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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 Recent Meetings

- **Thursday, 08 June 2017**: Social Protection Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 at MoSD.
- **Wednesday, 14 June 2017:** Thematic Group on Trade meeting (part of the Private Sector and Trade Sector Working Group) at 10:00 at the MoNE.

Documents & Reports

United Nations

- **OCHA**
  - The humanitarian impact of the internal Palestinian divide on the Gaza Strip, June 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31590
  - Protection of Civilians, 13 – 19 June 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31589
- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 11-15 June 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31580

Press Releases and Formal Statements

UN

Briefing by Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, to the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East – Report on UNSCR 2334 (2016), 20 June 2017

Today I devote my regular briefing to the Council to reporting, on behalf of the Secretary-General, on the implementation of resolution 2334 during the period from 25 March to 19 June.

I will focus on developments on the ground in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, including on regional and international efforts to advance peace.

Let me once again note that nothing in the report can be divorced from the broader context in which it is happening: the half century of occupation, the stalled peace process, the lack of dialogue between the parties, as well as continued illegal settlement activities, terror, violence and increased radicalization.

The full briefing is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31581

The United Nations and the Government of Palestine sign new UN development strategy for 2018-2022, 15 June 2017

In the presence of H.E. Prime Minister Rami Al Hamdallah, and representatives of various ministries, and United Nations Agencies, the United Nations and the Government of Palestine today signed the second United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for the occupied Palestinian territory, covering the period 2018-2022.

The UNDAF lays-out the common plans and strategies of all 21 agencies of the UN Development Group working in oPt over the coming five years. The overarching goal of the US$1.3 billion 5-year strategy is "to enhance development prospects for the people of Palestine, by advancing Palestinian statehood, transparent and effective institutions, and by addressing key drivers of vulnerability".

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31569 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31570 (in Arabic)

EU

The EU provides nearly €20 million to support families in need in Palestine, 23 June 2017

The European Union made a contribution of €20 million to the Palestinian Authority's (PA) quarterly payment of social allowances to poor Palestinian families in the West Bank and Gaza. The EU funds will cover the social allowances for more than 70,000 families. More than two thirds of them live in Gaza.

This quarterly payment is channelled in times of heightened tensions in Gaza and a difficult situation for the people living there.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31588

Consulate General of France

Excerpts from the daily press briefing by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs deputy spokesman on Israeli settlements and the situation in Gaza, 14 June 2017

France's position is constant.

It condemns the approval by the Israeli authorities in the last few days of plans to build 3,000 homes in various West Bank settlements, bringing the number of new homes approved in the West Bank and East Jerusalem to almost 9,000 in 2017 alone.

The full briefing is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31572

Consulate General of Turkey

Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs press release regarding Turkey's Aid to Palestine, 19 June 2017

Turkey strongly supports the efforts to improve the humanitarian conditions of the Palestinian people and the process of building Palestine's state capacity.

We aim to reach the whole Palestinian population through our various aid initiatives.

Our third humanitarian aid shipment of 10.000 tons is expected to reach Gaza in the following days on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31579

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) – The Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA)

Results Announcement: International Investment Position & External Debt – First Quarter 2017, 19 June 2017

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) have announced the preliminary results of the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP) for the First quarter of 2017 under the joint issuance cycle for the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP). It should be noted that the data excludes that part of Jerusalem which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31573 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31574 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Palestinian Producer Price Index – May, 22 June 2017

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) for Palestine with its base month (December 2015=100) reached 100.23 in May 2017, as it decreased by 0.49% compared to April 2017.

Producer Price Index for local exported products (December 2015=100) reached 99.16 in May 2017, which indicates a decrease by 0.62% compared to April 2017.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31586 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31587 (in Arabic)

Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank during May, 22 June 2017

Slight Increase in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential buildings reached 103.63 with a slight increase of 0.06% in the West Bank during May 2017 compared with April 2017 (base year 2013=100).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31584 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31585 (in Arabic)

Preliminary Estimates of Quarterly National Accounts (First Quarter 2017), 22 June 2017

Preliminary estimates at constant prices showed an increase of 0.7% in GDP in Palestine during the 1st quarter 2017 compared to the 1st quarter 2016, (increase 0.8% in the West Bank and increase 0.4% in Gaza Strip compared to the 1st quarter 2016). And it showed a stability in Palestine compared to the 4th quarter 2016 at constant prices, with a slight increase of 0.1%, meanwhile the base year is 2004. GDP for the 1st quarter 2017 at constant prices was USD 1,505.8 million for the West Bank and USD 493.4 million for Gaza Strip.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31582 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31583 (in Arabic)

PCBS press release on the occasion of the International Day of Refugees, 20 June 2017

66% of Palestinians who were living in Historic Palestine (British-Mandated Palestine) in 1948 were Expelled and Displaced

The human plight and tragedy that has befallen on the Palestinian people in 1948, a devastating tragedy was expelled and displaced from land seized by Israeli occupation as about 957 thousand Palestinian Arabs, representing 66.0% of the total Palestinians who were living in historic Palestine on the eve of the war of 1948, according to estimates in 1950.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31577 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31578 (in Arabic)

Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered External Trade in Goods of April, 19 June 2017

Exports decreased in April, 2017 by 2.2% compared to March, 2017. While it increased by 6.0% compared to April, 2016 and reached USD 84.8 Million.

Exports to Israel decreased in April, 2017 by 5.0% compared to March, 2017 and represented 86.3% of total exports in April, 2017.

On the other hand, exports to other countries increased by 20.7% during the same period compared to March, 2017.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31575 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31576 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **Portland Trust Palestinian Economic Bulletin, June 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31591

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, May 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31534

Job Vacancies

- **World Bank – Team Assistant: for further details, please see attachment**

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Auke Wibaut** has joined the Representative Office of Netherlands as Junior Policy Officer. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Sidney Augustin** has joined DFID as Team Leader & Economic Adviser. His contact details are as follows:
  Email: s-augustin@dfid.gov.uk ; phone: 02-5328460

- **Mr. Mathew Hutcherson** has joined USAID as Development Specialist – Economic Growth and Infrastructure Office. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Lenna Neat Arango** has joined USAID as Health Officer – Human Capital and Social Impact Office. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Katelijn De Nijs** has joined the Consulate General of Belgium as Consul – Cooperation. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Yann Langenstein** has joined EUPOL COPPS as Political Advisor. His contact details are as follows:

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- **Ms. Carola Becker** has joined GIZ Head of Programme - Facilitating Social Participation of Palestinian Refugees. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Luke McBain** has joined GIZ as Head of Programme - Women in Decision - Making Positions in the Middle East. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Rei Odawara** has joined the World Bank as Senior Economist. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Janique Thoele** has joined OHCHR as Human Rights Officer. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Guia Francesca Faglia** has joined the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation as Gender Programme Manager. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Mira Ansari** has joined FAO as Operations Consultant. Her contact details are as follows:
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