

West Bank: Access and Closure

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Physical Closures

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

West Bank Barrier

- Constructed
- Under Construction
- Planned Route

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

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

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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

Boundary

- Israeli declared Jerusalem boundary

Roads

- Prohibited or Restricted Palestinian vehicle use
- Main road
- Other road

Oslo Interim Agreement (1994-1999)

- Area A
- Area B
- Special Case (H2)
- Intended Nature Reserve
- Area C

1. Full Palestinian civil and security control
2. Full Palestinian civil control and joint Israeli-Palestinian security control
3. Palestinian 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.

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 Palestinian 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 metre 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.

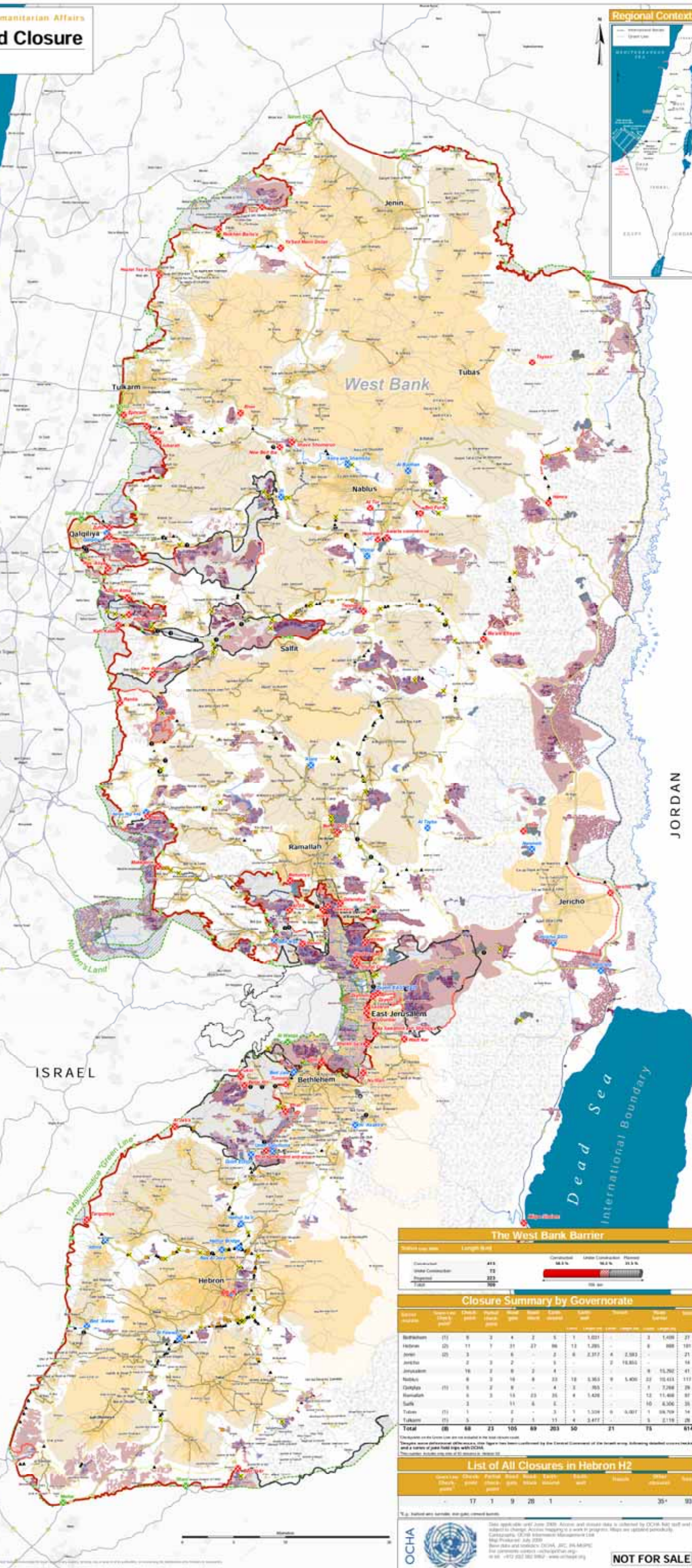


ROAD BARRIER - Continuous fencing along roads which prevents Palestinian vehicular, agricultural and pedestrian access to roads used by Israeli settlers.



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



The West Bank Barrier

Barrier type	Length (km)
Constructed	415
Under Construction	13
Planned	223
Total	651

Closure Summary by Governorate

Governorate	Green Line Checkpoint	Internal Checkpoint	Partial Checkpoint	Road Gate	Road Barrier	Trench	Earth Mound	Earth Wall	Roadblock	Tunnel	Observation Tower	Barrier Gate	Total
Bethlehem	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hebron	(2)	11	7	31	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101
Jenin	(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	(4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	(5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	(6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	(7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Jerusalem	(8)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Jerusalem	(9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	(10)	11	7	31	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101

List of All Closures in Hebron H2

Closure type	Green Line Checkpoint	Internal Checkpoint	Partial Checkpoint	Road Gate	Road Barrier	Trench	Earth Mound	Earth Wall	Roadblock	Tunnel	Observation Tower	Barrier Gate	Total
Hebron H2	17	1	9	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35

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