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Transcript:

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Checkpoints and gates are not only intended to severely restrict freedom of movement, but to impose Israeli spatial and territorial domination over Palestinians, as well as exacerbating the [coercive environment to ensure their displacement](#). Under the guise of “security”, the Israeli regime subjugates and humiliates Palestinians, destroying their social cohesion and economy. Family members are not able to get together. Vital roads are closed from 6-9 am to enable colonizers to go to work, school and other colonies, while Palestinians are waiting in queues for hours or turned away.

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Video Recording:

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Thank you.