



**State of Palestine
Ministry of Transport**



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Overview of Palestine:

- Population : 5.4 million.
- Total road network: 3.900 km.
- Number of registered and licensed vehicles: 532.652 in 2022 and personal licenses is (883476).
- Total number of road accidents 2022:16502.
- Total number of fatalities in 2022 : 151.
- Total number of injurers in 2022: 11741.



Road traffic accidents fatalities in Palestine:

- State of Palestine is in a good position regarding to fatal accident rates; it is in a second place among the member states of EuroMed Transport Support Project. Palestine rate is 5.3/100.000 person, which is very close to the European rate 4.9/100.000 person.
- Ministry of Transport with cooperation with other stakeholders play a key role in dedicated measures and plans in addressing and enhancing road safety.

Stakeholders



Strategic Plans and Projects:

- Council of ministries formed ministerial committee for road safety.
- We prepared a national strategic plan for traffic safety 2023 -2030, funded by UN/ WHO which is a response to the UN decade of action for road safety 2021-2030.
- We prepared National Strategic Framework for ITS in Palestine 2019-2029.
- Traffic awareness workshops and campaigns . And enhancing the environment of traffic safety in the schools .



1. Intelligent Transport System (ITS)

- In full coordination and cooperation with the municipalities, we started applying **Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS)**.
- The first municipality that started implementing these systems is the Hebron Municipality.
- At the beginning of next year, these systems will be implemented in other municipalities: Nablus, Ramallah, Tulkarem.
- We are currently preparing the (ToR) for a tender before the end of this year to establish a central traffic control room at the Ministry's headquarter.
- Our national team for ITS prepares law draft for ITS.



2- Improving Public Transport Infrastructure:

- The Council of Ministers issued a decision to establish a public bus transport company

in partnership between the public and private sectors to operate between cities.

- This company aims at, improving public transport infrastructure, the two primary objectives are:
 - ✓ Improving the quality of service of public transport in the West Bank, and
 - ✓ Safeguard the long term financial sustainability of the sector.
- MoT approved to **Nablus** Municipality to establish a public bus company to operate all internal lines in the city in an advanced operation methods and with new buses its operated since August
- We will apply the Nablus experience to other cities.
- We participated in preparing the master plan for public transport in the urban area: Ramallah, Beitunia, Surda, Abu Qash.



International Refereed Scientific Conference :

An International Refereed Scientific Conference (**Sustainable Development in Traffic Safety**) was held in the College for Police Sciences in Jericho in 2022 .

The general objectives of the conference:

1. Rising and improving the reality of traffic safety in a sustainable manner.
2. Seeking to adopt effective polices in the fields of various dimensions that affect traffic safety.
3. Strengthening the principle of traffic safety in order to achieve a safe traffic environment, and ensure the reduction of the number of deaths and serious injuries and reduce traffic crises.
4. Coming up with legal and practical recommendations based on the scientific method in achieving the goals.
5. Identify the mechanisms of dealing with the traffic problems, and developing a modern traffic management technologies.

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Palestine College for Police Sciences, organizes a partnership and cooperation with:
International Refereed Scientific Conference
(Sustainable development in traffic safety)
Jericho - Palestine College for Police Sciences
08-09/11/2022

Our Priorities:

- Developing and implementing National Strategy for traffic safety to reduce deaths and injuries of road accidents to 50% or less by 2030.
- Establishing a National Observatory for Traffic safety in Palestine.
- Implementing the action plan of our strategic framework of ITS.
- Implementing our project: improving public transport infrastructure.
- All of these priorities will contribute effectively to increasing road safety in Palestine, in line with the National Agenda and the Transportation Master Plan.

Remaining Challenges:

Palestine represents a very special case facing unique challenges.

- ❖ Its major characteristic is that it enjoys limited territorial sovereignty, and it doesn't control its own borders.
- ❖ 60% of fatal traffic accidents occur in roads and areas classified as area C, which is under Israeli civil and security control.
- ❖ Furthermore, all gates in and out of the areas of the Palestinian territories, for passengers and goods, are controlled by Israel.
- ❖ Moreover, there is no territorial continuity between West-Bank and Gaza Strip and no direct connection by any mode of transport.
- ❖ This situation hinders the execution of programs and objectives and weakens Palestinian control over much of the transport infrastructure.
- ❖ Shortage in finding donors or in funding to implement our plans and programs in the transport and roads sector.



Thank you for your attention

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