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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, 27 September 2017**: Education Sector Working Group meeting at 8:30 at the MoEHE – Yasser Arafat Hall.
- **Wednesday, 27 September 2017:** Municipal Development and Local Governance Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 at the Ministry of Local Government

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Thursday, 19 October 2017:** Health Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Central Public Laboratory, Ramallah.
- **Thursday, 26 October 2017:** Technical level Justice Sector Working Group meeting.
- **Thursday, 26 October 2017:** Social Protection Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 at MoSD.
- **Wednesday, 22 November 2017**: Education Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the MoEHE.

Documents & Reports

United Nations

❖ **OCHA**

- Protection of Civilians, 26 September – 9 October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31847
- OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin, September 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31844

- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 1-5 October 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31836
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 24-28 September 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31820

- **WFP**
  - WFP State of Palestine Country Brief – August 2017, 4 October 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31824

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Council of Ministers

The Council of Ministers passes the "Press and Publications" Draft Law on to the Ministers for assessment and review", 10 October 2017

The Cabinet referred the draft law of "Press and Publications" to the ministers for "review and remarks" so the draft law will pass through the legal reading process in preparation for submission to the Council of Ministers in its pre-final stage before enacted by President Abbas" according to a statement issued by the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

Nael al-Qaryoti, legal adviser to the Council of Ministers, said that the draft law will be examined so to ensure it's aligned with the Palestinian Basic Law and other related laws as well as conformed to signed treaties, that means going through the ratification procedures.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31843

UN

Readout of the UN Secretary-General's telephone call with H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine, 12 October 2017

The Secretary-General spoke today with H.E. Mr Mahmoud Abbas, the President of the State of Palestine. The Secretary-General congratulated the President on the intra-Palestinian agreement

signed earlier today in Cairo.
The Secretary-General was encouraged by the recent progress in allowing the Palestinian Government to take up its responsibilities in Gaza, and welcomed the efforts of Egypt to achieve this goal.

The full readout is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31848

Statement by United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nickolay Mladenov, on his meeting with Palestinian Prime Minister Hamdallah in Gaza, 3 October 2017

This morning I met with Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah in Gaza. I was encouraged by the firm commitment of President Abbas and the Government to return to Gaza under the full control of the legitimate Palestinian Authority. This is essential for resolving the humanitarian situation as soon as possible, most notably the crippling electricity and health crises, and should facilitate the lifting of the movement and access restrictions on Gaza, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1860.

The full statement is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31823

UNESCO, ILO, UNICEF, UNDP and Education International

Message from the Heads of UNESCO, ILO, UNICEF, UNDP and Education International on the occasion of World Teachers' Day, 5 October 2017

Teachers are a critical foundation of every society's long-term strength -- providing children, young people and adults with the knowledge and skills they need to fulfill their potential.
But around the world, far too many teachers don't have the freedom and support they need to do their vitally important jobs. That is why the theme of this year's World Teachers' Day -"Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers" - reaffirms the value of empowered teachers and recognizes the challenges many encounter in their professional lives across the globe.

The full message is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31825 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31826 (in Arabic)

UNRWA

Textbooks used in UNRWA Schools in the Occupied Palestinian Territory , 6 October 2017

A recent report about the Palestinian Authority textbooks being used in UNRWA schools is inaccurate and misleading. 178 of the books cited are not being used in UNRWA schools; that's almost 90 per cent of the evidence on which the conclusions of the report are based.

The full statement is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31835

Deputy Foreign Minister of Turkey Visits UNRWA Fields in Gaza and West Bank, 4 October 2017

Today, Ambassador Ahmet Yıldız, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Turkey and his delegation composed of officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency, the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency and the Turkish Red Crescent concluded a two-day visit to UNRWA fields in Gaza and the West Bank in conjunction with Turkey's responsibilities in the Advisory Commission (AdCom) of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) as Vice Chair and Chair in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31830 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31831 (in Arabic)

UNESCO

Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers: Celebration of World Teachers' Day in Ramallah, 9 October 2017

Ramallah – The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) and UNESCO jointly celebrated the World Teachers' Day at an event held today at the Ramallah Cultural Palace to honor teachers in Palestine. This year's theme Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers, emphasizes the significance of empowered teachers and identifies the challenges many teachers face all over the world. The World Teachers' Day celebration in Palestine brought together teachers, trainers, policy-makers, as well as education development partners and other education stakeholders to honor all teachers in Palestine and share the progress towards the professionalization of the teaching profession.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31839 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31840 (in Arabic)

WFP –Representative Office of Japan

Through WFP, Japan supports vulnerable Palestinian in Gaza, 10 October 2017

RAMALLAH – The Government of Japan has announced a JPY 350 million (approximately US$3.2 million) contribution to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) that will provide six months of food assistance for to 52,000 of the most vulnerable non-refugee Palestinians living in Gaza.

Japan's contribution will allow WFP to provide families with monthly food assistance that includes wheat flour and vegetable oil enriched with minerals and micronutrients in addition to pulses and iodized salt. Recipient families, comprised mostly of women and children, are among the poorest in Gaza and depend on the Ministry of Social Development Social Safety Nets assistance programme, which includes food provided by WFP.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31841 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31842 (in Arabic)

EU

Statement by EU High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini on the agreement regarding intra-Palestinian reconciliation, 13 October 2017

The agreement signed by Fatah and Hamas in Cairo on 12 October can become an important step towards a full return of the Palestinian Authority to Gaza, and for making genuine progress on intra-Palestinian reconciliation.

The European Union will closely study the details of this agreement and what it will entail. We welcome the continuing engagement of Egypt, and we expect all Palestinian factions to move forward in good faith in further process, in order to enable the legitimate Palestinian Authority to resume full control in Gaza.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31850

The EU contributes €20 million to the PA's payment of September salaries and pensions, 4 October 2017

September salaries and pensions of nearly 56,000 Palestinian civil servants and pensioners in the West Bank.

"The EU is committed to its direct contribution to the salaries and pensions of Palestinians in the framework of its financial support to the Palestinian Authority. Our continuing support is aimed at building the institutions of a future independent Palestinian state and ensuring that they become ever more transparent, accountable and democratic.," said EU Representative Ralph Tarraf.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31827 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31828 (in Arabic)

The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah welcome recent developments regarding intra-Palestinian reconciliation, 4 October 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 welcome that Prime Minister Hamdallah travelled to Gaza and held a meeting there with all ministers. This is an important and positive signal that the Palestinian Authority is ready to assume its responsibilities in Gaza.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31829

EU - UNRWA

The EU Contributes an Additional EUR 9.5 Million in Support of Palestine Refugees. 10 October 2017

The European Union (EU) has signed an important additional contribution of EUR 9.5 million to the 2017 Programme Budget of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in response to a call to donors to help close a shortfall that could impact its key services such as education and health-care.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31837 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31838 (in Arabic)

Consulate General of France

Excerpts from the daily press briefing by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs spokesperson, 13 October 2017

France welcomed the news of an agreement reached between the Fatah and Hamas delegations on October 12 in Cairo. This agreement was the outcome of a process in which the Egyptian authorities played a leading role.

This agreement, welcomed by President Abbas, must allow the Palestinian Authority to fully exercise its prerogatives in the Gaza Strip, including in the field of security. It constitutes a new step forward towards inter-Palestinian reconciliation, which France has long been calling for.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31851

Consulate General of Turkey

Consulate General of Turkey press release regarding the Understanding Reached Today in the Context of the Efforts for Interpalestinian Unity, 12 October 2017

We welcome the understanding reached today between our Palestinian brothers.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31849

PCBS

Increase in the Consumer Price Index during September, 12 October 2017

The overall CPI for Palestine during September 2017 increased by 0.65% compared with August 2017 (by 1.39% in Gaza Strip, by 0.28% in Jerusalem J1, and by 0.14% in the West Bank).

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31845 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31846 (in Arabic)

Increase in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during August, 5 October 2017

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 124.42 during August 2017 with an increase of 16.97% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31832 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31833 (in Arabic)

PCBS press release on "The Occasion of the International Day of Older Persons", 1 October 2017

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics presents this release on the situation of the elderly aging 60 years and over on the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons October 1st.

The press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31818 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31819 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, September 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31821

- **EUPOL COPPS Newsletter, September 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31822

- **The Portland Trust Palestinian Economic Bulletin, September 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31808

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 8 October 2017**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_133/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_133/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)

New Arrivals

- **Ms. Nina Hal Schjelderup** has joined the Representative Office of Norway as Head of Development. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Bo Holtse** has joined EUPOL COPPS as Deputy Head of Mission. His contact details are as follows:

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