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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

- **Wednesday, 13 September 2017**: Agriculture Sector Working Group meeting at 12:00 at the Ministry of Agriculture.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Monday, 18 September 2017**: Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting in New York.
- **Wednesday, 27 September 2017**: Education Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the MoEHE – Yasser Arafat Hall.
- **Thursday, 19 October 2017**: Health Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Central Public Laboratory, Ramallah.

Aid Coordination Meetings

Minutes of Meetings & Related Documents

❖ **Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 18 September 2017**

- Government of Palestine Report to the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 18 September 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31761
- World Bank Economic Monitoring Report for the meeting of the Ad HoC Liaison Committee, 18 September 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31753
- IMF West Bank and Gaza Report to the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 18 September 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31751
- Office of the Quartet Report for the Ad-Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 18 September 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31762

Documents & Reports

United Nations

- **OCHA**
  - Protection of Civilians, 29 August – 11 September 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31763
  - Humanitarian Bulletin, August 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31749
  - Gaza Strip Movement and Access Map, August 2017
    https://www.ochaopt.org/sites/default/files/gaza_a0_28_08_2017_draft8.pdf

- **WHO**
  - Health Access for Referral Patients from the Gaza Strip – July 2017, 7 September 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31742

- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 3–7 September 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31748
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 27 –31 August 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31747

Press Releases and Formal Statements

World Bank

With Right Actions, Palestinian Economic Growth Could Rise to Seven Percent – Medium-term measures would lead to more jobs, higher living standards and greater stability, 12 September 2017

JERUSALEM, September 12, 2017 – The World Bank released a report today that calls for a new vision for the Palestinian economy that can lift growth to an average of 7 percent per year. While recognizing the critical importance of a political settlement, the report argues that measures over the medium term can create new areas of economic activity, attract private investment, generate jobs and significantly improve living standards.

"Increased investment and more jobs would lead to improved living standards. Without a real change in policies, the report predicts an annual growth of just 2–3 percent on average, less than the pace of the population growth.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31754

UNDP – Representative Office of Japan

Funded by the Government of Japan through UNDP Tokyo Football League II Celebrates End of Season in Gaza, 11 September 2017

Gaza, 11 September 2017 – The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Japan, in partnership with the Palestinian Football Association, celebrated the closing of the Tokyo Football League II with the final match between Rafah and Al Shujaiya teams at the Palestine Stadium in Gaza city. The project is part of their shared
commitment to empower youth in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank through the Tamkeen – Emergency Response to Palestinian Youth through Sport Initiative project, funded by the Government of Japan for the amount of USD 386,000.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31755 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31756 (in Arabic)

UNICEF – Save the Children

Right of Education for 1 million Palestinian children at risk, 11 September 2017

Jerusalem, 11 September, 2017– Scores of Palestinian children continue to struggle to realize their right to education as students return to school last week. School demolitions, confiscation of equipment, double shifts, inability to prioritise education and underfunding have complicated children's access to education.

In Area C of the West Bank, three elementary schools / kindergartens were demolished or had their equipment confiscated in the past two weeks, just days before they were set to reopen, affecting 132 children. At least 56 schools in Area C of the West Bank currently have pending demolition or stop-work orders, creating uncertainty for vulnerable school children.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31745 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31746 (in Arabic)

UNFPA, WHO and Representative Office of Japan

With Generous Contribution from the Government of Japan, UNFPA and WHO inaugurate digital mammography at Rimal Clinic in Gaza, 11 September 2017

Gaza, 11 September 2017 – UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Health Organization, inaugurated today a new digital mammography clinic at Ministry of Health Rimal Center in Gaza. The clinic was established as part of and crowning a project to Combat Breast Cancer in Palestine, generously funded by the Government of Japan and implemented by UNFPA and CCP Japan (Campaign for the Children of Palestine) with generous financial support of USD 1,130,000 by the Government of Japan.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31750 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31752 (in Arabic)

EU

Local EU statement on the eviction of Shamasneh family in Sheikh Jarrah, 8 September 2017

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah strongly condemn the eviction on 5 September 2017 of the Shamasneh family from their home in the Palestinian neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem. The eviction of the family is the first in Sheikh Jarrah in eight years. Further settlement plans foreseeing large scale construction and evictions in Sheikh Jarrah are being moved forward by the planning authorities. The EU has repeatedly called on the Israeli authorities to reconsider these decisions.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31740 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31741 (in Arabic)

Consulate General of France

Statement by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs concerning the meeting between M. Jean-Yves Le Drian and his Palestinian counterpart yesterday in Paris, 5 September 2017

Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, received his Palestinian counterpart, Riad al-Malki, on Spetember 5.They took stock of the situation in Jerusalem and in the Palestinian Territories: Mr. Le Drian reaffirmed France's full commitment to resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its attachment to the goal of two states living side by side in security within the borders recognized by the international community, with Jerusalem as the capital of these two states.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31738

French statement concerning the eviction of a Palestinian family living in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in East Jerusalem, 5 September 2017

France condemns the eviction carried out on September 5th by Israeli authorities of a Palestinian family living in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in East Jerusalem. This is the first eviction in the neighborhood since 2009.

We call on Israeli authorities to abstain from all measures aiming to extend and perpetuate settlements.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31734

Representative Office of Germany

Peter Beerwerth, German Representative in Ramallah, opens the third German-Palestinian Municipal Partnership Conference in Jericho, 11 September 2017

On Monday September 11, the German Representative in Ramallah, Peter Beerwerth, offi-cially opened the third German-Palestinian Municipal Partnership Conference in Jericho. The conference is organized by The Service Agency Communities in One World, which is part of Global Engagement. At the opening ceremony, Dr Jens Kreuter, Managing Director of Engagement Global, as well as

Musa Hadid, President of the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities and Mayor of the City of Ramallah addressed the audience.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31744

Palestinian Youth hits the stage at the Sawa Sawa Festival in Bethlehem together with established local and international artists, 7 September 2017

The Third Sawa Sawa Festival will take place at the exceptional location of the Manger Square at Bethlehem's city center on the 7th and 8th of September. Prominent German and Palestinian Hip Hop artists will hit the stage together with three young Hip Hop talents from different refugee camps and marginalized areas. Bernd Kuebart, Deputy Head of the Ger-man Representative Office in Ramallah, stressed in his opening speech:

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31739

Consulate General of Italy – Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Office

Laying of Foundation Stone – Tulkarem Health Directorate, 9 September 2017

Last Sept. 9th, the foundation stone laying ceremony for the construction of the Tulkarem Health Directorate took place in the presence of HE the Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah, the Minister of Health Jawad Awwad, the Deputy Minister of Health Assad Ramlawi, the Consul General of Italy in Jerusalem, Fabio Sokolowicz and the Representative of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Cristina Natoli.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31743

PCBS

Increase in the Consumer Price Index during August, 14 September 2017

The overall CPI for Palestine during August 2017 increased by 0.56% compared with July 2017 (by 0.57% in the West Bank, by 0.47% in Jerusalem J1, and by 0.31% in Gaza Strip).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31759 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31760 (in Arabic)

Ola Awad Announces the Second Field Phase of the 2017 Population, Housing and Establishments Census in the State of Palestine, 13 September 2017

Her Excellency Ms. Ola Awad, President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics/ National Director of the Census, announced on Wednesday, 13 September 2017, the launching of the second phase of the 2017 Population, Housing and Establishments Census in the State of Palestine, which includes "listing and numbering of establishments, housing units and buildings and filling of the Buildings and Housing Units Questionnaire and the Establishment Census Questionnaire."

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31757 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31758 (in Arabic)

PCBS press release on the Eve of International Literacy Day – 8th September, 7 September 2017

On the eve of the International Literacy Day, 8th September 2017, the President of Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics announced that there were about 90 thousands illiterate persons in Palestine aged 15 years and above in 2016. According to the United Nations for Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) – the illiterate person applies to persons unable to read and write with understanding a simple statement related to one's daily life.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31736 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31737 (in Arabic)

Increase in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during July 2017, 5 September 2017

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 106.37 during July 2017 with an increase of 15.25% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31732 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31733 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **EUPOL COPPS Newsletter, August 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31735

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 6 September 2017**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_132/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_132/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)

Job Vacancies

- **Representative of Mexico in Ramallah – Driver:**
  Jerusalem ID holder and knowledge of good English speaking. Those with Knowledge of Hebrew will be prioritized. Those interested please send your C.V. to the email: ofimex-ramala@palnet.com.
  Les informamos que tenemos una vacante para chofer, requisitos: Jerusalem ID y conocimiento del idioma Español; aquellos con conocimiento del idioma Hebreo tendrán prioridad. Interesados favor de enviar su C.V. al correo electrónico ofimex-ramala@palnet.com

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Ryu HyunWook** has joined KOICA Office as Deputy Country Director. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Elina Eloranta** has joined the Finland Representative Office as Deputy Head of Mission. Her contact details are as follows:
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