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Shared Calendar of Events

Please click on link to see a full calendar of aid coordination meetings:
http://www.ldf.ps/EventCalendarEndUser.aspx

List of Recent Meetings

- **Wednesday, 13 January 2016**: Environment Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the EQA.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, 27 January 2016**: Agriculture Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Documents & Reports

United Nations

OCHA

Protection of Civilians, 29 December 2015 – 11 January 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23265

The Monthly Humanitarian Bulletin, December 2015
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23257

FAO

Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 3-7 January 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23258

Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 27-31 December 2015
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23252

UNRWA

UNRWA Gaza weekly situation report: special edition, 2015 in reflection, 6 January 2016 http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23256

Press Releases and Formal Statements

UNRWA

UNRWA appeals for over US$ 800 million for Syria and the occupied Palestinian territory, 14 January 2016

As the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) today launches its US$ 817 million emergency appeals for Syria and the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), these contexts continue to experience the relentless effects of conflict, occupation and blockade.

The majority of the estimated 450,000 Palestine refugees in Syria are displaced and 95 percent of them rely on UNRWA for assistance. Thousands remain trapped in areas of active conflict, where they face appalling suffering. Tens of thousands have fled to Lebanon and Jordan where, despite the generosity of host countries, they face increasing marginalization and despair.

In the oPt, Palestine refugees are exposed to the lasting consequences of an occupation now approaching 50 years and a decade-long blockade, which define every aspect of their lives. While in the year 2000, roughly 80,000 people in Gaza were reliant on humanitarian assistance, the figure has risen to over 830,000 today. In the West Bank, settlement building activity has left many thousands at risk of forced displacement and dispossession.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23264

EU

European Union provides nearly €12.5 million to support families living in extreme poverty in the West Bank and Gaza, 15 January 2016

The European Union is making a contribution to the Palestinian Authority's quarterly payment of social allowances to poor Palestinian families living in the West Bank and Gaza. This contribution amounts to €12.3 million.

Beneficiaries of the contribution are households living in extreme poverty and registered in the cash transfer programme of the Ministry of Social Affairs. It provides a basic safety net to the poorest and most vulnerable Palestinians in the West bank and Gaza, through cash and in-kind assistance. Almost 121,000 Palestinian households are currently enrolled in the programme. Two thirds of them live in Gaza.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23266

European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, visits Palestine, 12 January 2016

Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, visited Palestine today.

Commissioner Moedas is responsible for the EU's Horizon 2020, the world's largest public research programme with a budget of €80 billion over seven years. The benefits of the participation in the programme go beyond the financial assistance, notably access to knowledge, world class research and innovation infrastructures, European and international networks and alliances as well as opportunities to tackle global challenges together. Palestinian public and private institutions are eligible to participate in Horizon 2020.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23260

The European Union and PENRA host the final workshop of the study for the restructuring of the Hydrocarbon sector of Palestine, 12 January 2016

The European Union and the Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority organized today the final workshop of the study for the restructuring of the Palestinian Hydrocarbon sector. The workshop was held at PENRA office in the presence of the PA Energy sector stakeholders and donor community.

Through this 19-month EU funded project, the Palestinian Authority roadmap for the restructuring of the hydrocarbon sector has been designed and discussed. This roadmap comes in line with the Palestinian Authority priorities that were also adopted by the EU Strategic Support Framework 2014-2016 for Palestine. The roadmap identifies clear roles, responsibilities and mandates for the different hydrocarbon sector institutions. This ensures a framework that is harmonised with the most recent institutional set up and operationalization of the electricity, renewables and energy efficiency subsectors.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23261

Consulate General of France

Palestinian Territories – Meeting of Mr Laurent Fabius with his Palestinian counterpart, 5 January 2016

Laurent Fabius will meet this afternoon his Palestinian counterpart, Riyad Al-Malki.

The Ministers will discuss the very tense situation in Jerusalem and the Palestinian Territories, as well as the difficulties in restarting the peace process.

France is determined to continue its efforts to mobilize the international community in order to preserve the two-States solution.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23255

PCBS

Palestinian Consumer Price Index – 2015, 14 January 2016

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Palestine during 2015 increased by 1.43% compared with 2014 (increased by 1.77% in Gaza Strip, 1.29% in the West Bank, and by 0.33% in Jerusalem J1).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23262 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23263 (in Arabic)

Index of Quantity of Industrial Production in Palestine during November 2015, 5 January 2016

The overall Quantity of Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine reached 109.64 during November 2015 with an increase of 3.76% compared with the previous month (Base Year 2011 = 100).

Quantity of Industrial Production Index for November 2015 increased due to the increase in the activity of Manufacturing industry by 9.48% which had a share of 80.56% of the total industry, While, Water and Electricity Supply decreased by 14.93% which had a share of 14.85% of the total industry, the activity of Mining and Quarrying decreased by 7.62% which had a share of 4.59% of the total industry.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23253 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=23254 (in Arabic)

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Frederic Maio** has joined the DCAF as Head of Office. His contact details are as follows: Email: f.maio@dcaf.ch, phone: 02 2956295