

The European Neighborhood Policy: The Time to Deliver

The Role of the European Union and its new Member States in the Palestinian Territories

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THE ROLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST QUARTET



- US – Power-broker & Convener
- EU – Economic reconstruction & Development
- Russia – Historical legacy
- UN – Normative legacy

Annapolis - Main Outcomes

Core issues:

- Borders
- Settlements
- Security
- Water
- Jerusalem
- Refugees & Right of return

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European Commission Financial Assistance to the Palestinian People (year 2007)

- **Committed Funds**
 - TIM
 - UNRWA
 - East Jerusalem initiatives
 - ECHO Assistance
 - Food Aid
- **Pipeline Funds**
 - MEPP
 - Food Security
 - Instrument for Stability
- **Additional Resources**
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 - Private Sector Arrears
 - Technical Assistance

European Commission Financial Assistance to the Palestinian People

In 2007, the EU and its 27 member nations gave nearly \$1.48 billion, most of it in humanitarian assistance for Palestinians who live under rival governments in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Aims at providing:

- Development assistance
- Institutions' building for a future Palestinian State

Projects in:

Health, education, judiciary, support to SMEs, infrastructure & environment, capacity building in the ministries of PA

- EU Special Representative
- EuroMediterranean Partnership
- ENP
- Civilian aspects of crisis management



Temporary International Mechanism - TIM

Background

- The Quartet Statement of 17 June 2006 endorsed the European Union proposal for a temporary international mechanism, limited in scope and duration, which operates with full transparency and accountability and facilitates needs-based assistance directly to the Palestinian people.
- Since 26 June 2006 TIM is operational in East Jerusalem. The team is composed of 26 persons with 10 different nationalities: European Commission officials, experts from member states and support staff. The team is supported by 10 auditors.



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Objectives

- To relieve the socio-economic crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territories :
 - impact quickly on the lives of the Palestinian people
 - ensure that essential services can continue to be delivered
 - inject money into economy
- To facilitate donor support including Arab donors, and the resumption of Palestinian revenue transfer by Israel



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Three Windows of Support

- **Window I:** The provision of **essential supplies and running costs** for social services and health, mainly through the Emergency Services Support Programme (ESSP);
- **Window II:** The support for the **uninterrupted supply of energy utilities**, including fuel, through the Commission's funded Interim Emergency Relief Contribution (IERC);
- **Window III: Support to vulnerable Palestinians**, through social allowances to employees of the governmental health sector, as well as needs-based allowances for the poor and the vulnerable.



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Window 1: Supplies and Running Costs for social services and health

- Contribution agreement with the World Bank for €10 million under the Emergency Services Support Programme negotiated and to be signed in the coming days
- Support of running costs, consumables and equipment to hospitals and health centres
- Possible support to the education sector and social welfare services



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Window 2: Fuel for Gaza

- 429,000 litres of fuel delivered as emergency energy source following the bombing of the Gaza Power Generating Company, allowing:
 - continued operation of 10 public hospitals in the Gaza Strip (over 160,000 litres of fuel provided)
 - functioning of over 111 water wells and 23 waste water installations (over 266,000 litres of fuel provided).
- Ongoing discussions with Office of the President on further support for electricity production and distribution



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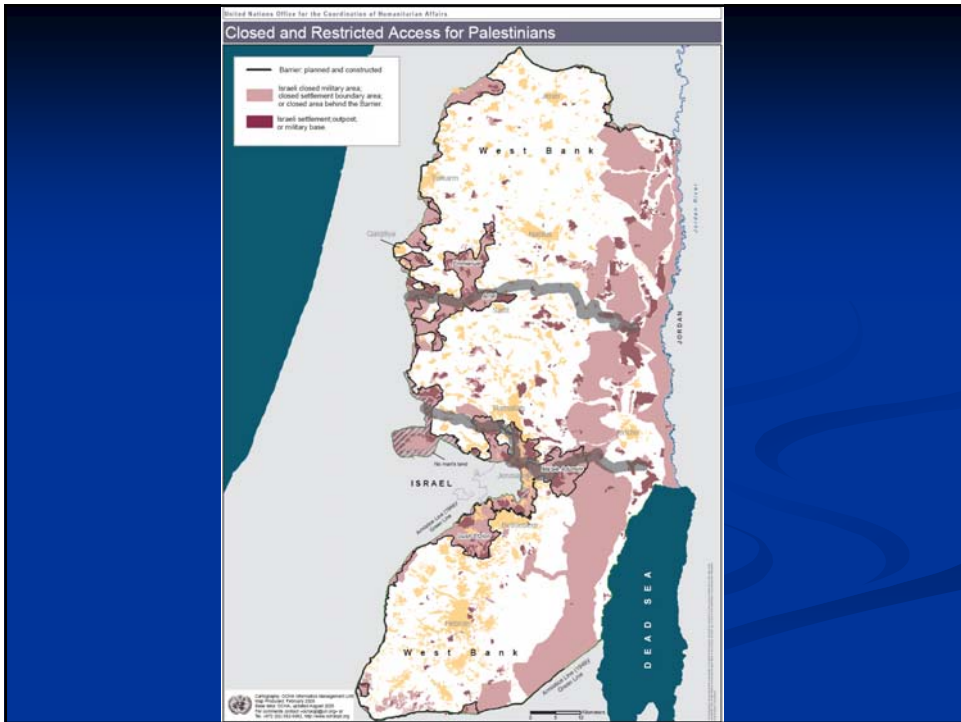
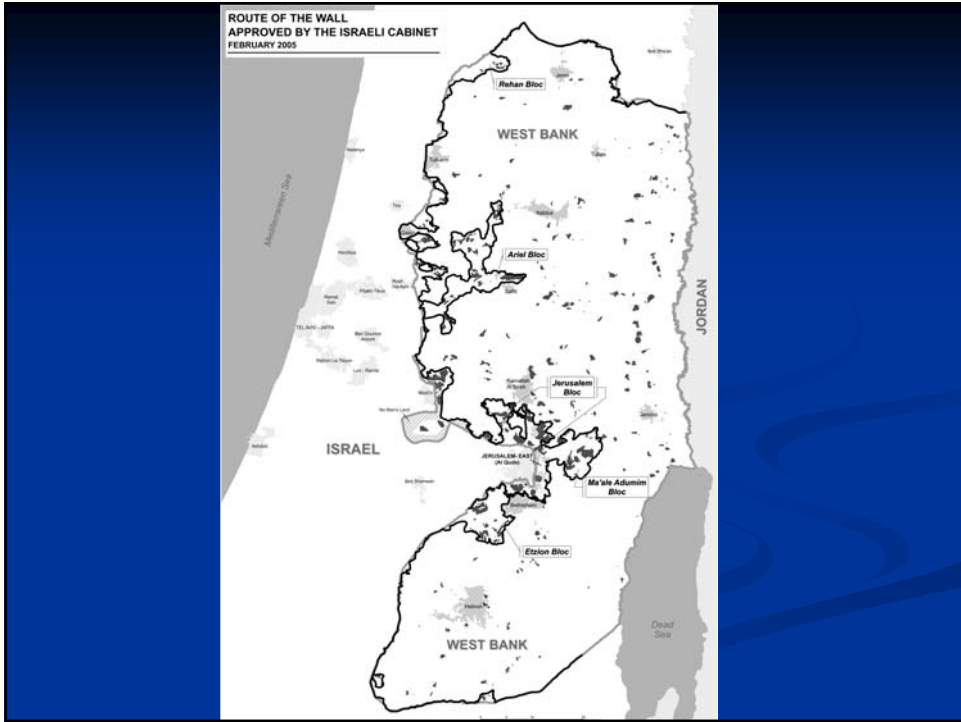
Window 3: Support vulnerable Palestinians

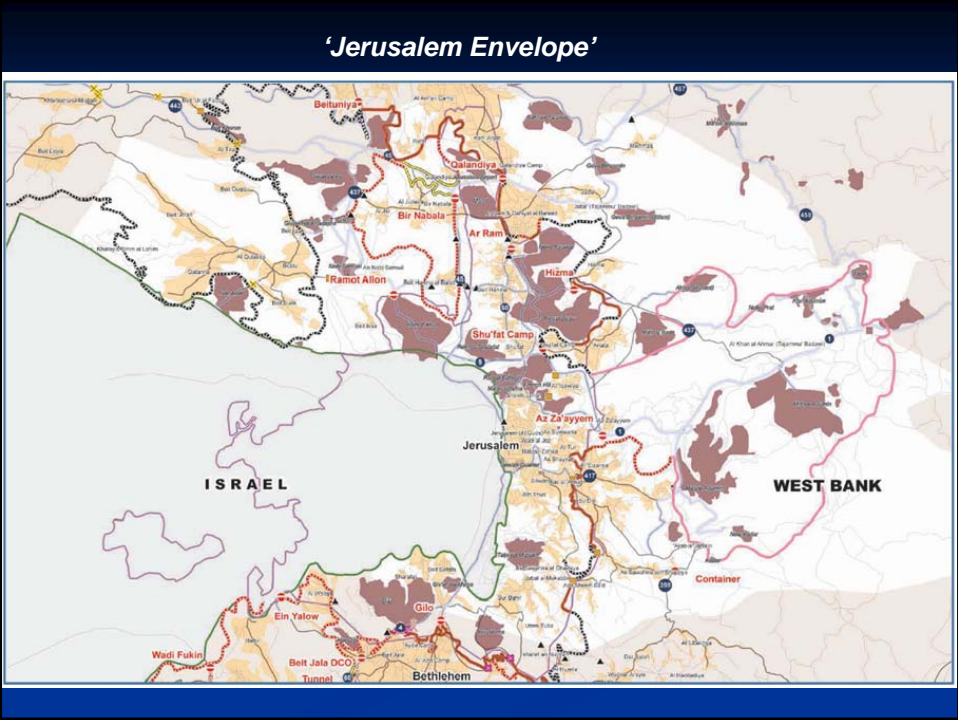
- Payment of social allowances to health workers to ensure continued provision of health services for the Palestinian population
 - Beneficiaries: 12,000 households of health workers, who have only been paid one half of a salary since last March
- Design of a needs-based system of social allowances for the most vulnerable Palestinian families in consultation with international and local actors
 - Beneficiaries: estimated 90,000 households

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Guidelines:

- Sustainable & effective policing arrangements
- Palestinian ownership
- Accordance with best International standards
- Co-operation with EU Commission's institution building & other international efforts in the wider contest of Security Sector including Criminal Justice reform
- Co-ordinate & facilitate EU Member State assistance & international assistance to the PCP





Access to health services, schools,
religious sites.

11 pedestrian gates, vehicle gates &
terminals

Biometric scanning

65, 000 commuters through transit
points daily (15,000 pupils A-Ram)



Approx 60-70,000 Jerusalem ID holders live outside the wall
Migration
Housing shortage, overcrowding, economic decline, radicalization



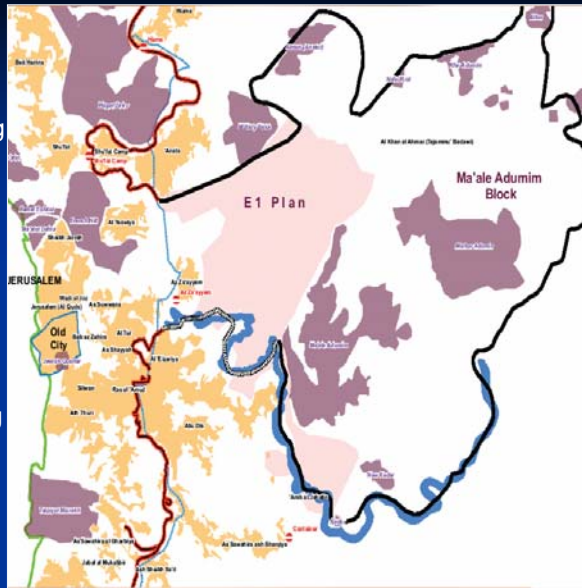
Disengagement blindness

“In light of new realities on the ground, including already existing major Israeli populations centers, it is unrealistic to expect that the outcome of final status negotiations will be a full and complete return to the armistice lines of 1949.”

George Bush April 2004

Official protest ‘wasn’t a great big production number, because the same cabinet also took the key decision on implementing disengagement’

British Ambassador to Israel
February 2005,



Temporary barrier



*Or
permanent border?*



'Without Jerusalem as a shared capital for Palestinians and Israelis, there is no two-state solution'.
Palestinian Minister of State for Jerusalem Affairs



Bulgaria's possible contribution

- “Beautiful Bulgaria” Project
- JOBS Project