

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Notice No. 2007-WBG-07

To: All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients

Subject: USAID West Bank and Gaza Security Notice

Dear Implementing Partners,

The West Bank and Gaza Mission has been advised of recent hostilities occurring between Fatah and Hamas factions in the West Bank and Gaza. These hostilities were initiated at approximately 12:00 today.

While the Mission is not directing the evacuation of your staff in the West Bank and Gaza, we strongly encourage you to advise your staff of these conditions and to take necessary actions to ensure their safety.

We would encourage people to limit movements over the coming days and to avoid any large gatherings of people. If there is shooting or crowds forming outside offices, we encourage people to stand fast and move away from windows to interior areas until any activity in their areas ceases. The risk is having someone caught up in clashes, in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Additionally, the Mission asks that you immediately notify your Cognizant Technical Officer of any incident involving your staff.

Sincerely,

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