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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

- **Thursday, 23 June 2016:** Health Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at MoH.

Documents & Reports

❖ **Prime Minister's Office – National Office for Gaza Reconstruction**

- Summary Report for the southern governorates, 31 May 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27637

United Nations

❖ **OCHA**

- OCHA – The Monthly Humanitarian Bulletin, May 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28642
- Protection of Civilians, 17 – 23 May 2016
  https://www.ochaopt.org/content/protection-civilians-weekly-report-17-23-may-2016

Press Releases and Formal Statement

Office of the Prime Minister

PMO: Gaza Reconstruction Going Strong despite Israeli Obstacles and Slow-Down in Funding, 1 June 2016

Ramallah-- Today, the National Office for Gaza Reconstruction at the Prime Minister's Office issued a summary report highlighting the progress made in the reconstruction of Gaza. The report also provides a breakdown of the funding received and amounts spent on reconstruction efforts to date.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27638

Switzerland Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Re-invigorating the Two-State solution: Challenges, Opportunities & Benefits for Restoring a Democratic, Effective & Inclusive Palestinian System of Governance, 3 June 2016

On 31st of May and 1st of June 2016, Switzerland convened an informal, non-public international seminar with the participation of senior officials from Palestine and significant regional and international actors. This is the first time an exchange on these specific questions was organized in a broader international setting.

Participants stressed that real progress towards Palestinian unity is urgent in light of the suffering of the Palestinian population, notably in Gaza, the necessity to ensure adequate service delivery to Palestinians, boost the economy and avert the risk of a new military escalation.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28644

Switzerland condemns Gaza executions, 31 May 2016

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) condemns the execution of three individuals by the de facto authorities in Gaza. These are the first executions to have taken place since the national unity government was formed in June 2014. In recent months the FDFA has made repeated representations to the relevant authorities in order to prevent the reinstatement of such practices.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27639

Consulate General of France

French Initiative for the Middle East Peace Process, 3 June 2016

Under the leadership of Jean-Marc Ayrault, French Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France wanted to take this political initiative because the situation in Israel and the Palestinian Territories is worsening due to the lack of prospects for negotiations. The two-State solution is under increased threat, particularly with regard to continued settlement activities. The crises engulfing the region have in no way reduced the significance of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It is up to us to take action to recreate a political outlook which encourages renewed bilateral negotiations between the two currently deadlocked parties.

The full questions and answers is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27640

PCBS

Decrease in the Industrial Production in Palestine during April 2016

The overall Quantity of Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine reached 101.75 during April 2016 with a decrease of 0.12% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

Quantity of Industrial Production Index for April 2016 decreased due to the decrease in the activity of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply by 12.33% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry, and the activity of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities decreased by 4.37% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry, while the activity of Mining and Quarrying increased by 13.27% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, and the activity of Manufacturing Industry increased by 0.58% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28638 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28639 (in Arabic)

Press Release by Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Environment Quality Authority on World Environment Day

World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated annually on the 5 June. WED aims to inspire more world citizens to take action to halt the growing strain on planet Earth's natural systems. The 2016 theme is the fight against the illegal trade in wildlife, which erodes precious biodiversity and threatens the survival of elephants, rhinos and tigers as well as many other species. It also undermines our economies, communities and security. This year's slogan "Go Wild for Life" encourages people to spread the word about wildlife crime and the damage it does, and to challenge all those in the around to do what they can to prevent it.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28640 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28641 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 2 June 2016**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_117/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_117/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Max Teuber** has joined GIZ as Country Director. His contact details are as follows: Email: max.teuber@giz.de ,phone: 02-2400740

- **Mr. Kayed Sagalla** has joined GIZ as Head of Programme - Civil Peace Service. His contact details are as follows: Email: kayed.sagalla@giz.de ,phone: 02-2400741

- **Mr. Andreas Adrian** has joined GIZ as Head of Programme - TVET and Employment Programme/ More Job Opportunities for Palestinian Youth. His contact details are as follows: Email: andreas.adrian@giz.de ,phone: 02-2414064