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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

## List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, 21 March 2017:** Enabling Environment Thematic Group meeting at 10:00 at the meeting room of the MoNE.

## Aid Coordination Meetings

## Minutes of Meetings & Related Documents

- **Education Sector Working Group Meeting, 22 February 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30327
  - Education Development Strategic Plan 2017–2022
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30328 (in English)
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30331 (in Arabic)
  - MoEHE Presentation No.1, 22 February 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30329 (in Arabic)
  - MoEHE Presentation No.2, 22 February 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30330 (in Arabic)

## Documents & Reports

## United Nations

- **OCHA**
  - Humanitarian Bulletin, February 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30323
  - Protection of Civilians, 21 February – 6 March 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30321

- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 5 –9 March 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30332
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 26 February – 2 March 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30303

- **WFP**
  - WFP State of Palestine Country Brief, January 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30298

- **UN Women**
  - International Legal Accountability Mechanisms: Palestinian Women Living under occupation – December 2016, 7 March 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30314 (in English)
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30315 (in Arabic)

## Press Releases and Formal Statements

### Prime Minister's Office

#### PM Hamdallah: We will continue to support the resilience of our citizens in Khan Al Ahmar, 2 March 2017

Ramallah – Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah today visited Khan Al Ahmar and condemned in the strongest possible terms the Israeli plan to demolish the entire community, including the "Tyre school".

On Sunday February 19 2017, the Israeli Civil Administration distributed 42 stop working orders, threatening to destroy nearly every structure in the Khan Al Ahmar-Abu el Helu Bedouin community, located in the Jerusalem periphery and in "Area C" of the West Bank. In 2016, the communities of Khan Al Ahmar experienced no fewer than eight separate waves of demolitions and confiscations, with 35 structures demolished or confiscated (including 24 donor-funded), displacing 66 residents and further affecting 14 residents.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30294

### UN

#### UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nickolay Mladenov's remarks at the Ministerial Council of the League of Arab States, 7 March 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Council on the situation in the Middle East and the Palestinian Question.

I applaud your unfaltering commitment to supporting the Palestinian people in their rightful quest to put an end to a half-century of occupation and establish an independent state of their own.

Their cause is your cause. It is our cause. It is the cause of peace.

Today, as the region faces challenges that require all moderate forces to work together against the common threat of extremism and terror, cooperation is needed more than ever.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30310

## UN Women

### Message by UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka on International Women's Day, 8 March 2017

Across the world, too many women and girls spend too many hours on household responsibilities—typically more than double the time spent by men and boys. They look after younger siblings, older family members, deal with illness in the family and manage the house. In many cases this unequal division of labour is at the expense of women's and girls' learning, of paid work, sports, or engagement in civic or community leadership. This shapes the norms of relative disadvantage and advantage, of where women and men are positioned in the economy, of what they are skilled to do and where they will work.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30313

### The Palestinian CEDAW Coalition and Representatives from the Palestinian Government get ready for the First CEDAW Review, 2 March 2017

Amman, 02 March 2017 - On the verge of the first CEDAW Committee review of the Initial Report of the State of Palestine expected in 2018, UN Women organized a 3-day regional exchange workshop. Representatives of Palestinian Ministries, women and civil society organizations, and women organizations from the Arab Region convened from 20th to 22nd February in Amman, to exchange knowledge about CEDAW reporting cycle, advocacy and lobbying. The workshop also included a Mock session for the forthcoming official UN Review which will assess the compliance of the State of Palestine under the CEDAW treaty to fulfil its commitment towards equality rights for women.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30299

## UNESCO

### Message from Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, on the occasion of International Women's Day, 8 March 2017

The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights." These words by activist Gloria Steinem testify to the universal nature of the fight for women's rights and once a year, on 8 March, we restate our commitment to gender equality as a force driving dignity for all.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30306 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30307 (in Arabic)

## UNDP - KFW

### The Government of Germany and UNDP Inaugurate Yabous Bookshop in East Jerusalem, 8 March 2017

East Jerusalem, 08 March 2017 – The Federal Republic of Germany, through its German Development Bank KfW, Yabous Cultural Centre and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP/PAPP), marked the inauguration of the bookshop space at the Yabous Cultural Centre in an effort to promote social and cultural exchanges in East Jerusalem.

Peter Beerwerth, Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah, underlined in his speech: "I hope that the Yabous Cultural Centre and the book shop in the middle of East Jerusalem will be further strengthened as a hub for cultural exchange and intellectual debate."

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30322

## EU

### The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah condemn death sentence issued in Gaza, 10 March 2017

The European Union Representative and the EU Heads of Mission in Jerusalem and Ramallah issue the following statement.

The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah condemn the death sentence issued in the Gaza Strip on 2nd March.

The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah recall their firm opposition under all circumstances to the use of capital punishment. The EU considers that abolition of the death penalty contributes to the protection of human dignity and the progressive development of human rights. It considers capital punishment to be cruel and inhuman, that it fails to provide deterrence to criminal behaviour, and represents an unacceptable denial of human dignity and integrity.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30320

### EU Diplomats visit Palestinian communities facing threat of demolition and evacuation in the South Hebron Hills, 2 March 2017

A group of EU diplomats based in Jerusalem and Ramallah visited today Palestinian communities facing threats of demolition and eviction in the Firing Zone 918 in the South Hebron Hills, Masafer Yatta.

The objective of the visit was to witness first-hand the situation Palestinian communities in the area are facing, and to be informed of recent developments.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30295

## British Foreign & Commonwealth Office

### UK Foreign Secretary visits Israel and occupied Palestinian Territories, 8 March 2017

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has today (8 March) visited Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories for a number of high level meetings to discuss a range of regional issues, including the Middle East Peace Process, Iran, Syria and Daesh.

Foreign Secretary Johnson met with President Reuven Rivlin and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and discussed the strong bi-lateral ties between the countries in trade, innovation and science and

the close security cooperation. Mr Johnson also met with Leader of the Opposition Isaac Herzog and MK Tzipi Livni and Yair Lapid, leader of Yesh Atid.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30316 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30317 (in Arabic)

## Italian Organizations

### An appeal by 21 Italian Organizations to save the Khan Al Ahamr community – International aid at risk as Israel threatens to demolish entire Palestinian village, 1st March 2017

Israeli authorities accompanied by army and police forces this week entered the Bedouin village of Khan Al Ahmar in the Occupied West Bank, issuing military orders placing every structure in the community under threat of demolition and leaving 130 people, half of whom are children, at serious risk of forcible transfer. Such orders usually precede demolitions. While distributing the orders, 178 children were prevented from entering the Rubber Tire school.

Many threatened structures were built as part of humanitarian programmes funded by the Italian government, including the Rubber Tire school built by the Italian NGO Vento di Terra with the support of UN Agencies and Conferenza Episcopale Italiana.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30293

## Representative Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

### German Support for the Water Supply in Gaza, 9 March 2017

German Development Cooperation supported the reconstruction of the Muntar Water Reservoir with 9 Mio. EUR.

With German support, the reconstruction of the destroyed water and waste water infrastructure in the Gaza Strip marks a big step forward. Today, (9 March 2017) the Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah, Mr. Peter Beerwerth to-gether with the Palestinian Minister, Head of the Water Authoriy, Mr. Mazen Ghneim officially put the Muntar Water Reservoir back into operation.

The Muntar Water Reservoir plays a very significant role in the water supply system in Gaza. It was destroyed during the Gaza conflict in 2014. The reconstruction start-ed in October 2014.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30318 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30319 (in Arabic)

### Germany supports Palestinian Development Program with 72 million NIS, 6 March 2017

Germany increases its financial support to improve services for Palestinians and to strengthen local governance in the Palestinian municipalities and villages.

In the presence of the Acting Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ramallah, Bernd Kuebart, the Minister for Local Governance, H.E. Dr. Hussein Al-Araj, and the German state-owned

development bank KfW signed the contracts for a new German contribution of 18 million EUR (about 72 mio NIS) to the Palestinian people. The money will flow into two Palestinian national development programs, the Municipal Development Program (MDP) for Palestinian municipalities and the Local Governance Service Improvement Program (LGSIP) for village councils.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30301 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30302 (in Arabic)

## Representative Office of Japan

### Grant Signing Ceremony for Replacing Electricity Network in Sarta Village funded by Japan, 7 March 2017

Grant Contract for one Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) was signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, and representative of Sarta Village Council at the Representative Office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 76,290.

Sarta Village Council will use the fund to replace 2km of the existing electricity cables with ABC cable of 95mm² .This project aims at improving the electricity provision and the residential environment in Sarta by rehabilitating the old naked electricity network.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30311 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30312 (in Arabic)

## AIDA

### Israel Threatens Imminent Demolition of Entire Palestinian Community, 10 March 2017

A Palestinian Bedouin community is at imminent risk of forcible transfer, a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention, if the Israeli government acts on military orders to demolish an entire village in the Occupied West Bank, as early as this Sunday.

A coalition of over 80 international humanitarian, development and human rights organizations is calling for urgent international intervention to prevent the demolitions and subsequent forcible transfer of 130 people, more than half of whom are children.

Israeli authorities issued 42 demolition orders threatening nearly every structure (approximately 140 in total) in the community of Khan al Ahmar-Abu al Helu, with residents given until this Sunday to “self-demolish” their own homes and structures or face bulldozers destroying the village.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30324

## PCBS

### Increase in the Consumer Price Index during February, 14 March 2017

The overall CPI for Palestine during February 2017 increased by 0.62% compared with January 2017 (by 0.78% in the West Bank, by 0.40% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.35% in Jerusalem J1).

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30325 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30326 (in Arabic)

### PCBS press release on the Eve of the International Women's Day on Tuesday, 08th March, 7 March 2017

Women represent half of the Palestinian population

The population in Palestine estimated 4.88 million at the end 2016, including 2.48 million males (50.8%) and 2.40 million females (49.2%), whereas the sex ratio stood at 103.3, which means that there are 103 males for every 100 females.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30304 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30305 (in Arabic)

## Newsletters

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, February 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30296

- **EUPOL COPPS Newsletter, February 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30297

## New Arrivals

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