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# LACS Newsletter

Local Aid Coordination Secretariat

## Shared Calendar of Events

Please click on link to see a full calendar of aid coordination meetings:

http://www.ldf.ps/EventCalendarEndUser.aspx

## Documents & Reports

## United Nations

- **OCHA**
  - Protection of Civilians, 2 – 8 August 2016
    http://www.ochaopt.org/content/protection-civilians-weekly-report-2-8-august-2016
  - Protection of Civilians, 26 July – 1 August 2016
    https://www.ochaopt.org/content/protection-civilians-weekly-report-26-july-1-august-2016
  - OCHA Monthly Humanitarian Bulletin, July 2016
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29761
- **WHO**
  - Health Access for Referral Patients from the Gaza Strip – June 2016, 29 July 2016
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28754
- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 31 July – 4 August 2016
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29760

## Press Releases and Formal Statements

## Prime Minister's Office

### PMO: Morbid Silence Emboldens Israel to Commit Acts of Injustice, 9 August 2016

Ramallah – Today, Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah condemned Israel's demolitions of houses in the village of Umm Al Khair, located in the South Hebron Hills.

"Israel is relentlessly destroying Palestinians' homes and livelihoods in order to make way for more illegal settlements," Hamdallah said. "Once again, I call on the international community to step in and stop Israel's ongoing violations of international law."

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29758

### PM: Israel Violates Children's Rights, 4 August 2016

Ramallah – Today, Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah released a statement denouncing a new law passed by the Israeli Knesset that allows the imprisonment of children 14 years old and younger. The law is aimed at children that commit acts of "terrorism" and as such, targets children from East Jerusalem.

"The new law shows a total disregard for children's rights, when the children in question are Palestinians," Hamdallah said. "We need more laws to protect Palestinian children, not laws to criminalize minors."

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29754

### PM Hamdallah Calls on the International Community to Stop Israeli Destruction of Palestinian Villages, 2 August 2016

Ramallah – Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah today called on the international community to step in and stop Israel from destroying Palestinian villages. "Once again, we call on Israel to abide by international law and we ask the international community to stop Israel from destroying Palestinian villages," Hamdallah said.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28753

## Ministry of Local Government

### Help and save residence of Khirbet Susiya South of Hebron Hills, 5 August 2016

On behalf of H. E. The Prime Minister and myself, kindly accept our deep appreciation for your continuous support to the Palestinian development process.

The Palestinian village of Khirbet Susiya has existed in the South Hebron Hills since the 19th Century.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29755

## UN

### Press release by the UN Resident Coordinator in the State of Palestine on International Youth Day, 12 August 2016

On 12 August 2016, the United Nations in Palestine is celebrating International Youth Day with the theme: "The Road to 2030: Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Production and Consumption".

What does this mean in the context of Palestine?

Youth in Palestine face substantial challenges resulting from their social, economic and political marginalization. High poverty rates, shrinking economic opportunities and an uncertain future, are all leading to an alarming sense of hopelessness among young people today.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29767

## UNDP

### UNDP statement, attributable to the Special Representative of the Administrator, Roberto Valent, on UNDP Engineer in Gaza, 9 August 2016

On 03 July 2016, Mr. Waheed Al Bursh, a contractor of the United Nations Development Programme/Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP) was detained at Israeli passport control while entering Gaza through the Erez crossing. It is alleged by the Israeli authorities that Mr. Al Bursh complied with a request from a senior Hamas individual to transport 300 tons of rubble from a UNDP rubble removal project site to a Hamas-run location at the Northern Gaza Hamas-operated port.

**The full statement is available at the following link:**

http://www.ps.undp.org/content/papp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2016/08/09/undp-statement-attributable-to-the-special-representative-of-the-administrator-roberto-valent/

## UNFPA

### Statement of the UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, for International Youth Day – Young People and the Road to 2030, 12 August 2016

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, celebrates International Youth Day by reaffirming and recognizing the central role of young people in promoting the well-being of their families, communities and nations. This year's theme, "The Road to 2030: Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Production and Consumption," couldn't be more relevant and timely.

More than 500 million youth worldwide live in poverty, and often cannot afford their basic needs. They lack access to vital resources, and are disproportionately represented amongst the world's poor. They have the most to gain if we succeed in eradicating poverty, and will have the most to lose if we fail.

**The full statement is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29765 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29766 (in Arabic)

### Op-ed by Dr. Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director – Arab States Regional Office – Arab Youth: a crossroads to development or unrest?, 12 August 2016

Every day, tens of young men and women from the Arab world take the perilous route to Europe in search of a better future. Some make it safely to shore, but many die along the way, drowning in the sea or their body succumbing to fatigue after that. Today an average Arab is 22 years old, an age where school and university years should be behind, and a bright professional and family future should be waiting.

**The full Op-ed is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29768

## EU

### Statement by the EU Spokesperson on the resurgence of demolitions in Area C of the West Bank, 12 August 2016

The regrettable significant increase of demolitions of Palestinian structures by the Israeli authorities in 2016 appears to be continuing following the end of Ramadan. Since then, 107 Palestinian structures have been demolished, displacing 136 people, including 60 children.

On 2 August, the EU-funded structures in the community of Um al-Kheir were destroyed by the Israeli authorities, leaving four families homeless. Bedouin communities in the West Bank have faced repeated confiscations and demolitions in recent years, which have put them in grave humanitarian need and risk ending in forced transfers.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29771

### Local EU statement on the continued closure of Palestinian institutions in East-Jerusalem, 9 August 2016

The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah deeply regret the continued closure of the Orient House and the Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry over the past 15 years.

The EU firmly believes that there is a strong need for such institutions which should be allowed to carry out operations as focal points for Palestinians in East-Jerusalem, as required by the Roadmap.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29759

### The EU and the Netherlands contribute €15 million to the PA's payment of July salaries and pensions, 3 August 2016

The European Union is making today a contribution of €15.0 million to the payment of July salaries and pensions of over 65,000 Palestinian civil servants and pensioners in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. This contribution, which is channelled through the PEGASE mechanism, is being funded by the European Union (€14.0 million) and the Government of the Netherlands (€1.0 million earmarked specifically for PA salaries in the justice sector).

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29751

## British Consulate General

### British Consulate General visits Nablus to launch UK Government's prestigious Chevening Scholarships, 8 August 2016

British Consul General in Jerusalem, Dr Alastair McPhail, announced today the opening of applications for the UK's Chevening Scholarships scheme for 2017-18. Applications are open from 8 August until 8 November 2016 via www.chevening.org/apply. Dr McPhail made the announcement at a launch event at Al Najah University in Nablus.

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals with leadership potential who also have strong academic backgrounds. The scholarship offers financial support to study for a master's degree at any UK university and the opportunity to become part of an influential global network of 46,000 alumni.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29756 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29757 (in Arabic)

## Consulate General of France

### Statement by the spokesperson of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development regarding the demolition of humanitarian structures, 11 August 2016

France condemns the demolition by the Israeli army of several structures funded by France in the Palestinian village of Nabi Samuel (West Bank) on August 3. This is the third time that structures funded by the French humanitarian aid are demolished or confiscated by the Israeli authorities since the beginning of 2016, which includes the dismantling of a school in February.

**The full statement is available at the following link:**
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29764

## PCBS

### Slight Increase in the Consumer Price Index during July, 14 August 2016

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Palestine during July 2016 slightly increased by 0.07% compared with June 2016 (by 1.04% in the West Bank, and by 0.20% in Jerusalem J1, while it decreased by 1.45% in Gaza Strip).

The CPI during July 2016 increased by 0.34% compared with July 2015 (by 0.35% in the West Bank, while it decreased by 0.85% in Jerusalem J1, and by 0.49% in Gaza Strip).

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29772 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29773 (in Arabic)

### PCBS press release on the International Youth Day, 11 August 2016

In mid-2016 the total population of Palestine is estimated at 4.82 million. Youth represent 30% of this total: 37% are adolescents aged (15-19) years and 63% are young adults aged (20-29) years. While the sex ratio among youth is at 104.1 males to 100 females.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29762 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29763 (in Arabic)

### Decrease in the Industrial Production Index in Palestine during June 2016, 4 August 2016

The overall Quantity of Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine reached 102.82 during June 2016 with a decrease of 4.74% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

Quantity of Industrial Production Index for June 2016 decreased due to the decrease in the activity of Mining and Quarrying by 19.65% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, and the activity of Manufacturing Industry by 5.93% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, while the activity of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply increased by 22.44% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry, and the activity of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities increased by 2.98% 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=29752 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29753 (in Arabic)

## Newsletters

- **EUPOL COPPS Newsletter, July 2016**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=28752

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 4 August 2016**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_119/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)

http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_119/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
(in Arabic)

## New Arrivals

- **Mr. Morten Aulund** has joined the Representative Office of Norway as Second Secretary/ Development. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Thomas Rem Berdal** has joined the Representative Office of Norway as Counsellor. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mrs Helene Storm** has joined the Representative Office of Denmark as Deputy Head of Mission. Her contact details are as follows:
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