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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

Documents & Reports

United Nations

- OCHA
  - Protection of Civilians, 27 December 2016 – 9 January 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30170
  - Humanitarian Bulletin, December 2016
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30166

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

PM Hamdallah: We work on advancing the Palestine Statehood strategy in close cooperation with our international partners, 12 January 2017

Ramallah- Prime Minister Dr. Rami Hamdallah confirmed that the government is currently working on advancing the Palestine Statehood Strategy as a means to promote sovereignty and prepare Palestine for the exercise of its rights and duties as a sovereign State. Reiterating that only a negotiated two-state-solution will lead to an end of occupation and an agreement on all final status issues, the Prime Minister announced that the government is going to enhance cooperation and communication with international partners. He expressed his hope that participants of the International Conference in Paris will signal their support to "materializing the Palestinian State and capacity building of Palestinian institutions" in the framework of the ongoing exerted efforts to support the Palestinian development and build up the fundamentals of the Palestinian economy.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30168

PM Hamdallah: Israel displaced 150 Palestinians in 72 hours in West Bank, 5 January 2017

Ramallah – Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah strongly condemns the ongoing demolition of Palestinian homes by Israeli occupation forces across the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. “The demolition of Palestinian homes and structures in the so-called ‘Area C’ target the most vulnerable communities and deny Palestinians their basic rights, including their right to live in security in their homes and their right to housing. The increase in demolitions that we faced in 2016 appears to be continuing this year as well, regrettably,” said Dr. Hamdallah.

In the past three days, Israeli forces displaced approximately 150 Palestinians, half of them children and women, when they demolished at least 60 structures, including homes, in the Bedouin

communities of BirAl Maskoob and WadiSneysel, near East Jerusalem, and Khirbet Tana, east of Nablus, in addition to waster and agriculture structures in Qalqilya and Hebron.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30157

UN

Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, on the electricity crisis and protests in Gaza, 13 January 2017

I am following with great concern the tense situation unfolding in Gaza after two million Palestinians have been left with just a couple of hours of electricity per day in the middle of winter.

I call for the full respect of the right to freedom of expression, peaceful protest and assembly in Gaza.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30171 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30172 (in Arabic)

UNRWA

UNRWA Launches Appeals for US$ 813 Million for Emergency Interventions for the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the Syria Regional Crisis, 9 January 2017

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) launched today two international appeals totaling US$ 813 million to fund the emergency response to the crisis in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and to meet the critical humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees affected by the conflict in Syria, including those displaced into Lebanon and Jordan. UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl said: "1.6 million Palestine refugees, who are more insecure than ever and whose needs are growing, require our resolute action. I call for urgent and generous support from the international community."

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30158 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30159 (in Arabic)

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

Award ceremony of the competition "Enhancing the rights of students with disabilities in Education" in the framework of the promoted project "IN-DEPTH: Inclusive Development in Education, Protection and Health" implemented by the Italian Ngo AISPO and funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, 9 January 2017

Hebron - On January 9th 2017, the award ceremony of the competition "Enhancing the rights of students with disabilities in Education" realised in the framework of the three-year project "IN-

DEPTH: Inclusive Development in Education, Protection and Health" funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, took place at Al Hussein Ben Ali School in Hebron in the presence of the H.E Sabri Saidam, Minister of Education and Higher Education, the Hebron Governor Kamel Hemaid, Ms. Cristina Natoli, Representative of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Jerusalem and Ms. Lana Bandak, Director General of QADER for Community Development.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30160

SDC

The Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC) supports the Palestinian Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2017, 12 January 2017

Switzerland, through the Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC) signed a new agreement with the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) amounting to CHF 1.25 million to support the Palestinian Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2017.

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) signed in December an agreement with the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) amounting to CHF 1.25 million to support the Palestinian Authority (PA) in conducting the Palestinian Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2017. The agreement was signed by Mrs Veronique Hulmann on behalf of the SDC and H.E. Minister of Finance and Planning Mr. Shukri Bishara and PCBS President Mrs Ola Awad on behalf of the PA. This new support comes on top of the current core support to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics program 2015-2017 amounting to CHF 1.8 million.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30169

Representative Office of Japan

Completion of the Project for Expansion of Drainage System for Flood Protection in Zababdeh, funded by Japan, 10 January 2017

Today, January 10th,2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, visited Zababdeh in Jenin Governorate to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The grant of US$ 90,495 was extended to Zababdeh Municipality. It was used to expand the drainage system in Zababdeh in order to improve the hygiene environment and reduce the serious damage caused by floods. The direct beneficiaries shall be about 1,900 people in 350 households.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30161 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30162 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Palestinian Consumer Price Index 2016, 12 January 2017

Decrease in the CPI during 2016 compared with the previous year.
Since 2004, the overall CPI for Palestine during 2016 decreased by 0.22% compared with 2015 (by 0.96% in Jerusalem by 0.84% in Gaza Strip, and slightly decreased by 0.08% in the West Bank).
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30164 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30165 (in Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production Index in Palestine during November 2016, 5 January 2017

The overall Quantity of Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine reached 104.29 during November 2016 with a decrease of 1.13% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).
Quantity of Industrial Production Index for November 2016 decreased due to the decrease in the activity of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply by 11.17% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry, the activity of Mining and Quarrying by 1.97% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, and the activity of Manufacturing Industry by 0.35% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, while the activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation increased by 23.07% 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=30155 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30156 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 5 January 2017**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_124/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_124/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)

- **EUPOLCOPPS Newsletter, December 2016**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30140

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, December 2016**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30167