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LACS Newsletter

Local Aid Coordination Secretariat

News from LACS

Dear colleagues,

Please find below the key reports and press statements released since 1st July 2016 concerning humanitarian and development assistance in Palestine.

The next LACS Newsletter will be published on 1st August 2016. We would welcome your suggested inputs for the next issue by COB 31th July 2016.

Sincerely,

LAC Secretariat

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, 16 June 2016**: Municipal Development and Local Governance Sector Working Group (MDLG SWG) meeting at 10:30 at the MoLG.

Documents & Reports

United Nations

❖ OCHA

The Monthly Humanitarian Bulletin, June 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28706

Protection of Civilians 5 - 11 July 2016
https://www.ochaopt.org/content/protection-civilians-weekly-report-5-11-july-2016

Protection of Civilians, 28 June – 4 July 2016
https://www.ochaopt.org/content/protection-civilians-weekly-report-28-june-4-july-2016

Press Releases and Formal Statement

Prime Minister's Office

PMO: Expanding support for settlements underscores Israel's true intentions, 12 July 2016

Ramallah – Today, Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah issued a statement condemning Israel's plan to support the illegal Kiryat Arba settlement and the Jewish settlers in Hebron with an additional 50 million Shekels.
"The continued expansion of illegal settlements and the substantial sums poured into their development shows that Israel's purported support of a two-state solution is not credible," Hamdallah said.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28711

UN

Remarks by the UN Secretary General to the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East, 12 July 2016.
Late last month, I returned from my eleventh visit to Israel and Palestine as Secretary-General. As it happened, it was also as Israel's occupation entered its 50th year.
I carried a clear and consistent message to leaders on both sides: Time is running out. This fact is also at the heart of the report of the Middle East Quartet. I know the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East, Nickolay Mladenov, has fully briefed you.
Some on both sides have criticized the report's content and sought to dismiss its conclusions and recommendations.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28712

EU

Statement by the EU Spokesperson on Israel's announcement of new settlement units in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, 5 July 2016

Israel's decision on Sunday to advance several hundred new settlement units in East Jerusalem and the West Bank threatens the viability of the two-state solution and calls into question Israel's commitment to a negotiated agreement with the Palestinians.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28708

AIDA

Gaza Blockade Preventing Vital Reconstruction: International Agencies Sound the Alarm, 7 July 2016

Two years since the outbreak of the 2014 war that cost the lives of 1,492 Palestinian civilians, including 551 children, much of the Gaza Strip remains in ruins. Entire neighbourhoods remain cut off from water supplies, destroyed hospitals and clinics have not yet been rebuilt, and tens of thousands remain without a home. While some reconstruction has progressed, the situation in Gaza remains dire. Less than 10% of the 11,000 homes that were completely destroyed during the 51 day bombardment have been rebuilt. As a result of the war and the impact of the blockade imposed in 2007 by Israel, more than 75,000 Palestinians in Gaza still have no home to return to.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28707

PCBS

PCBS - Increase in the Consumer Price Index during June, 14 July 2016

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Palestine during June 2016 increased by 0.22% compared with May 2016 (by 1.75% in Jerusalem J1*, and by 0.55% in the West Bank, while it decreased by 0.33% in Gaza Strip).

The CPI during June 2016 decreased by 0.14% compared with June 2015 (by 1.18% in Jerusalem J1, and by 1.12% in the West Bank**, while it increased by 0.75% in Gaza Strip).

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28713 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28714 (in Arabic)

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and National Population Committee press release on the Eve of the International Population Day, 11 July 2016

The Estimated Population of Palestine at mid 2016 was about 4.81 Million

The total population of Palestine at mid 2016 was about 4.81 million; 2.45 million males and 2.36 million females. The estimated population of West Bank was 2.93 million of which 1.49 million males and 1.44 million females. While the estimated population of Gaza Strip totaled 1.88 million of which 956 thousand males and 925 thousand females. The percentage of urban population at mid 2016 was 73.9%, while the percentages of population in rural and camps areas were 16.6% and 9.5% respectively.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28709 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28710 (in Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production in Palestine during May, 3 July 2016

The overall Quantity of Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine reached 107.94 during May 2016 with an increase of 6.09% 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=28704 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28705 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 3 July 2016**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_118/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_118/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)

Announcements

- **The Representative of the Republic of Malta, Mr Reuben Gauci wishes to announce that, The External Relations and Mediterranean Affairs Directorate, the International Development, Economic Affairs & European Institutions Directorate, the University of Malta and the Representative Office of the Republic of Malta in Ramallah have finalised the process to confer two scholarships to prospective Palestinian students.**
  · Master of Arts in Humanitarian Action
  · Master of Science in Conservation of Decorative Architectural Surfaces, within the Department of Conservation and Built Heritage
  For more information and details kindly follow the link below for the Scholarship document and other information related to how to apply
  http://foreignaffairs.gov.mt/en/PDF%20Documents/Scholarship%20Document%20-%20PST.pdf

Job Vacancies

- **Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) is a Korean Governmental Agency which implements the official Development Assistance (ODA) KOICA launched a new project called Palestine Start-up support (PASS) program that aims at better environment to start business with ICT (Information and Communication Technology) in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The project is implemented through cooperation with Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology (MTIT) and UNRWA.**
  Project Management company of this project "KPMG Korea" is looking for a qualified staff to work full time at KOICA office in Ramallah.
  For further details, please see attachment