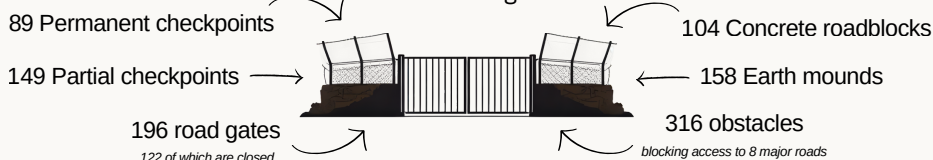# *The Architecture of Coercion, Subjugation, and Domination:*

Israel's Intensified Movement Restrictions in the West Bank

Physical Infrastructure of Control

There are **at least 849 movement obstacles**, including:

89 Permanent checkpoints

104 Concrete roadblocks

149 Partial checkpoints

158 Earth mounds

196 road gates
122 of which are closed

316 obstacles
blocking access to 8 major roads

*According to UN OCHA Update (March 2025).**

Impacts

44% of medical permit requests are denied

ACCESS DENIED

Obstructions of ambulances have tripled (387 incidents)

Cancellation of 100,000 Palestinian workers' permits

150 farming communities are cut off from their land

Drastic increase in commute times, impacting all aspects of life

Case Studies

Nablus
- 128 military obstacles encircle the city
- Severely impacts 110,000 students and 6,000 teachers
- 60% losses in tourism
- 20% commercial goods are damaged or delayed

Hebron
- 28 checkpoints in a small zone under full military control
- 7,000 residents endured a 15-day full closure.
- Schools and the only health clinic were shut for 7 months.

Bethlehem
- Most heavily restricted city, with the highest number of Israeli checkpoints
- 47 new military gates across the Governorate
- 30 new cement blocks on agricultural roads that lead to main roads

Qalqilya
- Lost access to 100 dunams of prime farmland behind the annexation wall.
- Estimated economic loss: $1.4 million annually

Tools of Coersion

Flying Checkpoints
Hundreds of temporary, ad-hoc checkpoints create a state of constant unpredictability and fear, not just static control.

Permit System
Movement is a conditional "privilege," not a right. Permits are granted or denied arbitrarily, without justification, making daily life unpredictable.

Population Registry Control
Israel controls the Palestinian population registry, determining legal existence and access to rights based on ID type.

Facial Recognition Technology "Red Wolf"
System scans Palestinians' faces without consent, adding a layer of digital surveillance to physical control.