



PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY  
GENERAL SECURITY DIRECTORATE  
NORTHERN DISTRICTS HQ

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**FAX**

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For your review, please find attached to this fax a document which outlines the points which were raised in the meeting with the Israelis regarding the transfer of security responsibility in the Tulkarem area.

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**The following points were raised in the meeting between the Palestinian Authority (PA) and the Government of Israel (GOI), which took place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005 in Tulkarem.**

According to the Oslo Agreements, the terms of reference of the peace process, the Roadmap and the Sharm El-Sheikh joint understanding, as well as our determination to return the situation to that of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2000 and to rebuild confidence and trust between the two sides.

- 1) Transfer the security control in the Tulkarem Region to the PA, including Areas A and B.
- 2) To enable the Palestinian Security Forces (PSF) to move freely inside the Tulkarem Region and Areas A and B, without prior coordination or escort.
- 3) The Israeli side commits not to reenter, under any circumstances, areas transferred to the PA and which are under its jurisdiction, specifically Areas A & B. The PA will resume its responsibilities to maintain internal security.
  - A) Deployment of armed PSF in official uniforms;
  - B) Prevent armed demonstrations;
  - C) Collect of illegal weapons;
  - D) Prevent violence aimed against civilians;
  - E) Ending incitement.
- 4) To ensure the free movement of PSF inside the Nour Shams Camp to the point of Rameen area gate with fully military uniform and weapons, without any barriers, obstacles or escort, and without prior coordination with the Israeli side.
- 5) To remove the dirt barriers and other obstacles in Areas B and C.
- 6) To allow for the free movement for trade and traders and businesses from and to the Tulkarem Region.
- 7) Checkpoints and other barriers constructed in Areas A and B as a result of the wall are addressed at the political levels.
- 8) Rameen Village, in Area A and surrounding villages, will be discussed between the PA Minister of Interior and the Israeli Minister of Defense in two weeks.
- 9) Balaa -Elar road, in Area A, the PAS will use it with coordination. This arrangement will last for two weeks. After two weeks, the PSF will move freely without coordination.

**the two sides and to improve security coordination.**

- 11) **Security coordination will resume as follows:**
- A) Weekly meetings between DCO officers.**
  - B) Meetings in the middle of the month between Regional Commanders of the two sides.**
  - C) Regarding Israelis who commit violence or criminal acts these will be dealt with in accordance with existing agreements.**
  - D) Palestinian Security command center in the Palestinian Region (Tulkarem) will inform all Security Forces that they should remain in areas under PA responsibility in their official uniforms and armed, and they shall not leave these areas.**
  - E) Command and controls sites and special prisons will be inside the Palestinian Region and it is forbidden for the Israeli side to interfere in PA arrangements.**