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Inauguration ceremony for the reconstruction of the Qalandia Road section funded by the German Government and implemented by UNDP/PAPP

His Excellency Dr. Samir Abdallah, Minister of Planning of the Palestinian Authority, Mr. Jörg Ranau, the German Representative to the Palestinian Authority, and UNDP / PAPP Special Representative Jens Toyberg-Frandzen accompanied by the head of Qalandia Refugee Camp's Popular Committee, Mr. Jamal al-Lafi, inaugurated the reconstruction of the road section between the Qalandia Refugee Camp and the Qalandia checkpoint on Thursday, 8 November, at 12:00.

Based on a request from the Ministry of Planning, the reconstruction of the road section (800 meters in each direction) at a cost of 450,000 Euros was funded by the German Government through its development bank, KfW, and implemented by UNDP / PAPP. The project was completed within only three months.

Mr. Jörg Ranau, said that he is happy the work on the busiest section of the road is nearing completion. "It was very important for us that the road be ready before the beginning of the winter season. Although drivers using the road have suffered from the reconstruction works in the past three months, they will be able now to enjoy driving on a modern road," he added.

As for UNDP/PAPP Special Representative Mr. Jens Toyberg-Frandzen said: "The combining of efforts of so many different public institutions, donors, local community and UNDP / PAPP were exemplary and helped ease the traffic jams that marred this road in no more than three months. This, ladies and gentlemen, is true development work."

The Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Construction (PECDAR) that carried out the work under the supervision of the United Nations Development Programme/Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP / PAPP) has also built storm water canals and sidewalks for pedestrians.

In addition, the old water network in the Qalandia Camp was replaced at a cost of an additional 74,000 Euros and is expected to benefit 15,000 living in the area. This funding was also provided by the Government of Germany through its development bank, KfW, and implemented under the supervision of UNDP/PAPP and Jerusalem Water Undertaking.

The Jerusalem District Electricity Company and the National Telecommunications Company used this chance to replace the outdated electricity and telephone cables under the road.



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In total, the Government of Germany has funded, through KfW, 510 projects under Poverty Oriented Employment Generation Programme, implemented by UNDP/PAPP generating over 1,100,000 workdays.

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