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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 Recent Meetings

- **Wednesday: 7 March 2018:** Energy Sector Working Group at 12:00 at PENRA.

## List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Monday, 19 March 2018:** Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC) in Brussels.
- **Tuesday, 20 March 2018:** Environment Sector Working Group Meeting at 10:00 at the EQA in Al-Bireh.

## Documents & Reports

## United Nations

### WFP

WFP Palestine Country Brief – January 2018, 1st March 2018
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34130

### OCHA

Humanitarian Bulletin – February 2018, 14 March 2018
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34152

Protection of Civilians, 13 – 26 February 2018
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34131

Interactive charts on "UN – Assisted Emergency Fuel Programme in Gaza", 2 March 2018
https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiNzgxYzE5MTAtM2U3Ny00ZGZlLWFhNDMtMzRlNmMyZmU3OWUxIiwidCI6IjBmOWUzNWRiLTU0NGYtNGY2MC1iZGNjLTVlYTQxNmU2ZGM3MCIsImMiOjh9

Humanitarian Impact of Israeli settlements in Hebron city, 6 March 2018
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34138

❖ **WHO**

- Health Access – Barriers for patients in the occupied Palestinian territory – January 2018, 5 March 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34137

## World Bank

- World Bank Economic Monitoring Report for the meeting of the Ad HoC Liaison Committee, 19 March 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34153

- North Gaza communities will finally benefit from sewage treatment services, 12 March 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34148

## 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, 20 February 2018

We meet this month as regional tensions are taking an increasingly perilous turn. Fighting in Syria is increasing, endangering de-escalation arrangements and regional stability, as well as undermining efforts for a political solution.

Despite the positive news from Iraq and the defeat of Da'esh, much of the Middle East continues to be in the grips of an ongoing human tragedy of immense proportions.

**The full briefing is available at the following link:**
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34116

### Ministry of Social Development – UN

#### $539 million funding appeal to address humanitarian needs in Palestine during 2018, 14 March 2018

Today, the Minister of Social Development of the State of Palestine, H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Shaer, and the Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, launched the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for 2018, to support the humanitarian needs of 1.9 million Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt).

The 2018 HRP appeals for US$539.7 million to address urgent humanitarian needs of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34151

## World Bank

### A Sustainable Recovery in Gaza is Not Foreseen Without Trade – Additional cash inflows are urgently needed to prevent an immediate collapse, 15 March 2018

JERUSALEM, March 15, 2018 – Gaza has seen conditions steadily deteriorate over the last two decades, leading to collapsing of the economy and basic social services. While additional cash inflows are urgently needed to bring relief to the difficult living conditions, a lasting recovery depends on a concerted strategy to revive the Gaza economy through access to external markets and expansion of commercial activities.

A new World Bank report explores the nature of the rapid decline of the socio-economic conditions in Gaza and identifies what is needed to unlock sustainable growth. The report will be presented to the Ad Hoc Liaison committee (AHLC) on March 20, 2018 in Brussels, a policy-level meeting for development assistance to the Palestinian people.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34154

## UNESCO

### Message from Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, on the occasion of International Women's Day, 8 March 2018

Every year on 8 March, the international community celebrates International Women's Day. It is an occasion to give particular resonance, worldwide, to the struggle to achieve equality between men and women, and to launch initiatives that will raise awareness and help to change mindsets.

The promotion of gender equality is one of UNESCO's global priorities. In all the fields within its mandate – education, culture, science, communication and information – UNESCO is committed to encouraging the access of girls and women to all types of education and training, removing barriers that hinder their personal and professional development, and enabling them to be better represented in cultural life, science and the media.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34141 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34142 (in Arabic)

## Members of the joint Campaign to celebrate the international Women's Day in Palestine

### "She leads the way" Campaign launched to celebrate International Women's Day 2018", 2 March 2018

Within the international one-week women's campaign (1-8 March), international development partners in Palestine launched today the joint she leads the way campaign to celebrate the 2018 International Women's Day (8 March). During this week, a variety of activities will be carried out across the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34132

## UNRWA

### Their dreams fly high: UNRWA students fly thousands of kites demanding their schools remain open, 12 March 2018

Today in 700 UNRWA schools across the Middle East, thousands of students flew and carried kites to send a message of hope, demanding that all the schools run by the Agency remain open, in spite of the financial crisis confronting UNRWA. More than 500,000 students took part in kite flying events in Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the West Bank, where the Agency provides a daily education to 525,000 children.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34144 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34145 (in Arabic)

## Representative Office of Japan

### Grant Signing Ceremony – Installation of Solar Panel System in Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital in Gaza, funded by Japan, 5 March 2018

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 Give Palestine Association at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$83,651.

Give Palestine Association will use the fund to provide a reliable and stable electricity supply to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital through the installation of a solar panel system.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34135 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34136 (in Arabic)

## PCBS

### Slight Decrease in the CPI during February, 14 March 2018

The overall CPI for Palestine during February 2018 Slightly decreased by 0.05% compared with January 2018 (by 0.27% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.22% in Jerusalem J1, while it slightly increased by 0.06% in the West Bank).

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34149 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34150 (in Arabic)

### Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) reviews the status of cultural institutions in Palestine on the occasion of Palestinian National Culture Day13 March 2018

To mark Palestinian National Culture Day on 13 March, PCBS has reviewed the status of cultural institutions in Palestine in 2017. A cultural institution is defined as an institution that includes items (tools and equipment) used for arts, crafts, recreational and sports activities that work for the promotion and preservation of culture and facilitate the practice of cultural activities in a broad sense.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34146 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34147 (in Arabic)

### PCBS issued a press release on the Eve of the International Women's Day on Thursday, 08 March 2018

The qualitative base of the structure of the population in Palestine the sex ratio stood at 103.3, which means that there are 103 males for every 100 females

The percentage of female-headed households in Palestine was 10.6% in 2017, 11.2% in the West Bank and 9.5% in Gaza Strip.

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

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34139 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34140 (in Arabic)

### Decrease in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during January 2018, 5 March 2018

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 101.38 during January 2018 with a decrease of 7.29% 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=34133 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34134 (in Arabic)

## Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 6 March 2018**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_138/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_138/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)

- **EUPOL COPPS Newsletter, March 2018**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34143

## Job Vancacies

- **The Consulate General of Spain in Jerusalem** is seeking qualified candidates for the position of a live – in domestic service employee for a temporary full time position.
  **For further details, please see attachment.**

## Announcements

- **Mr Reuben Gauci, Representative of the Republic of Malta wishes to announce that The Government of the Republic of Malta, through the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade**

**Promotion, is announcing the offer of three scholarships for Palestinian students** wishing to enroll in the following Postgraduate Programmes at the University of Malta commencing in the academic year 2018/2019.
Master of Arts in Humanitarian Action
Master of Science (by research) in Built Heritage
Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security
For more information and details kindly follow the link below for the Scholarship document and other information related to how to apply: Kindly note that the deadline to apply for the scholarship has been extended to 27th April 2018.
https://foreignaffairs.gov.mt/en/PDF%20Documents/Palestine%20Scholarship%20document%20Call%202018%20final.pdf

- **Appointment of New Head of Mission of the Office of the Quartet:**
On 17 January 2018, the Middle East Quartet Envoys from the Russian Federation, the United States, the European Union and the United Nations met in Jerusalem. As part of their efforts to advance the prospects of peace, they discussed the work of the Office of the Quartet (OQ) and agreed that Dr John N. Clarke, who joined the OQ in March 2016 as Deputy Head of Mission, will serve as the new Head of Mission. The OQ will continue its work to increase Palestinian economic and institutional development and empowerment. The OQ works in the areas of energy, water, rule of law, movement and trade and information/communication technology as well as economic mapping, to support the parties and ensure alignment with the strategic objectives of the Middle East Quartet members and donors to the Office.

## New Arrivals

- **Mr. Robert Tchaidze** has joined International Monetary Fund (IMF) as Resident Representative. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Majd Abu Obead** has joined Attorney General's Office (AGO) as International Relations Officer. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Catalin Tirlea** has joined the Representative Office of Romania as Head of Mission. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Deeb Abdulghafour** has joined the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) as Director of Water Resources. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Amber Garlock** has joined the US Consulate General as Political Officer. Her contact details are as follows: Email: GarlockAM@state.gov ,phone: 02-6227259
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