

ISRAEL

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Al Walaja Village

Israeli Gilo Settlement

SEPARATION BARRIER

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Battir Village

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Israeli Har Gilo Settlement

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
(WEST BANK)

Bethlehem

SEPARATION BARRIER

Husan Village

	Israeli Observation Tower		Separation Barrier
	Israeli Military Checkpoint		Palestinian Hospital
			1967 Border



31°43'09.79" N 35°09'21.68" E

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Eye alt 6.31 km

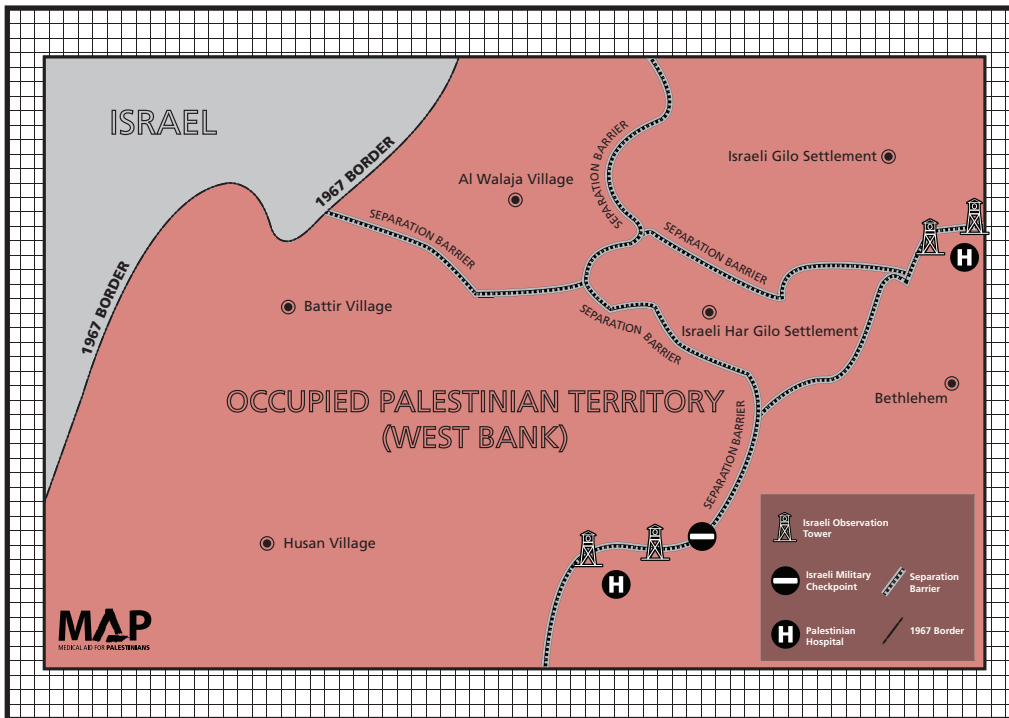
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Bethlehem Today

Today Palestinians do not have free access into or out of the Palestinian City of Bethlehem. If a Bethlehem resident wishes to seek medical care outside of the city, in one of Jerusalem's hospitals, they must negotiate a range of Israeli military installations – If a grandmother from Husan village wishes to visit her grandchildren inside Bethlehem she must do the same, as the map below and overleaf illustrates.

Residents of the nearby illegal Israeli settlements of Gilo and Har Gilo have unhindered access to Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank.



Israeli Military Observation Towers

Huge military observation towers currently loom over Bethlehem. Military observation towers have been used to target and fire at Palestinians: they are an intimidating physical reminder of the reality of the 41-year-old occupation.



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Israeli Military Checkpoints

There are eight permanent military checkpoints controlling access to Bethlehem. In addition, at last count access was further restricted by three partial checkpoints, two roadblocks, five road gates, eleven earth mounds and three other road barriers. Delays at these obstacles can jeopardise the health of sick and injured Palestinians.



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Separation Barrier

Large parts of Bethlehem are today surrounded by the separation barrier. If the Wall is completed along its planned route, it will completely cut off Bethlehem from the Palestinian capital, Jerusalem.



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