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Postal services resume between Jordan, Palestinian territories

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AMMAN — Postal services between Jordan and the Palestinian territories resumed this week, with mail now set to be delivered swiftly and securely.

The new service, which went into operation on Tuesday after a break of many years, was made possible by the Palestinian Firm for Logistics Services, Wasel, in partnership with Jordan Post.

Jordan Post Director General Mansour Malhas told The Jordan Times the agreement with Wasel marked a new channel of cooperation between the Kingdom and the Palestinian territories.

"It is a new step forward and paves the way for an essential service for both personal and commercial activities," said Malhas.

"People can now send mail to the Palestinian territories through any one of our 356 branches across the country," he added.

Under the agreement, Wasel will deliver letters, parcels and express mail from Jordan.

The company will deliver regular mail to the Palestinian postal authority, which in turn will distribute it to centres in the West Bank and Gaza. Express mail will be delivered directly to the recipient in no more than 48 hours.

Wasel, established in June last year, is the first Palestinian company for distribution and logistic services and in charge of all postal services inside the Palestinian territories and abroad including all air, land and sea transport of goods.

It is also responsible for commercial crossings in the West Bank and Gaza.

Malhas said the agreement will benefit commercial activities and entities including banks, companies and government institutions.

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