WEST BANK DISENGAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT, 24 August 2005

1. Settler evacuation status

All four settlements have been evacuated.

2. Incidents reported

None

3. Coordination

- Coordination among the UN, the Jenin Emergency Room and the village council continued for follow-up and assessment throughout the day.
- OCHA remains the focal point for all coordination between the UN agencies on the ground. In addition, close co-operation with ICRC on the ground continues.
- The Emergency Room in Jenin Governorate is operational 24 hours. Three telephone lines have been established: 042 503 220/221/222. A fourth line has been established (all calls paid by Jenin Governorate): 1800 330 033.

4. External movements

- All movement into Israel proper for Palestinian workers and traders has been suspended, and will remain so until the end of the disengagement;
- Family visits from the area to Palestinian prisoners held in Israel have also been suspended until further notice.

5. Internal movements and closure

- The strict closure on villages along the section of the evacuation route along road 60 has effectively been relaxed with road blocks being bypassed and movement of Palestinian taxis, private vehicles and even ambulances evident. All shops in Silat adh Dhaher looking onto road 60 were open and most of the houses occupied by the IDF have been evacuated.
- Along 585 there is still enforcement on the restriction of movement with queues forming at the crossing points (Arraba humanitarian path) but taking place but all alternative routs for Palestinian communities along the road are open and travelled.

6. Humanitarian issues

- No humanitarian issues
- OCHA and UNRWA undertook quick access survey during the day finding no restrictions and no communities isolated or unable to reach and be reached by service providers;
- OCHA made a follow-up visit to the Bedouin community of Imreiha to evaluate the request for emergency provision of water. The matter has been resolved by the nearby Yabad municipality making available one of its filling points on the eastern side. Although more expensive this will provide water until the original source at Barta 'ash Sharqiya becomes reachable again.

7. Assessment

The potential humanitarian fallout for Palestinian villages along the evacuation corridor has not materialized and movement restrictions are relaxing by the hour with Palestinian communities going back to a normal regime.

Sources: UNRWA OSO, OCHA, Palestinian DCL, Israeli DCL, Emergency Room in Jenin Governorate