





## The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (87<sup>th</sup> session) (WP.1)

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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.





### **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.



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## 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.

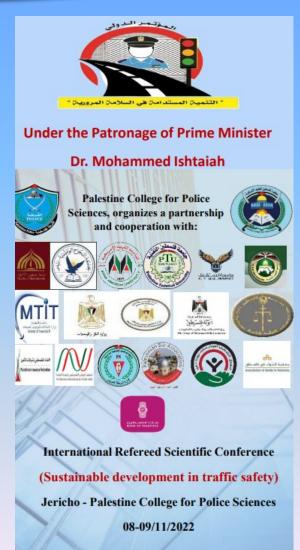
- This company aims at, improving public transport infrastructure, the two primary objectives are:
- ✓ Improving the quality of service of public transport in the West Bank, and
- ✓ Safeguard the long term financial sustainability of the sector.
- MoT approved to Nablus Municipality to establish a public 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:

- 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.



#### **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.



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