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A message from the Head of Mission

Early this month, I had the privilege to meet twice the Deputy Secretary General for CSDP and Crisis Response at the European External Action Service, Mr. Pedro Serrano, in Brussels and during his visit to the region. I presented the mission activities and the challenges ahead. We also evoked the coordinated approach between all EEAS structures present in theater, both CSDP missions EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM Rafah, the EU Special Representative and the EU Representation Office to the PA and EU Delegation to the Government of Israel.

On 29 September, six Palestinian police officers concluded a study trip to Zagreb to further enhance the accountability of various sections of the police. This study trip is part of an important programme and I am convinced that, through unremitting efforts towards more accountability, the Palestinian Civil Police is further improving its professionalism and the way it is perceived and trusted by the citizens.

Palestinian police officers conclude study trip to Croatia on accountability

Six Palestinian police officers concluded a study trip to Zagreb and discussed with their Croatian counterparts how to enhance accountability within various sections of the police. During the trip, the attendees raised a number of topics such as the organization of the Croatian Ministry of Interior and Police, mandate and administration of the accountability departments, complaint mechanism, disciplinary violations and procedures, oversight and inspections. The second part of the visit involved the Police Academy in Zagreb where presentations on Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct training curriculum was delivered in addition to the Code of Conduct set for all governmental employees. The four-day visit by the six Palestinian Civil Police Officers representing several administrations, was organized by EUPOL COPPS and funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



Palestinian Civil Police receives protective



Palestinian Civil Police received a shipment of 1,200 protective shields to enhance their capabilities in maintaining law and order in the Palestinian community. The delivery, which was funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), was initiated by EUPOL COPPS. The shipment is the first in a series of other supply which is meant to renew the protective gear of the Palestinian Civil Police to enable them to handle tense situations in a professional manner, in line with international police standards. The protective gear of the police officers are outdated and this shipment is badly needed to replenish their kit in order to ensure the safety of their personnel while carrying out their duties across the West Bank districts.

EUPOL COPPS and Palestinian Civil Police hold workshop on Community Policing



EUPOL COPPS and Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) held a workshop in Jericho to develop a broad Community Policing concept for the PCP. The workshop at the Palestine College for Police Sciences (PCPS) represented the third in a series of workshops designed to engage the PCP organization at the strategic, central and district level. The output from these workshops will be used as an input into another series of workshops with potential community policing partner groups, from Civil Society. The overall purpose of facilitating these PCP and Civil Society workshops is to develop a strategic community policing concept that will represent a joint understanding of community policing among the community policing partner groups. Attendance at the workshop included 10 PCP District Commanders.

In order to raise awareness among most affected parts of the society and to increase trust in the police officers of the Anti-Narcotics Administration (ANA), police officers need to be well trained beforehand

EUPOL COPPS supports Anti-Narcotics awareness

EUPOL COPPS and GIZ supported a 'train-the-trainer" drug awareness course in Jericho for the PCP Anti Narcotics Department. The event was preceded by five weeks of training for the Palestinian police officers to further enhance their capabilities in their fight against drugs. One crucial enabling principle of community policing is crime prevention. With this in mind, police officers need to be enabled to conduct effective awareness campaigns which eventually contribute to crime prevention. While drug-related crimes are a concern in certain parts of the West Bank, the abuse of drugs primarily harms children and juveniles.





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