	2	-	5	-	2	10,655
Nablus	(5)	16	2	8	2	4	-	-	9,152
Ramallah	(6)	8	3	18	8	33	19,363	5,450	22,103
Salfit	(7)	5	2	8	-	4	3	765	7,268
Tubas	(8)	5	3	10	23	35	1,428	-	12,148
Tulkarm	(9)	3	-	11	6	5	-	-	10,638
Total	(10)	1	-	2	-	3	1,053	6,057	1,69,700
Total	(11)	5	-	2	1	11	4,347	6	2,119

List of All Closures in Hebron H2

Closure type	Checkpoint	Partial Checkpoint	Barrier Gate	Earth Mound	Roadblock	Trench	Road Barrier	Other	Total
Concrete	17	9	28	1	-	-	-	-	35
Under Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Planned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17	9	28	1	-	-	-	-	35