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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, 22 November 2017**: Education Sector Working Group meeting at 10:30 in the main meeting hall at Al Quds Open University in Gaza. A video link will be set up with Yasser Arafat Hall at MoEHE in Ramallah.

Aid Coordination Meetings

Minutes of Meetings & Related Documents

❖ **Justice Sector Working Group Meeting, 26 October 2017**
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32983 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32984 (Executive Summary in Arabic)

- MoJ – Justice Sector strategy Implementation Process 2017 – 2022, 26 October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32985

- MoJ – Justice Sector Strategy 2022 –2017, 26 October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32986

Documents & Reports

United Nations

❖ **OCHA**

- Gaza crossings: movement of people and goods, 28 November 2017
  https://www.ochaopt.org/page/gaza-crossings-movement-people-and-goods

World Bank

- World Bank Country Director Marina Wes talks about the new four-year assistance strategy to support job creation for Palestinians , 4 December 2017
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D88nZi8rXc

Press Releases and Formal Statements

UNESCO

Message from Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of the Human Rights Day, 10 December 2017

In the wake of the Second World War, humanity, together, resolved to uphold human dignity everywhere and always. In this spirit, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as "a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations."

The Universal Declaration embodies common human aspirations, rooted in different cultures, put clearly in its first words: "the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world."

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32970 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32971 (in Arabic)

UNRWA

UNRWA Reaffirms Strong Partnership with the United Kingdom, 7 December 2017

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Pierre Krähenbühl, has concluded a two-day visit to London in which he met the Secretary of State for International Development, the Right Honourable Penny Mordaunt MP, and the Minister of State for International Development and Minister at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Right Honourable Alistair Burt MP. He also had a meeting in Parliament with the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Jeremy Corbyn MP.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32972 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32973 (in Arabic)

OCHA

oPt Humanitarian Fund releases US$2.2 million to alleviate urgent humanitarian needs in the Gaza Strip", 8 December 2017

Today, the UN Coordinator for Humanitarian Aid and Development Activities, Robert Piper, released US$ 2.2 million from the occupied Palestinian territory Humanitarian Fund (oPt HF) to cover urgent additional needs in the Gaza Strip in the areas of health and food security.

The allocation comes in the context of an overall deterioration in conditions in the Gaza Strip in 2017 following the worsening of the electricity crisis that has left Gaza's nearly two million, already suffering from 10 years of Israeli blockade and internal Palestinian divisions, with an average of only four to six hours of electricity per day, severely disrupting daily life and the provision of basic services.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32978

FAO

Strengthening Animal and Plant Health field services in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 11 December 2017

11 December 2017, Ramallah: In a boost to animal and plant health in Palestine, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) delivered four mobile surveillance and inspection units to the Ministry of Agriculture at a handover ceremony in Ramallah. The mobile units will increase the Ministry's capacity to provide on-site disease surveillance and control, and inspections for animal and plant health.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32979 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32980 (in Arabic)

UN Women

16 Days Campaign Closing Event Takes Place in Gaza Calling for Urgent Attention to the Most Marginalized, 10 December 2017

10 December 2017, Gaza – The closing event of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign organized by UN Women Palestine Office took place on 10 December in Gaza, in the presence of the Minister of Women's Affairs, heads of UN agencies, and members of civil society organizations. UN Women Executive Director Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka also sent a heartwarming video message of encouragement for women of Gaza to stay resilient in current tumultuous political and humanitarian situation.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32989

EU

Denmark provides contribution of €2 million to the European Union Area C Development Programme, 14 December 2017

The Danish government has provided yesterday €2 million to start the implementation of nine social infrastructure projects in Area C. The contribution was channelled through the European Union Area C Development Programme.

Palestinian Minister of Local Government, Hussain Al A'raj, the Danish Representative, Nathalia Feinberg, and Representative of the EU Office, Riccardo Rossi, attended the signing ceremony of the implementation agreements between the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) and representatives of eight local communities across the West Bank.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32990 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32991 (in Arabic)

The EU contributes over €5 million to the PA's payment of November salaries and pensions, 7 December 2017

The European Union made a contribution of more than €5 million to the payment of November salaries and pensions of close to 17,000 Palestinian civil servants and pensioners in the West Bank. "Today's contribution to salaries and pensions by the European Union is evidence of our support to the Palestinian Authority. We want the PA to remain capable of assuming its responsibilities and duties towards Palestinian families, households, women and men, and young people", said the EU Representative Ralph Tarraf.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32974 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32975 (in Arabic)

EU diplomats visit the community of Susiya in the occupied West Bank facing threat of demolition, 4 December 2017

A group of EU diplomats based in Jerusalem and Ramallah visited today the Palestinian community of Susya in the South Hebron Hills.

For over a decade, the residents of Susya have lived under the threat of demolition and evacuation. All attempts to obtain building permits have been rejected by Israel.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32966

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

Statement from Cristina Natoli, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Representative in Jerusalem, in occasion of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, 1 December 2017

The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) in Jerusalem supports the 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls, which runs from the 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to the 10th of December, Human Rights Day.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32961

Spanish Cooperation Office

Spain Pledges 1 Million Euro for Vulnerable Palestinians Families, 14 December 2017

On 14th December, the Consul General of Spain in Jerusalem, Rafael Matos and the Minister of Finance and Planning, signed the agreement of the official Spanish contribution to the PEGASE instrument, to help building the Palestinian State through the support to the most vulnerable families.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32992

Spain Pledges 2 Million Euro to UNRWA, 12 December 2017

On 12 December, the Consul General of Spain in Jerusalem, Rafael Matos and UNRWA Commissioner General, Pierre Krähenbülh signed the agreement of the official Spanish Government contribution in favor of UNRWA General Fund of 2 million €. The total amount of 2017 Spanish pledges for UNRWA, including State and Regional Governments is 7 million €.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32993

Representative Office of Germany

Germany pledges 53 Mio. EUR for new development programs in the Palestinian Territories, 6 December 2017

Germany will support new development projects and programs in the Palestinian Territories with 53 Mio. EUR (ca. 217 Mio. NIS). This was officially announced by the German Representative in Ramallah, H.E. Peter Beerwerth, during a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Riad Al Malki on Monday, December 4 in Ramallah.

"This additional funding will further improve and stabilize the Palestinian's living conditions in the West Bank and Gaza", the German Representative stated. He added: "Germany is a reliable Partner for the Palestinians since more than 30 years under often challenging and uncertain conditions.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32969

Representative Office of Japan

Grant Signing Ceremony Project for Finishing of Additional Classrooms in Ras Karkar School funded by Japan, 12 December 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 Palestine, and representative of Ras Karkar Village Council at Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$87,955.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32981 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32982 (in Arabic)

Completion of the Project for Establishment of New Building for Jasmine Charitable Society funded by Japan, 4 December 2017

Today, December 4th,2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Jasmine Charitable Society for Children with Special Needs in Ramallah Governorate to celebrate the completion project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32964 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32965 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Decrease in the Consumer Price Index during November, 14 December 2017

The overall CPI for Palestine during November 2017 decreased by 0.38% compared with October 2017 (by 0.96% in Gaza Strip, by 0.17% in the West Bank, and by 0.16% in Jerusalem J1).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32987 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32988 (in Arabic)

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

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 110.33 during October 2017 with an increase of 1.28% 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=32962 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32963 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **The Portland Trust Palestinian Economic Bulletin, November 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32959

- **EUPOL COPPS Newsletter, November 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32967

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, November 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32968

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 7 December 2017**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_135/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_135/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)