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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 Upcoming Meetings

- **Thursday, 16 June 2016:** Municipal Development and Local Governance Sector Working Group meeting at 10:30 at the MoLG.
- **Tuesday, 21 June 2016:** Environment Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at EQA.

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**

- Fragmented lives Humanitarian Overview 2015, June 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28654
- Protection of Civilians, 24 May – 6 June 2016
  https://www.ochaopt.org/content/protection-civilians-weekly-report-24-may-6-june-2016
- OCHA – The Monthly Humanitarian Bulletin, May 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28642

❖ **FAO**

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 5-9 June 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28653
- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 29 May- 2 June 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28646

❖ **WHO**

- Health Access for Referral Patients from the Gaza Strip, 6 June 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28649

Press Releases and Formal Statement

Office of the Prime Minister

PMO – The Government of Palestine Condemns Senseless Act of Terror in Orlando, Florida, 13 June 2016

Ramallah-- In the wake of the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, today, Prime Minister Hamdallah denounced the act of terror in Orlando, Florida.

"The Government of Palestine condemns this senseless act of terror and hate in Orlando, Florida. Our heartfelt condolences to all the grieving families, relatives and friends of the victims. Palestinians stand with the American people in this difficult time," Hamdallah said.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28651

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

UNRWA

UNRWA statement on deadly attack in Sayyida Zeinab on 11 June killing five Palestine refugees, 14 Jun 2015

14 Jun 2016

Damascus

The UNITED NATIONS WORKS AND RELIEF AGENCY (UNRWA) strongly condemns the parties responsible for two explosions in the vicinity of Qabr Essit camp in the town of Sayyida Zeinab on 11 June 2016. One explosion claimed the lives of 14 civilians and injured over a hundred.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28659 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28660 (in Arabic)

EU – UNICEF

The European Union Commissioner, Hahn visits the seawater desalination plant in Gaza and announces an additional funding of 10 Million Euros for the second phase, 14 June 2016.

Gaza, 14 June, 2016 – EU Commissioner Johannes Hahn, responsible for European Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, visited today the EU-funded seawater desalination plant in southern Gaza.The first phase of the desalination plant is in its final stage of construction, and is the largest being built so far in Gaza. The EU invested EUR 10 million in this phase which, when fully operational, will produce 6,000 m3 of potable water daily.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28658

The EU Statement by the Spokesperson on the attack in the Sarona complex in Tel Aviv, 9 June 2016

Wednesday night's terror attack in the Sarona complex in Tel Aviv exposed scores of innocent civilians and families to indiscriminate fire. Four people were killed and more seriously injured. Our thoughts are with the families of the dead and injured.
Those responsible for these murders must be brought to justice. Those who praise this attack must be condemned.
The full statement is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28650

The EU contributes €15 million to the Palestinian Authority's payment of May salaries and pensions, 6 June 2016

The European Union made yesterday a contribution of €15.0 million to the payment of May salaries and pensions of over 66,000 Palestinian civil servants and pensioners in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. This contribution is being channelled through the PEGASE mechanism.
"We remain determined to sustain the work of the Palestinian Authority through regular contributions by the EU to the salaries and pensions of Palestinian civil servants and pensioners" said the EU Representative Mr. Ralph Tarraf.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28645

Switzerland Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

The FDFA condemns attack in Tel Aviv, 10 June 2016

Bern, 10.06.2016 – The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) condemns the attack carried out in Tel Aviv on 8 June 2016 which claimed at least four lives and several injuries. Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter, head of the FDFA, extends his condolences to the victims' families and expresses his solidarity with those who suffered injuries.
In a regional security context marked by an upsurge in violence, the FDFA calls on all parties to show restraint and to take measures to prevent an escalation. The FDFA also urges the Palestinian political actors, and Hamas in particular, to oppose all incitements to violence.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28652

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

Interview of Mr. Jean-Marc Ayrault, French Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, with Radio "France Info" on Middle East Peace Initiative, 7 June 2016

It is never certain that it is the right one but we must do everything to recreate the conditions of a dialogue and a direct negotiation between Israelis and Palestinians. Today, everything is locked: settlement activity is going on, despair takes hold and violence comes back, notably in Jerusalem. All this is very dangerous.
Therefore, we want, at the international community level – this is the meaning of the French initiative – to recreate the conditions of a context of restored confidence, without which there will be no negotiations toward two States: an Israeli State living in security and a Palestinian State also living in security, fin a situation of economic development with their neighbors, Arab countries but also with Europe. There is a tremendous potential.
The full interview is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28648

Press conference of Mr. Jean-Marc Ayrault, French Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development (Paris, June 3rd 2016) on Middle East peace initiative, 7 June 2016

This morning, I gathered 28 Ministers and representatives of International organizations around an agenda dedicated to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
France has been working on this conference for several months.
I have been to Israel and Palestine. My special envoy, Pierre Vimont, has also done a very intense work towards all the partners but also the parties themselves.
The full press conference is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28647

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.
The full questions and answers is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=27640

OCHA

Israeli occupation is the main trigger of humanitarian needs among Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory, 13 June 2016

Jerusalem, 13 June 2016

Humanitarian needs in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) continue to be driven by practices related to Israel's prolonged occupation and continued conflict, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) says in its 2015 Annual Humanitarian Overview, "Fragmented Lives," released today.

"This month, Palestinians enter their 50th year under Israeli occupation," said David Carden, Head of OCHA in the oPt. "'Fragmented Lives' shows clearly the devastating impact of this ongoing situation, mainly on 4.8 million Palestinians who are increasingly vulnerable due to violations of international humanitarian and human rights law."

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28655

PCBS

Decrease in the Consumer Price Index during May 2016, 14 June 2016

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Palestine during May 2016 decreased by 0.49% compared with April 2016 (by 0.66% in the West Bank**, by 0.45% in Gaza Strip, and slightly decreased by 0.03% in Jerusalem J1*).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28656 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28657 (in Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production in Palestine during April 2016, 5 June 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).

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, 5 June 2016

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.

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:
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