

Country/entity	Israel Palestine
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement on Temporary International Presence in the City of Hebron (II)
Date	21 Jan 1997
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Arab-Israeli Conflicts (1948 -)

This conflict involves Israelis and Palestinians over territory and belonging and has long historical antecedents. The agreements post-1990 are between the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel, with some supporting inter-state agreements (i.e. between Israel and Jordan). More recently the importance of the once dominating Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) has diminished not in the least due to the effective disappearance of its left-wing members and the loss of the popularity of their political wing, Fatah. Hamas and other Islamic groups have attained significant relevance in Fatah's stead, with Hamas controlling the Gaza strip (from which Israel ultimately unilaterally withdrew (not coded as a peace agreement).

Geo-political implications of the conflict have been considerable across the MENA region.
Close

Arab-Israeli Conflicts (1948 -)

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Israel-Palestine peace process
Parties	Israel, signed for Eytan Bentsur; PLO, signed for by Saeb Erekat.
Third parties	-
Description	This agreement supercedes the agreement on Temporary International Presence in the city of Hebron of 9 May 1996 and provides that there will be a Temporary International Presence in Hebron.

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced
persons** No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

**Women, girls and
gender** No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

**Nature of state
(general)** No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

**Independence/
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/
unification** No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

**Cross-border
provision** No specific mention.

Governance

**Political
institutions (new or
reformed)** No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

**Electoral
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties
reform** No specific mention.

Civil society Page 2, b. A Joint Hebron Committee shall be established comprising the Israeli Military Commander and the Palestinian Police Commander of the Hebron District, the Israel and Palestinian heads of the Hebron District Civil Liaison Office, and a representative of the TIPH. This committee shall receive reports from the TIPH on specific events and shall deal with any issues arising from the presence and activity of the TIPH which cannot be dealt with by the DCO. The committee shall meet on a weekly basis, or on the request of any of its members.

c. The Monitoring and Steering Committee established pursuant to the Interim Agreement will receive periodic reports from the TIPH. Each side of this committee will designate one of its members to form a group together with representatives of the TIPH in order to discuss matters of policy on a bi-weekly basis or on the request of the TIPH.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality
Summary: Provision is made for a Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) thereby sharing power with international actors; delimitation of Palestinian and Israel forces and police is provided for, see below.

Page 1, 1. ...It will be stationed in and operate within the City of Hebron as delineated on map No. 9 attached to the Interim Agreement. In all its activities, the TIPH will relate to Hebron as one city....

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	Page 2, 9. TIPH personnel shall enjoy freedom of movement for the performance of their tasks within the City of Hebron, as set out in the modalities referred to in paragraph 1.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, 5. The tasks of the TIPH personnel will be:
b. to help promote stability and an appropriate environment conducive to the enhancement of the well-being of the Palestinians of Hebron and their economic development;
...e. to encourage economic development and growth in Hebron;

Page 2, 6. The development projects referred to in paragraph 5.d above will be identified by the Hebron municipality and the relevant Palestinian ministries in cooperation with the member countries of the TIPH.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 3, 12. The expenses of the TIPH will be borne by the participating countries.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	<p>Page 1, 3. TIPH personnel shall have no military or police functions, nor will they interfere in disputes, incidents or the activities of Israeli security forces or the Palestinian Police.</p> <p>Page 2, b. A Joint Hebron Committee shall be established comprising the Israeli Military Commander and the Palestinian Police Commander of the Hebron District, the Israel and Palestinian heads of the Hebron District Civil Liaison Office, and a representative of the TIPH. This committee shall receive reports from the TIPH on specific events and shall deal with any issues arising from the presence and activity of the TIPH which cannot be dealt with by the DCO. The committee shall meet on a weekly basis, or on the request of any of its members.</p>
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DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar

Page 1, 1. ...As detailed in paragraph 5 below, the TIPH will assist in monitoring and reporting the efforts to maintain normal life in the City of Hebron, thus creating a feeling of security among Palestinians in the City of Hebron. The organizational structure, operational guidelines, logistics, support, and privileges and immunities of the TIPH shall be in accordance with the modalities on the establishment of the TIPH concluded by the participating countries with the agreement of the two sides.

2. The two sides shall request Norway, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey to provide 180 persons as TIPH personnel. Norway shall be requested to coordinate the establishment and activity of the TIPH. The number of on-duty observers at any given time and changes in the composition of the TIPH shall be with the consent of both sides.

3. TIPH personnel shall have no military or police functions, nor will they interfere in disputes, incidents or the activities of Israeli security forces or the Palestinian Police.

... 5. The tasks of the TIPH personnel will be:

- a. to promote by their presence a feeling of security to the Palestinians of Hebron;
- b. to help promote stability and an appropriate environment conducive to the enhancement of the well-being of the Palestinians of Hebron and their economic development;
- c. to observe the enhancement of peace and prosperity among Palestinians;
- d. to assist in the promotion and execution of projects initiated by the donor countries;
- e. to encourage economic development and growth in Hebron;
- f. to provide reports as set out in paragraph 7 below; and
- g. to coordinate its activities with the Israeli and Palestinian authorities in accordance with paragraph 7 below.

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8. While on duty the members of the TIPH shall wear distinctive uniforms with a special emblem, as agreed by the two sides. Their vehicles shall be marked with the same emblem. TIPH members may carry pistols for self-defense purposes.

... 10. The TIPH and its members shall, in conformity with the modalities referred to in paragraph 1, be accorded such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the fulfillment of their tasks, and for the independent exercise of their functions, including immunity of the TIPH premises and the right to import operational supplies and equipment exempt from import taxes and duties. All imported equipment, materials and goods exempted from import taxes and duties will be re-exported or donated, at the conclusion of the mission of the TIPH, according to applicable customs procedures agreed upon between the two sides.

11. The presence and activities of the TIPH personnel will be in accordance with Annex I, Article VII and other relevant provisions of the Interim Agreement and the Protocol

**Enforcement
mechanism**

[Summary] monitoring activities are conducted by the TIPH as per this agreement.

Page 3, 14. The TIPH may commence its operation immediately upon the approval of its modalities of operation by the two sides, and shall continue to function for a period of three months renewable for an additional period of three months unless otherwise agreed between the two sides. With the consent of the two sides, the TIPH may extend the period or change the scope of its operation, as agreed.
