

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released:
The Results of the Annual Report on Transportation and Communication
Statistics in the Palestinian Territory, 2003**

- **The transportation and communication sector contributed 5.8% of the total job opportunities in Palestinian Territory in 2003.**
- **The total road network length was 4,943.6 km out of which 785.9 Km bypass roads.**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to disseminate the main findings of the transportation and communication statistics for the year 2003. This release aims to give the public an overall idea of the most important indicators, mainly on the components of the transportation system. A major component is land transport which covers roads and their length, bypass roads which were built by the Israeli authorities to serve the Israeli settlements, vehicles by type, in addition to other indicators like driving schools, number of garages, etc. The report also shows the main indicators of the air transport sector, which covers the departure and arrival flights from Gaza International Airport. Also the report presents figures on post office including letters with their traditional classification, and the main elements of communication system including main telephone lines and their waiting list, telephone calls and their lengths, Internet service and number of internet Cafés.

The number of licensed vehicles in Remaining West bank and Gaza Strip (RWBGS) in 2003 was 105,774, compared to 93,116 vehicles in 2002, with an increase by 13.6%. The number of registered road accidents amount to 3,978, and the number of casualties resulting from those accidents reached 4,589.

The number of international mail received consisted of 784,102 postal materials, and the international dispatched mail was 82,460 postal materials, and the domestic mail in RWBGS was 2,749,364 postal materials. The number of main telephone lines at the end of 2003 was 243,494 lines compared to 241,894 lines in 2002 with an increase by 0.66%. The monthly average number of telephone calls in RWBGS was 31.5 million and the monthly average total length of telephone calls was 116.9 million minutes.

The number of subscribers of internet service was 23,265 through 11 companies providing the internet service.