

Human Rights and Health in Palestine

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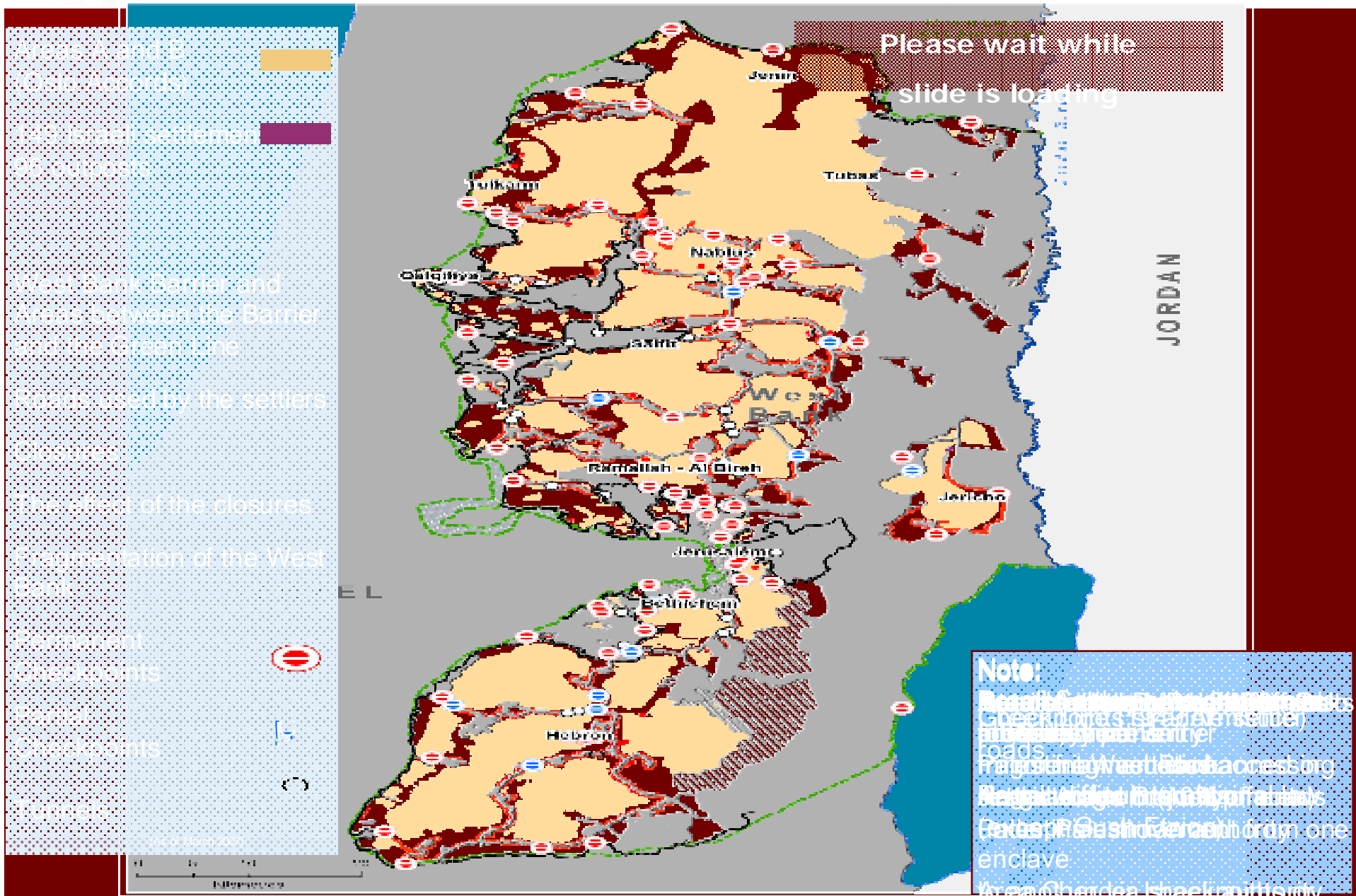
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In the 1967 War, Israel occupied the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, the last 22% of historic Palestine

These areas are internationally recognized under International Humanitarian Law (IHL) as Israeli "Occupied Territories"

The Fourth Geneva Convention (August 12, 1949) imposes an obligation on an occupying power to maintain medical services and ensure that protected persons have access to food and medical supplies and services





The West Bank Barrier Decreases Access to Schools and Health Services

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	Observations n		Mean \pm SD	Mean Difference (95% CI)	Paired <i>t</i> - statistic
Health Facilities (n = 78)					
Weekly visits	71	Before	320.1 \pm 4.2	-24.0 (-62.8–14.7)	0.221
		After	296.1 \pm 13.4		
Regular staff attendance	72	Before	98.2 \pm 357.5	-7.7 (10.8–4.6)	<0.001
		After	90.5 \pm 362.9		
Distance (km)	437	Before	8.6 \pm 7.9	4.3 (3.5–4.1)	<0.001
		After	12.9 \pm 11.5		
Travel time (min)	423	Before	17.0 \pm 12.5	25.9 (22.1–29.6)	<0.001
		After	42.9 \pm 46.5		
Schools (n = 121)					
Number of students	108	Before	350.6 \pm 223.2	-6.3 (-18.0–5.5)	0.293
		After	344.4 \pm 213.0		
Student attendance (%)	88	Before	99.3 \pm 1.5	-2.4 (-3.4–1.3)	<0.001
		After	96.9 \pm 5.6		
Staff attendance (%)	77	Before	98.2 \pm 7.2	-6.6 (-10.3–2.9)	<0.001
		After	91.6 \pm 14.8		
Distance (km)	451	Before	6.2 \pm 6.9	1.5 (1.1–2.0)	<0.001
		After	7.8 \pm 9.5		
Travel time (min)	447	Before	14.6 \pm 10.8	11.2 (9.1–13.4)	<0.001
		After	25.8 \pm 28.8		

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