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The Governments of the U.S. and Canada Join the Palestinian Authority to Inaugurate New Qabatiya-Al Jalameh Road

Jalameh Crossing, Jenin Governorate – Today, the governments of the United States and Canada, the Palestinian Ministry of Public Works and Housing, and Prime Minister Hamdallah joined Jenin Governorate officials and community members to inaugurate the newly rehabilitated Qabatiya-Al Jalameh Road.

This $14.6 million activity was a collaborative effort between USAID and Global Affairs Canada to rehabilitate 14.2-kilometers of the Qabatiya-Al Jalameh Road to improve the living conditions of Palestinians and support Palestinian economic growth. The two-lane road connects Al Jalameh crossing point in Jenin to the Qabatiya-Tubas Road, linking commercial traffic to and from the crossing to the northern portion of the West Bank. The new road also improves access to Arab American University in Jenin, increases road safety, reduces traffic congestion, and will induce new development to the area.

At the event, U.S. Consul General Donald Blome highlighted the partnership between the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, USAID, and Global Affairs Canada, saying, "This project marks the first cooperation between USAID and Global Affairs Canada on an infrastructure project in the West Bank and Gaza. We hope it will serve as a blueprint for cooperation in the future." In addition, the Head of Cooperation from the Representative Office of Canada to the Palestinian Authority, Mr. David Fournier, underscored the significance of the new road as a key piece of economic infrastructure which would facilitate trade and support access to markets for Palestinian firms.

The inauguration celebration was also attended by Minister of Public Works and Housing Mr. Mofied Al-Hasayneh, Jenin Governor Ibrahim Ramadan, and representatives from the local community.
USAID and Global Affairs Canada are committed to stimulating sustainable economic growth in the West Bank and Gaza through projects that increase access to trade and commerce.

