

## **IOF Order Declaring West Bank Land between Israel's 1967 Border and the "Security" Wall as Military "Closed Zone" (October 2, 2003)**

Set forth below is an English translation of a new Israeli military order, signed and effective as of October 2, 2003, declaring all Occupied West Bank land between the "security" wall and Israel's pre-occupation 1967 border as "closed" (the "Closed Zone"). The Order states that "No person will enter the [Closed Zone] and no one will remain there." (Section 3a) Free access to the Closed Zone will only be granted to "Israelis" (defined as Israeli citizens, Israeli residents and anyone who is Jewish). The Order requires Palestinian residents of the Closed Zone to obtain permits to live in their houses, farm their land, and to travel. Palestinians not residing in the Closed Zone but whose agricultural lands are within the Closed Zone will also be required to apply for a permit to farm their land. The Order effectively grants any Jew in the world the right to freely travel throughout the Closed Zone while denying the same rights to the Christians and Muslims who live on, farm and own the land.

Nothing in the Order guarantees that permits will be granted or even respected if indeed granted.

The Order represents the latest Israeli attempts to rid the Closed Zone of its Palestinian inhabitants and to use the "security" wall to effectively re-draw Israel's geo-political border by treating the Closed Zone as a part of Israel.

The Closed Zone represents approximately 2% of the Occupied West Bank and is home to approximately 14,000 Palestinians. Several thousand other Palestinians own land in the Closed Zone.

Part A of the Order lists land seizure orders issued in order to construct the "security" wall.

**- PLO Negotiations Affairs Department**

**Israeli Defense Forces  
Order Concerning Security Directives (Judea and Samaria) (number 378), 1970  
Declaration Concerning the Closure of Area Number s/2/03 (Seam Area)**

In the framework of my authority as commander of the IDF forces in the Judea and Samaria region and in accordance with articles 88 and 90 of the Order Concerning the Security Directive (Judea and Samaria) (number 378), 1970 (herein: the "Order") and the remainder of my authorities in accordance with all laws and security legislation, and in wake of the special security circumstances which exist in the region and in order to take necessary measures to prevent terror attacks and the exit of attackers from the area of Judea and Samaria into the State of Israel, I hereby declare the following:

**1. Definitions**

In this declaration:

**"The map"** - The map, dimensions of which are 1: 150,000, bearing the name "Declaration Concerning Closing Area Number s/2/03 (seam area)," signed by myself and forming an integral part of this declaration.

**"Israeli"** - Each one of the following:

**A.** Citizen of the State of Israel;

**B.** Resident of the State of Israel, registered in the population registry of Israel in accordance with the Population Registry Law, 1965, and as amended in Israel from time to time.

**C.** One who is eligible to emigrate to

Israel in accordance with the Law of Return, 1950, and as amended in Israel from time to time.

**"The obstacle"** - fences, walls and patrol paths, which are intended to prevent terror attacks and the exit of attackers from the Judea and Samaria region into the State of Israel, that were erected under the authority of the confiscation orders detailed amended from time to time.

**"Seam area"** - All of the area surrounded by the obstacle, marked on the map with the color red, in the direction of the State of Israel.

**2. Closure of Territory**

I declare that the seam area is a closed zone as intended by this declaration.

**3. Prohibition of Entry and Remaining**

**A.** No person will enter the seam area and no one will remain there.

**B.** A person found in the seam area will be required to evacuate it immediately.

**4. Reservation of Applicability**

**A.** Article 3 of the declaration will not be applicable for:

**i.** An Israeli.

**ii.** A person given a permit by me or by someone authorized by me to enter the seam area and to remain there, and this is in accordance with the conditions determined in the permit. A permit according to this determination can be general, for certain categories, personal or special.

**B.** Despite the aforementioned in sub-article (a), the military commander is authorized to determine that the directive of article 3 of this declaration will apply to

a person or a type of persons who enter the seam area or who remain there.

#### 5. Permanent Residents

**A.** A person, who has reached the age of 16, whose permanent place of residence on the date of entry into force of this declaration is in the seam area, will be eligible to enter the seam area and remain there, so long as he possesses a written permit given to him by me or one authorized by me, which testifies to the fact that his permanent place of residence is in the seam area, and this is all in accordance with the conditions determined in the permit.

**B. ( i)** A person, who has not reached the age of 16, whose place of permanent residence is the seam area, will be eligible to remain in the seam area without a written permit as stipulated in sub-article (a).

**( ii)** A person, who has not reached the age of 16, whose place of permanent residence is the seam area, will be eligible to enter the seam area in one of the following ways:

**a)** If he possesses a written permit, as noted in sub-article (a), as long as he has reached the age of 12;

**b)** If he is accompanied by a person whose entry is permitted in accordance with sub-article (a).

**c)** In all other ways as determined by me or someone authorized by me.

#### 6. Passages

**A.** Entry into the region and exit from it will be via passageways detailed in Part B of the attachment to this declaration, and marked in the color blue on the map, and all in accordance with the conditions to be determined by me or one authorized by me.

**B.** In the matter of this article:

"Entry into the seam area" - entry into the seam area from the direction of the territory of the region which is not part of the seam area;

"Exit from the seam area" - exit from the seam area to the direction of the territory of the region which is not part of the seam area.

**7. Authorization**

The Head of the Civil Administration is authorized to determine directives and arrangements in all matters concerning this declaration.

**8. Publication**

**A.** Copies of this declaration and the attached map will be placed for the review of all persons during regular working hours in the following offices:

**i.** The regional District Coordinating Offices (DCO);

**ii.** The police station in the Judea and Samaria region;

**iii.** Office of the Legal Advisor of the Judea and Samaria region;

**iv.** Offices of the Head of the Infrastructure Unit of the Civil Administration in the Judea and Samaria region.

**B.** Copies of the declaration and the attached map will be hung on the notice boards of the regional DCO offices, as noted in sub-article (a)(1), for a period of three months from the date of publication of the notice concerning the signature on this declaration.

**C.** The Head of the Civil Administration is eligible to determine additional means of publication, apart from

those detailed in sub-articles (a) and (b).

<b>9. Upholding Laws</b>	This declaration will not impair the applicability of declarations concerning the closure of territory or other orders applicable in the seam area.
<b>10. Entry into Force</b>	The date of entry into force of this declaration is the date of its signature.
<b>11. The Name</b>	This declaration will be entitled: "Declaration in the Matter of Closing Territory Number s/2/03 (seam area) (Judea and Samaria), 2003".

#### **Addition**

### **Part A - Seizure Orders**

1. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/35/95 (Judea and Samaria), 1995.
2. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/12/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
3. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/17/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
4. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/18/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
5. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/19/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
6. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/20/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
7. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/21/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
8. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/22/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.

9. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/23/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
10. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/24/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
11. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/25/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
12. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/26/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
13. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/31/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
14. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/33/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
15. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/34/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
16. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/35/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
17. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/37/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
18. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/39/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
19. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/40/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
20. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/41/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
21. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/43/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
22. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/46/02 (Judea and Samaria), 2002.
23. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/7/03 (Judea and Samaria), 2003.

24. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/2103 (Judea and Samaria), 2003.

25. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/25/03 (Judea and Samaria), 2003.

26. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/36/03 (Judea and Samaria), 2003.

27. Order concerning the seizure of property number t/5703 (Judea and Samaria), 2003.

### **Part B - Passages**

1. Salim gate.
2. North Khirbet Taiyiba gate.
3. West Khirbet Taiyiba gate.
4. Anin gate.
5. East Hinanit gate.
6. Southeast Hinanit gate.
7. Araqa gate.
8. Khirbet Tura gate.
9. Reihan checkpoint.
10. South Barta'a gate.
11. North Baqa Sharqiya gate.
12. South Baqa Sharqiya gate.
13. South Zayta gate.
14. West Attil gate.
15. West Deir al-Ghusun gate.
16. Northeast Shweike gate
17. North Shweike gate.
18. South Tulkarem gate.
19. West Faron gate.
20. Shufe checkpoint.
21. East Khirbet Jubara gate.
22. South Salit gate.
23. West Falamyia gate.
24. South Falamyia gate.
25. West Jayyus gate.
26. South Jayyus gate.
27. South Zufin gate.
28. Northeast Qalqilya gate.

29. Southwest Qalqilya gate.
30. South Qalqilya gate.
31. Qalqilya checkpoint (109).
32. South Nabi Ilyas gate.
33. East Alfe Menashe gate.
34. East Khirbet Ras Tira gate.
35. West Wadi Rasha gate.
36. East Khirbet Ras Tira gate.
37. Northeast Habla gate.
38. North Habla gate.
39. South Khirbet Ras Tira gate.
40. North Izbat Salman gate.
41. South Izbat Salman gate.
42. Northwest Azzun-Atma gate.
43. Southwest Azzun-Atma gate.
44. North Azzun-Atma gate.
45. South Beit Amin gate.
46. North Masha gate.
47. West Masha gate.

Date: 2 October 2003

**Signed: Brigadier General Moshe Kaplinski**  
**IDF Forces Commander in the Judea and Samaria Region**

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