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Key measures for easing the daily lives of the Palestinian Population

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Key measures for easing the daily lives of the Palestinian Population: Main points

- *Below please find the comprehensive plan for improving the Palestinian population's fabric of life:*

Steps to empower **Abu-Mazen**

Encouraging the **private sector.**

Employment of Palestinians in Israel

Entry of **foreign nationals** into the West Bank.

Facilitate movement regime.

Easing the passage of Palestinians through
checkpoints and removing obstacles.

Easing the movement of **International organization**
staff in the territories.



Coordination with the P.A chairman's office and those subordinated to him, the Palestinian Passages Authorities, the Water Commissioner, and the **Presidential institutions.**

Approving **entry of donations** (security equipment) for the **Presidential Guard** by expedited procedure.

Strengthening Abu-Mazen

Easing the movement of VIP's and senior Palestinians, facilitating movement without security checks.



**Private Sector
Merchants and Businessmen
Total: 15,005**

West Bank: 14,000

Gaza: 500

B.M.C.

West Bank: 350

Gaza: 155

Total: 505

Strengthening of the Private Sector:

Movement of businessmen with **BMC documentation** provides:

Easing of **the security checks** at Erez Crossing and Allenby bridge, permitting overnight stay in Israel and access to Ben Gurion airport (upon individual request).

Possible return of **\$ 60 Million from the frozen tax money** to the private sector, subject to identification of the businessman, and the formation of a **working mechanism**.

Merchants quota from **Gaza to Israel** was increased



Upholding the policy of employment of Palestinians from the W.B. in Israel.

Increasing the number of Palestinians working in the **agricultural sector**, **2,000** of whom are permitted overnight stay in Israel.

Employment in Israel and the Settlements

Total: 42,899 workers

Workers in the settlements and industrial zones in the W.B.:

Total: 16,799 workers

Workers from the W.B.

Permanent quota: 18,000

Seasonal: 5,000

Entrance to East Jerusalem: 1,600

Atarot Ind. Zone: 1,500

Total: 26,100

Increasing the number of workers for the building industry



Entry of Foreign Nationals from Countries that Maintain Diplomatic Relations with Israel into the West Bank – Procedures



Entry into the West Bank:

In general, entry of foreign nationals from countries maintaining diplomatic relations with Israel into the West Bank **is possible**.

Entry of the aforementioned foreign nationals will be permitted through means of the military commander's consent, on the basis of which an entry **permit from the Ministry of Interior will be granted**.

Nationals from countries that **do not have visa agreements with Israel** can enter the West Bank through Israel, after receiving a visa from the Ministry of Interior, through the embassy/consulate at their **country of origin**. The request must **detail the reason for the visit**.

Nationals from **countries that have visa agreements with Israel** may enter the West Bank by either one of the following procedures:

- **Preliminary coordination** through the embassy /consulate at the country of origin (recommended).
- **Uncoordinated arrival at the border**. This necessitates some checking procedures at the border crossing.



In general, nationals will be able to receive an entry visa valid for three months.



The following groups are eligible:

- **Spouses of local residents.**
- **Representatives of international organizations.**
- **Businessmen/ investors/ persons with working permits.**
- **Pilgrims.**
- **Reporters.**
- **Volunteers, lecturers, consultants and others.**

Visa Renewal:

The **visas** can be extended by sending a request to the representative of the **Ministry of Interior in Beit- El**, in either of the following ways:

- **Approaching the Palestinian population registry representative in Ramallah and applying for a visa renewal.**
- **In exceptional cases - independently approaching the Israeli Ministry of Interior representative at Beit – El.**



The following groups will be able to extend the visa **for another year**

(total staying time shall not exceed 27 months):

- **Spouses of local residents.**
- **Businessmen.**
- **Investors.**
- **People with working permits (bankers/ doctors).**

At the end of the 27 months, a further extension may be granted (provided the foreign national exits and re-enters the area).

International organization employees can obtain a six month renewal for their visa in either of the following ways:

- **Sending a request to the International Relations Branch** at the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories.
- **Sending a request to the Israeli Ministry of Interior** - population registry regional offices – for employees that live within Israel.

Comment:

The "LAST PERMIT" stamp has been cancelled. People who have this stamp on their passport may leave the area, and their return will not be prevented solely on the basis of the stamp.



Supervised movement of **unique populations between the areas** is possible.

Improvement of movement for **unique populations** (businessmen, medical staff and international organization employees) not defined by COS order.

Movement Regime

The **entering of Arab-Israelis into** the cities of Kalkilya, Tulkarem, Bethlehem and Jericho is possible.



Movement Assistant Steps at the Checkpoints

#	Crossing point	District	The significance of the crossing point	Status at present
1	Junction 197 - south-east entry to Tul-Karem	Kalkilia Tul-Karem	Access from Tul-Karem city to Ramin area and Nablus	Normally Open
2	Hava 8 - south of Avney Hefez		Access from Tul-Karem to Kalkilia	Normally Open
3	Dir - Balout		Access between Kalkilia and Ramallah	Normally Open
4	Tapuach Checkpoint	Nablus	Main road from the northern Samaria to Ramallah (road 60)	Normally Open
5	Yizhar Junction		Connects Nablus and Kalkilia districts to Ramallah through Tapuach Checkpoint	Normally Open
6	Bir-Zeit Bridge	Ramallah	Direct connection between Arura (Salfit) area to Ramallah	Normally Open
7	Rimonim		The main road to The Jordan Valley	Normally Open



#	Crossing point	District	The significance of the crossing point	Status at the present
8	Vadi-Nar Checkpoint	Bethlehem	Access to Jerusalem peripheries from Bethlehem	Normally Open
9	Hagush Junction		Connects between Bethlehem to Hebron	Normally Open
10	Um Salmona		Connects between road 60 to villages in south-west part of Bethlehem district	Normally Open
11	X-Checkpoint - west entry to Bethlehem		Access from Bethlehem city to the rural area	Normally Open
12	Halhul east (main entry to Hebron)	Hebron	Connects between the eastern villages to Hebron city	Normally Open
13	Alfowar Junction		Connects Yata area to Hebron city	Normally Open
14	Idna Junction		Connects the northern and southern villages to the west part of Hebron district.	Normally Open



Karni crossing:

Continuity of the crossing is maintained.

Easing conditions of exporting merchandise (flowers and agricultural produce).

Conveyer belts for aggregates and cement.

A crane for the **transportation of containers** has been installed.

The option of **expanding the activity hours** of the crossing till 23:00 is being considered.

Establishing of infrastructure to **improve the crossings operation**.



Convoy movement
(security checked drivers)
between **Nablus to Sha'ar**
Efrayim crossing is
approved, as well as
exporting merchandise to
Israel.

Crossing Points

Rafah Crossing:
open for entry
and exit of the
Haj pilgrims
from Egypt.

Easing of the transportation
system through the back to
back platforms in the W.B. –
Replacing from containers to
palettes, lowering the
security checks to **random**
checks.

Movement of agricultural merchandise
from the Jordan valley to Israel is possible
(back to back).

Movement of stone products to Israel
through Jab'a crossing is possible
(Bethlehem).



International Organizations

Preserving and facilitating humanitarian activity

Total: 1,800

W.B.

Entrance of 100 Palestinian international organization employees into Israel has been approved (350 to the G.S.).

G.S.

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Approval for the movement of international organization employees, foreigners and diplomats into Israel and between the districts.

Approval for the movement of the legal system employees between the districts and into Jerusalem - USAID request



Religious ritual

Entry of churches employees (a total of 1,450)

Church workers-650, teachers-550, "Waqf" workers-150, members of clergy-100.

Entrance of prisoners' family members visiting Israeli prisons

**Entry of Muslim pilgrims to the Temple Mount (a total of 365 thousand men during Ramadan)
Approving access of Christians for their holidays including assistance steps around Christmas.**

Internal movements

Emergency staff
Medical staff
Local municipally
P.A. employees

**Unique populations:
East Jerusalem hospital employees (1,300), hotels (300), lawyers, teachers, residents of Gabel-Mukaber, Biruana, Bet-Zafafa**

Free entry of medical and humanitarian cases into Israel.