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  - Water crisis threatens 35,000 Palestinians, half of them children, 14 April 2016
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27558

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- **OCHA**
  - Protection of Civilians, 3 – 9 May 2016
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  - OPT: Humanitarian Dashboard, 1st January – 31 March 2016
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- **WHO**
  - WHO monthly report on Gaza referrals and access March 2016 and latest WHO news
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27563

- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 1– 5 May 2016
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- **UNICEF**
  - UNICEF Humanitarian Situation Report, 14 May 2016
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Press Releases and Formal Statement

UNRWA

UN Secretary-General's remarks on the sustainability of UNRWA, 5 May 2016

Your Excellency Ms. Dina Kawar, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Jordan, Your Excellency Mr. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Sweden,
Distinguished representatives of Member States, Observer States and Regional Organisations who support UNRWA, including those States generously hosting Palestine refugees,
Thank you for taking part in this important meeting.
The unresolved plight of Palestine refugees -- a community of 5.2 million people -- is a great source of pain to me – as I know it is for you.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27570

OCHA

Statement by Humanitarian Coordinators in the Middle East and North Africa on the World Humanitarian Summit, 5 May 2016

(Cairo, 5 May 2016): Millions of people in the Middle East and North Africa are enduring intolerable human suffering. Widespread violence, conflict and extremism in Iraq, Libya, Palestine, Syria and Yemen are creating immense humanitarian needs, with the impact felt beyond these countries' borders. Today, a staggering 55 million people in the region need humanitarian assistance to ensure their basic survival. In other words, millions of girls, boys, women and men do not know where their next meal will come from. They lack access to essential healthcare, whether to give birth safely, receive treatment for chronic illnesses or protect children from preventable diseases.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27571

UNESCO – OHCHR

NET MED Youth and OHCHR, celebrated World Press Freedom Day 2016 in Palestine, 12 May 2016

World Press Freedom Day 2016 was celebrated in Palestine with events organized by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), through the Networks of Mediterranean Youth project (NET-MED Youth), funded by the European Union.
The celebrations took place in Ramallah and Gaza, with the participation of university students, young journalists, media activists, NET-MED youth working groups together with local and international partner organizations.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27578

FAO

FAO's Director General speech at the Ministerial Meeting of the Thirty Third Session of the FAO Regional Conference for the Near East entitled 'Where there is hunger, there can be no lasting peace', 12 May 2016

The Conference offers a great opportunity to reflect at the regional level on how to move forward to overcome the many challenges ahead.

As we all know, the United Nations Member Countries have just begun to pursue the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the SDGs.

Food and agriculture lie at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda, especially regarding the SDGs number 1 and 2 / of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger in just 15 years-time.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27579 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27580 (in Arabic)

EU – Representative Office of Japan

Japan provides a new contribution to the Jericho Agro Industrial Park incentives programme implemented by the EU, 5 May 2016

The Japanese Government has provided over €267,000 to support FMH industry and Trade Company operating in the Jericho Agro Industrial Park (JAIP). This is the second payment under the Palestinian Authority's PRIDE (Partnership for Regional Investment, Development & Employment) Programme of Incentives to JAIP. The Japanese contribution is being channelled through the PEGASE mechanism.

"The EU is engaged in the development of Industrial Parks as part of its support to Palestinian private sector competitiveness. The support for Jericho Agro-Industrial Park demonstrates successful joint efforts between the EU, Japan and the Palestinian Authority," said the EU Representative Ralph Tarraf.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27568

EU

Celebrating Europe Day in Ramallah, 9 May 2016

On Monday 9th May the Office of the European Union Representative in Jerusalem celebrated on Europe day in Ramallah marking the 66th anniversary of the founding of the European Union.

Palestinian Prime Minister, Rami Al Hamdallah, and the EU Representative, Ralph Tarraf, opened an open-air exhibition of EU Member State and EU-Palestinian cooperation projects from across Palestine to celebrate Europe Day and the longstanding partnership and support for Palestinians. The exhibition was attended by hundreds of visitors including children and families who participated in a wide variety of activities.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27574

The EU contributes €15 million to the Palestinian Authority for the payment of April salaries and pensions, 3 May 2016

The European Union made yesterday a contribution of €15 million to the payment of April salaries and pensions of over 66,000 Palestinian civil servants and pensioners in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. This contribution was channelled through the PEGASE mechanism.
"This month's payment is further solid evidence of our determination both to strengthen Palestinian institutions and ensure the provision of essential services to the Palestinian people," said the EU Representative Mr. Ralph Tarraf. The EU is well aware of the financial challenges that the Palestinian Authority is facing. Yet strong, transparent, and efficient Palestinian institutions are crucial to maintaining the viability of the two-state solution.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27562

Consulate General of France

Visit in Israel and in the Palestinian territories of Mr. Jean-Marc Ayrault, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, 15 May 2016

Jean-Marc Ayrault, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, will visit Israel and the Palestinian Territories on May 15.
He will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President of the Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas in order to discuss France's initiative to relaunch the peace process. He will express to them France's solidarity and friendship with the Israeli and Palestinian people and will reaffirm France's determination to help give fresh impetus to the peace process.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27584

PCBS

Increase in the Consumer Price Index during April, 12 May 2016

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Palestine during April 2016 increased by 0.28% compared with March 2016 (by 1.35% in Gaza Strip, while it decreased by 0.56% in Jerusalem J1, and by 0.26% in the West Bank.
The CPI during April 2016 decreased by 0.28% compared with April 2015 (by 2.06% in Jerusalem J1, and by 0.80% in the West Bank, and with a slightly decreased by 0.01% in Gaza Strip).
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27576 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27577 (in Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production in Palestine during March, 4 May 2016

The overall Quantity of Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine reached 101.87 during March 2016 with a decrease of 1.30% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).
Quantity of Industrial Production Index for March 2016 decreased due to the decrease in the activity of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply by 8.06% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry, activity of Mining and Quarrying by 2.80% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, and the activity of Manufacturing Industry decreased by 0.48% which had a share of

83.19% of the total industry, while the activity of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities increased by 2.83% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27566 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27567 (in Arabic)

Special Statistical Bulletin on the 68th Anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, 15 May 2016

The number of Palestinians worldwide has multiplied about nine-fold Israel Controls More than 85% of the Land of Historical Palestine.

The Nakba: Ethnic cleansing and displacement of the population.

Nakba in literary terms means a natural catastrophe such as an earthquake, volcano, or hurricane. However, the Nakba in Palestine describes a process of ethnic cleansing in which an unarmed nation was destroyed and its population displaced to be replaced systematically by another nation. Unlike a natural catastrophe, the Palestinian Nakba was the result of a man-made military plan with the consent of other states, leading to a major tragedy for the Palestinian people. The subsequent occupation of the remaining land of Palestine in 1967 resulted in an additional tragedy.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27582 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27583 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **UNICEF CAAC Bulletin – Third quarter of 2015 Children Affected by Armed Conflict, 15 May 2016**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27585

- **UNICEF CAAC Bulletin – Fourth quarter of 2015 Children Affected by Armed Conflict, 15 May 2016**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27586

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 4 April 2016**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_116/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_116/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)

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