

Gaza/Jericho Agreement Provisions on Family Reunification

A examination of the Gaza/Jericho Agreement has revealed several provisions which relate to the entry of Palestinians into the the territory subject to the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority which I have discovered:

Art. XVI of the Agreement relates to the Liason and cooperation with Jordan and Egypt, including displaced persons. We understand that both Israeli and the Palestinian sides intend to convene this committee in the next month.

Art. X, para. 3(f) of Annex I (Protocol Concerning Withdrawal of Israeli Military Forces and Security arrangements) provides that either side may deny the entry of non-residents into Gaza and Jericho.

Note to Appendix C, of Annex II (Protocol Concerning Civil Matters) implies that Israel must have issued an entrance visa prior to permitting the entry of a person into Gaza/Jericho.

In addition, this morning the Israelis informed me that anyone taking up permanent residence in Gaza and Jericho would be required to be approved by both Israel and the Palestinian authority. This provision has not been located as of yet.

Finally, it should be noted that there is extensive requirements for law enforcement cooperation. Thus, if an offense is committed in the Territory "by a non-Israeli against Israel" the Palestinian Authority must investigate and prosecute the case. Art. I, para. 5, Annex III (Protocol Concerning Legal matters). This may cover someone overstaying an entrance visa issued by Israel. &